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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

In 1989 the National Zoological Park celebrated its centennial. However, as early as 1855 the Smithsonian had received gifts of live animals. In addition, the United States National Museum acquired living animals for life studies in order to create lifelike specimens for exhibit in the Museum. Since there were no facilities for caring for animals not used as specimens, those animals were either transferred to the Superintendent of the United States Insane Asylum (now St. Elizabeth's Hospital) for the amusement of its patients or else sent to the Philadelphia Zoological Garden.

However, parochial needs were not the only source for the idea of a national zoological park. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century there was growing concern that a number of animals would soon become extinct in their natural habitats, among them the American buffalo. William T. Hornaday, taxidermist at the Institution since 1882, had found the National Museum with only a few inferior specimens of the buffalo; and, with the support of Secretary Spencer F. Baird, he traveled to Montana in May and again in September of 1886 to collect specimens while they could still be had. Hornaday was able to collect numerous specimens. However, the state of the buffalo herds he observed during these trips evidently affected him deeply. In 1888, he published his The Extermination of the American Bison. Already, in March 1887 he had proposed to Secretary Baird that a zoological park be established in Washington under the Smithsonian's direction. Baird died before anything could be done; but in October 1887, with the consent of the new Secretary, Samuel P. Langley, a new Division of Living Animals was created in the U. S. National Museum and Hornaday was made its curator. In 1888 Hornaday had, at Secretary Langley's direction, undertaken a survey of land along Rock Creek in northwest Washington lying between the White House and Georgetown to determine its suitability as a zoo site.

The National Zoological Park was established by an Act of Congress in March 1889. The Secretary of the Smithsonian, the Secretary of the Interior, and the President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, were constituted as Commissioners of a National Zoological Park in order to purchase land for a zoo in the District of Columbia, "...for the advancement of science and the instruction and recreation of the people." The commissioners ultimately acquired one hundred and sixty-four acres at this site, some by condemnation, most by purchase. In April 1890 Congress passed another act, placing
the National Zoological Park under the direction of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Half its operating funds were to come from the federal government, half from the District of Columbia. The Board was authorized to expend funds, transfer and exchange specimens, accept gifts, and to generally oversee Zoo operations.

Secretary Langley wanted the best professional advice in planning the layout and design of the Park, and Frederick Law Olmsted, the noted landscape architect, was consulted about all aspects of the Park's layout and design, including pathways, animal enclosures, public access, and the like. Copies of Olmsted's drawings and sketches are at the National Zoological Park today. In practice, however, much of Olmsted's advice was ignored, either because the Park lacked funds to follow his plans or because Secretary Langley often chose to follow his own counsel.

Hornaday became the first Superintendent of the Park but soon resigned because of differences of opinion with Secretary Langley over the scope of the superintendent's authority to control Park operations. In 1890 Frank Baker, Assistant Superintendent of the Light House Service, was appointed Acting Manager in place of Hornaday. From 1893 to until his retirement in 1916 Baker served as superintendent. These early years were full of difficulties. While the Rock Creek site had much natural charm, it was necessary to balance the demands for building construction, park layout and roads, and acquisition of animals—all on an extremely tight budget. Still, as the more mundane affairs of the Park moved slowly forward, there were important "firsts" as well. In 1891 Dunk and Gold Dust, the Park's first elephants, arrived. They were great favorites at the Park, notwithstanding their reputations as troublemakers in the circus which sold them to their new owner. That same year came French, the first lion, then only a cub, who was sold to the Park after he began to alarm the neighbors of his owner in Alderson, West Virginia. During its early years the Park was also the site of Secretary Langley's efforts to study and film the flight of birds, work he undertook as part of his effort to produce a manned flying machine.

On Baker's retirement in 1916, Ned Hollister, an assistant curator of mammals in the U. S. National Museum, was appointed to succeed him. Hollister served until his death in 1924. During his tenure the Park continued to receive very modest appropriations. On that account, it was not possible to purchase much zoo stock; but gifts were numerous. In 1922, they ranged from an opossum given by President Harding to the 15 mammals, 50 birds, and 17 reptiles collected by William M. Mann while on expedition with the Mulford Biological Exploration of the Amazon Basin. Housing for the animals remained inadequate, and many old structures had to remain in use. In 1924 the Park did manage to construct its first restaurant for the use of visitors, who numbered more than 2.4 million people in that year. Superintendent Hollister died in 1924 and was succeeded by Alexander Wetmore, who served only five months before leaving to become Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

In 1925, Dr. William M. Mann became Superintendent (Director after 1926) of the National Zoological Park, a job he was to hold until his retirement in 1956. He hoped to build a zoo which housed a first-class collection in a first-class environment. As in the past, there was little money for purchase of animals, so he continued to rely on gifts. Mann was a good publicist, and he enlisted the sympathies of Walter P. Chrysler. On March 20, 1926, the Smithsonian-Chrysler Expedition set out, arriving at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, on May 5 of that year. The expedition was a splendid success and returned with 158 mammals, 584 birds, 56 snakes, 12 lizards, 393 tortoises, and 1 frog. Many specimens, like the giraffe, were quite new to the Park. The male and female impala obtained were the only ones in any zoo in the world at that time.

On his return, Mann finally succeeded in obtaining an appropriation for a new bird house to replace the one erected 37 years before. A reptile house followed in 1929. In 1935 some of the Zoo's remaining need for new buildings was finally met. The Public Works Administration, a New Deal relief program, allocated $680,000 for the construction of a Small Mammal and Great Ape House, a Pachyderm House, an addition to the Bird House, and several operations buildings. One of the New Deal's programs for the relief of artists, the Treasury Department's Section of Painting and Sculpture, furnished artists to decorate areas of the Zoo. In fact, the Park employed more artists than any other local institution.
In 1937 the Park was once more the beneficiary of a collecting expedition, the National Geographic Society-Smithsonian Institution Expedition to the Dutch East Indies. Mann brought back with him 74 crates of mammals, 112 crates of birds, and 30 crates of reptiles. In 1940 Harvey Firestone, Jr., offered to finance a collecting expedition to Liberia. Again, the expedition supplied the Park with many specimens, including a female pygmy hippopotamus, Matilda, as companion for the lonely Billy, already at the Park.

When World War II began, the Zoo could not escape its effects. In fact, in 1942 for fear that poisonous snakes might be released from their cages if the Reptile House were struck by an air raid, all the Park's collection of cobras and other venomous snakes was traded to other locations less likely to undergo air attacks. Subsequently, the Park spent some time making repairs and resuming normal activities. In 1956 Dr. Mann retired and was succeeded by acting Director Theodore H. Reed, who was made Director in 1958. In 1958 the Friends of the National Zoo, a group dedicated to supporting the National Zoo and maintaining its reputation as one of the world's great zoos, was organized. In 1960 the Park's budget exceeded a million dollars for the first time. For many years the formula which charged half the Park's expenses to the budget of the District of Columbia had caused a great deal of difficulty. Local residents felt they were being taxed to pay for an institution national in character. Park officials argued that they needed more money than the existing formula could provide. Finally, in 1961, a compromise was reached. All costs for construction and repair of the Park would be carried in the appropriation for the Smithsonian Institution. The District of Columbia would contribute only to the Park's operating costs. As if to give the new arrangement a good send-off, in 1962 Congress appropriated four million dollars for the Park, more than half of it earmarked for a perimeter road around the Zoo and a tunnel to carry automobile traffic through the Zoo. In this way, it was at last possible to close the Park proper to through traffic and to devote the Park reservation solely to strengthening and improving the National Zoological Park's programs.

Chronology

October 1887  Department of Living Animals created under the direction of the United States National Museum

1888  William T. Hornaday, curator of the Department of Living Animals, directed by Secretary Samuel P. Langley to draw up a preliminary plan for the Zoo

March 1889  Congress authorized the formation of a National Zoological Park Commission to select and purchase land for a zoological park

April 1890  Congress placed the National Zoological Park (NZP) under the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents

May 1890  Frederick Law Olmsted invited by Langley to consult on the layout of the Zoo

May 10, 1890  Hornaday appointed superintendent of the Zoo

June 1, 1890  Frank Baker appointed temporary acting manager of the NZP

June 9, 1890  Hornaday resigned

1891  Buffalo and elk barn built

January 29, 1891  William H. Blackburne appointed first head keeper

April 30, 1891  First animals, two male Indian elephants, Dunk and Gold Dust, brought to Zoo grounds

June 27, 1891  First group of animals moved from Mall to NZP
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<td>Authorization to purchase and transport animals revoked for six years</td>
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<td>First permanent building completed. Called the main animal house, it</td>
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<td>was later renamed the Lion House.</td>
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<td>1893</td>
<td>Baker appointed superintendent</td>
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<td>1894</td>
<td>First beaver arrived from Yellowstone National Park. They inhabited</td>
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<td>&quot;Missouri Valley,&quot; later called &quot;Beaver Valley.&quot;</td>
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<td>1898</td>
<td>Antelope House built</td>
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<td>1898</td>
<td>NZP given authorization by Congress to purchase animals</td>
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<td>1899</td>
<td>Illustrated circular on animals desired by NZP distributed to United</td>
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<td>States officers stationed overseas</td>
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<td>1900</td>
<td>As a result of the circular, animals were received from Argentina,</td>
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<td>Brazil, Cuba, Panama, and the Philippine Islands</td>
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<td>1900</td>
<td>New iron bridge constructed across the creek at Harvard Street (then</td>
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<td>called Quarry Road)</td>
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<td>1901</td>
<td>Twenty-inch sundial purchased in London and installed on lawn near</td>
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<td>the Animal House</td>
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<td>1902</td>
<td>A flying cage was completed</td>
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<td>November 1902 Two fifty-foot towers erected in order to provide</td>
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<td>platforms for photographers to take pictures of flying vultures.</td>
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<td>Work was in conjunction with Langley's research on flight.</td>
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<td>1903</td>
<td>New Elephant House completed</td>
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<td>1903</td>
<td>NZP received its first Kodiak bear</td>
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<td>1904</td>
<td>November 24, 1904 President Theodore Roosevelt gives the Zoo an</td>
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<td>ostrich, the gift of King Menelik of Abyssinia</td>
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<td>1908</td>
<td>Last of the bear cages were completed</td>
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<td>1909</td>
<td>Theodore Roosevelt in British East Africa on a Smithsonian</td>
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<td>collecting expedition. Friend William Northrup Macmillan offered</td>
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<td>NZP his animal collection if transported by a Zoo official. Assistant</td>
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<td>superintendent A. B. Baker transferred the animals to the Park.</td>
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<td>1913</td>
<td>Cook House used for food storage and preparation was built</td>
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<td>1916</td>
<td>Estimated attendance reached over one and one-half million visitors</td>
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<td>1917</td>
<td>August 13, 1917 Zoo purchased first motor truck</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>October 1, 1920 Visitor attendance reached two million</td>
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<td>1921</td>
<td>Two giant tortoises received from Albemarle and Indefatigable</td>
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<td>Islands</td>
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<td>1922</td>
<td>May 24, 1922 African Cape big-eared fox transported to the Zoo. First</td>
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<td>of its species to be exhibited alive in America.</td>
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<td>1924</td>
<td>November 3, 1924 Ned Hollister died. Alexander Wetmore appointed</td>
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<td>interim superintendent.</td>
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<td>1925</td>
<td>May 13, 1925 William M. Mann appointed superintendent</td>
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May-October 1926  Smithsonian-Chrysler Fund Expedition to Tanganyika (now Tanzania). 1,203 animals transferred to the Zoo.

1928  First breeding of an American white pelican on record

June 1928  New Bird House opened

February 27, 1931  Reptile House opened. Voted by the American Institute of Architects as the outstanding brick building in the east.

October 7, 1932  Eagle Cage completed

November 23, 1933  The only maned wolf from South America to be exhibited in a zoo was received by the NZP

June 21, 1934  Zoo received its first Komodo dragon

January 16, 1935  NZP received a $680,000 Public Works Administration appropriation. Funds would provide for the construction of a Small Mammal and Great Ape House, Elephant House, addition to the Bird House, two shops, and a central heating plant.

January 12, 1937  Lucile and William Mann depart on the National Geographic Society-Smithsonian Institution Expedition to the East Indies

September 27, 1938  879 specimens from the East Indies Expedition are received at the Zoo

April 6, 1939  Lucile and William Mann leave for a collecting trip in Argentina

June 27, 1939  316 specimens are received at the Zoo from the trip to Argentina

November 11, 1939  Zoo keeper Malcolm Davis sailed with Admiral Richard E. Byrd to establish bases during the Antarctica Expedition.

February 17, 1940  Lucile and William Mann leave on the Smithsonian Institution-Firestone Expedition to Liberia

March 5, 1940  Zoo received first emperor penguin collected by Davis while on Antarctica expedition

August 6, 1940  Zoo received 195 specimens collected in Liberia

December 31, 1943  Blackburne retired from Zoo at 87, after fifty-two years of service

June 29, 1950  Smokey Bear, a four-month old cub, arrived at the Zoo

November 5, 1953  Two Philippine macaques, Pat and Mike, launched by an Aerobee rocket to an altitude of 200,000 feet, were transferred to the Zoo by the United States Air Force

July 15, 1955  Theodore H. Reed became the Zoo’s first full-time veterinarian

October 31, 1956  Mann retired. Theodore H. Reed appointed acting director.

1957  The Zoo was the first to use the Cap-Chur gun for the immobilization and/or treatment of animals

March/April 1957  United States Signal Corps transferred two hero pigeons to NZP. Anzio Boy and Global Girl completed sixty-one missions between them.

March 12, 1958  Reed appointed director of the Zoo

April 10, 1958  Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) organized
Introduction

The earliest records concerning the National Zoological Park date from 1887. They were kept by the Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution until 1890, when they were transferred to Holt House, the Park's administrative headquarters. During the late 1960's the records were transferred to the custody of the Smithsonian Institution Archives. The finding aid for these records was first written in 1972 and revised in 1989.

The Archives would like to thank Dr. Theodore H. Reed, former director of the National Zoological Park, and Sybil E. Hamlet, Public Information Officer, NZP, for their support and assistance in the transfer of the records to the Archives, and in providing historical information necessary for the processing of these records.
Descriptive Entry

The records of the National Zoological Park document the development of the Park, from the site survey work begun by William T. Hornaday in 1888 through the beginnings of its modernization plans in 1965.

Several series of records are of particular importance. They include records of the National Zoological Park Commission, 1889-1891, and records created by William T. Hornaday, who had a significant part to play in the early development of the Park. Some of these records also demonstrate the important influence of Secretary Samuel P. Langley, who succeeded in persuading Congress to authorize the Park, and who kept it under his close personal supervision until he died in 1906. This material consists of minutes of the founding Commission, plats, maps, blueprints, photographs, and correspondence documenting acquisition of land for the Park, as well as records detailing the Park's changing boundaries, layouts of buildings and grounds, and construction of buildings. A more detailed description of the Park's correspondence system can be found in series 12 through 14. Additional information regarding the Commission's activities and Langley's close involvement with the Zoo may be found in Record Unit 31, the incoming correspondence of the Office of the Secretary (Samuel P. Langley), 1891-1906, and related records to 1908, and Record Unit 34, the Secretary's outgoing correspondence, 1887-1907.

Correspondence in these records embraces a number of other subjects as well. Acquisition of specimens is extensively documented. Animals were obtained from donors, from dealers in wild animals, from circuses, from American military and diplomatic personnel, from participation in various American expositions, and from expeditions abroad for the purpose of collecting animals for the Park. Collections gathered abroad came from the Smithsonian-Roosevelt African Expedition (1909), the Smithsonian-Chrysler Expedition (1926-1927), the Argentine Expedition (1938-1939), the Antarctic Expedition (1939-1940), and the Firestone-Smithsonian Expedition (1940-1941). In addition, the Park provided specimen exhibitions and built facilities for several expositions, including the Pan-American Exposition (1901-1902), the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (1904), the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (1909), and the Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1914-1917). Record Unit 70 documents the Smithsonian's participation in expositions in detail.

The records also document the more mundane aspects of Park administration. There is considerable correspondence between the Park's director and colleagues at other institutions at home and abroad, and with various federal agencies. There is particularly full documentation of dealings with federal offices in control of animal quarantine regulations and with the rebuilding of the Park by various New Deal agencies in the 1930's. There are daily diaries of the superintendents, directors, and assistant directors of the Park (1895-1930), as well as diaries and daily reports of various subordinate staff members.

Lastly, records of the Park document Samuel P. Langley's 1901-1903 research on the flight of birds, Frank Baker's survey of private and public zoological parks and his buffalo census, 1902-1905, and Baker's involvement on a subcommittee entrusted with recommending a site for a zoological park to the New York Zoological Society.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Zoos
Types of Materials:
Maps

Names:
Baker, Frank, 1841-?
Department of Living Animals (USNM). National Zoological Park Expedition
Expedition USE: Smithsonian-Chrysler Fund Expedition to East Africa, 1926 Exposition
Firestone-Smithsonian Expedition to Liberia, 1940
Hollister, Ned, 1876-1924.
Hornaday, William Temple, 1854-1937
Langley, S. P. (Samuel Pierpont), 1834-1906
Louisiana Purchase Exposition (1904 : Saint Louis, Mo.)
Mann, William M., 1886-1960
National Zoological Park Commission
National Zoological Park. Department of Living Animals (USNM)
Pan-American Exposition (1901 : Buffalo, N.Y.)
Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915 : San Francisco, Calif.)
Reed, Theodore H.
Smithsonian-Chrysler Expedition to East Africa, 1926
Smithsonian-Firestone Expedition to Liberia (1940)
Smithsonian-Roosevelt African Expedition (1909)
Wetmore, Alexander, 1886-1978

This series contains diaries created by the administrator and associate in charge of the National Zoological Park, whether his title was director, assistant director, superintendent or assistant superintendent. Information with the thirty-six diaries includes a selected listing of NZP events, some important, others mundane; notices of appointments and important visitors; records of staff attendance; and weather reports for each day during this period.

Box 1
Diaries, 1895-1911

Box 2
Diaries, 1912-1926

Box 3
Diaries, January-March 1925, 1927-1930. The 1925 diary belongs to Alexander Wetmore, who was superintendent of the NZP from November 1924 through March 1925.
Series 2: DIARIES, LEDGERS, MEMORANDA, AND MEMORANDUM BOOKS, 1890-1931, AND UNDATED.

These records document various aspects of routine operations by the Zoo staff.

Box 3

- Daily diaries kept by D.C. Turner, superintendent of the fish house and NZP aquarium, 1900-1902. Folder contains information about food purchased, temperature of water, and level of tank filled (3 volumes).

- Daily diaries possibly kept by L.E. Morgal, 1903-1904, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1928-1929, and 1931, for the mechanical department (8 volumes).

Box 4

- Daily work diaries for William Hunter, L.E. Morgal, and William H. Blackburne, 1914-1917. Diaries include information on animal accessions and removals (4 volumes).

- Diary on construction and NZP grounds improvement, 1896. Author unidentified (1 volume).

- Personal diary of a workman who worked for Morgal and Blackburne. Ground crew, 1902-1905. Author unidentified (4 volumes).

- Diary of NZP bird house, undated. Author unidentified (1 volume).

- "Memoranda Relative to Work on the National Zoological Park," July 1-September 8, 1890 (1 volume).

Box 5


- Memorandum books containing notes and drawings regarding foreign zoological parks, circa 1909-1910. Author unidentified (4 volumes).

- Ledger of stone, sand, and other materials brought to the NZP, 1917-1931 (1 volume).

Series 3: ACCESSION AND REMOVAL BOOKS, 1918-1924.

These records document the accessioning of animals for the Zoo collection and their subsequent removal from the collection by sale, exchange, or death. Visitor attendance reports are also included.

Box 5

Accession and removal books, 1918-1922

Box 6

Folders 1-2 Accession and removal books, 1923-1924

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These records document some of the proceedings of the National Zoological Park Commission and its agents. Additional records on this topic are in boxes 288 and 289.

Box 6

Folders 3-4 National Zoological Park Commission. Correspondence with Secretary Langley, 1889-1890.

Folder 5 National Zoological Park Commission. Minutes, 1889.


Folder 7 National Zoological Park Commission. Maps, 1889-1914, and undated. Includes a topographic survey map drawn by Howell and Greenough, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1889 and 1890.

Folder 8 National Zoological Park Commission. Printed documents, 1887-1891. Also contains a typed manuscript regarding the creation of a Zoological Society in Washington, D.C., 1870. The Society was to establish a zoological garden containing various animals.

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Series 5: CONGRESSIONAL DOCUMENTS CONTAINING SECRETARY SAMUEL P. LANGLEY’S REPORTS ON NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK EXPENDITURES, 1888-1905.

These records consist of congressional documents containing Secretary Langley’s reports to congressional oversight committees on expenditures made at the National Zoological Park.

Box 6

Folder 9 Published congressional documents containing Secretary Langley’s reports on expenditures to the House of Representatives, 1888-1905 (18 items).

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Series 6: DIRECTOR'S OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE, 1889-1927.

This series consists of the Director's official outgoing correspondence, July 3, 1889 to June 9, 1927, in sixty-eight indexed volumes. It includes correspondence by William T. Hornaday, Frank Baker, Ned Hollister, Alexander Wetmore, and William M. Mann, who were variously the director, superintendent, or acting manager of the National Zoological Park. Beginning with correspondence on April 2, 1900, the NZP numbered its volumes, 1-57.

Box 7
Correspondence, July 3, 1889-October 10, 1891. Volumes for June 1890-October 1891 contain Baker's non-official correspondence dealing primarily with scientific matters (4 volumes).

Box 8
Correspondence, October 13, 1891-March 13, 1895 (2 volumes).

Box 9
Correspondence, March 13, 1895-June 30, 1897 (2 volumes).

Box 10
Correspondence, July 1, 1897-June 15, 1899 (2 volumes).

Box 11
Correspondence, July 1, 1899-December 12, 1900 (3 volumes).

Box 12
Correspondence, December 13, 1900-February 20, 1902 (4 volumes).

Box 13
Correspondence, February 20, 1902-March 6, 1903 (4 volumes).

Box 14
Correspondence, March 6, 1903-April 11, 1904 (4 volumes).

Box 15
Correspondence, April 11, 1904-February 25, 1905 (4 volumes).

Box 16
Correspondence, February 25, 1905-February 5, 1906 (4 volumes).

Box 17
Correspondence, February 5, 1906-August 6, 1907 (4 volumes).

Box 18
Correspondence, August 6, 1907-January 27, 1909 (4 volumes).
Box 19
Correspondence, January 28, 1909-September 2, 1910 (4 volumes).

Box 20
Correspondence, September 2, 1910-January 11, 1912 (3 volumes).

Box 21
Correspondence, January 11, 1912-June 23, 1913 (3 volumes).

Box 22
Correspondence, June 23, 1913-March 19, 1915 (3 volumes).

Box 23
Correspondence, March 19, 1915-July 19, 1916 (3 volumes).

Box 24
Correspondence, July 20, 1916-December 8, 1919 (4 volumes).

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Correspondence, December 9, 1919-January 31, 1923 (3 volumes).

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Series 7: LETTERS TO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, DIRECTOR'S OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE TO SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATORS, 1900-1931.

These letters comprise the Director's correspondence with other officials of the Smithsonian Institution and also contain copies of NZP annual reports. Thirteen indexed letterpress volumes. April 2, 1900-July 31, 1931.

Box 27
Correspondence, April 2, 1900-October 20, 1902. Contains NZP staff employment information, including job titles and salaries, 1889-1900 (1 volume).

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Correspondence, October 28, 1902-January 13, 1908 (4 volumes).

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Series 8: LETTERS FROM THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, COPIES OF OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE FROM SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATORS REGARDING THE NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK, 1900-1907.

These volumes contain letterpress correspondence from Samuel P. Langley, Charles D. Walcott, and Richard Rathbun regarding the NZP.

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Letters from the Smithsonian Institution. Letterpress copies of correspondence from Samuel P. Langley, Charles D. Walcott, and Richard Rathbun, regarding the NZP. Indexed. January 10, 1900-February 13, 1907. (2 volumes).
Series 9: ANIMAL VOUCHER BOOK, 1905-1918.

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Series 12: INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE AND LETTER REGISTERS TO THE CORRESPONDENCE, ARRANGED BY SUBJECT AND ALPHABETICALLY BY CORRESPONDENT THEREUNDER, 1887-1900.

These records constitute the Zoo's main incoming correspondence file for the period from 1887 through 1900. The correspondence is accompanied by three oversize volumes of register numbers, which provide access to the material. The registers and the correspondence are broken down into seven numerical subject file categories: (1) Animals, 1890-1900; (2) Applications, 1889-1900; (3) Bids, 1889-1900; (4) Construction, 1889-1899; (5) Improvements, 1890-1900; (6) Miscellaneous, 1887-1900; (7) Smithsonian, 1888-1900.

Volume one of the registers contains all seven file subject categories, while volumes two and three are a continuation of subject categories one and six. The register entries provide the name of the correspondent, correspondent’s address, date when letter was written and received, a short summary of the letter and a register number, which is also written on the letter. Register numbers are sequential. The incoming correspondence within each subject file category is arranged alphabetically by correspondent and by register number thereunder. For the most part the arrangement by register number forms a chronological arrangement of the letters themselves.

Important correspondents within this series include Samuel P. Langley, whose letters in file category seven emphasize his role in the establishment of the NZP and his personal interest in its administration. Other important correspondents are Arthur B. Baker; William H. Blackburne; Frank Baker; G. Brown Goode; William Temple Hornaday; William Crawford Winlock; Frederick William True; Richard Rathbun; Frederick Law Olmsted and Company; Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot; Frederick Law Olmsted; John Charles Olmsted; and William W. Karr, under whose name the financial statements of the NZP, 1891-1894, are located.

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File 1. Incoming correspondence, animals, 1888-1900. J. Clement Shafer through W.A. Whiteworth (20 folders).

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File 5. Incoming correspondence, improvements, 1890-1900. William H. Harrison & Son through W. Includes a map showing recommended plantings around NZP pools, 1893, and a proposed plan to add land to the NZP to secure a suitable landscape border at the entrance, 1895. Both items are located under Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot (17 folders).

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These records contain both incoming and outgoing correspondence, divided among some 400 numbered subject topics. The same numbers were then assigned to correspondence as it was prepared or received. In some cases these numbers were also written on the correspondence in the outgoing letterpress copybooks, series 6 through 11, which makes it possible to move back and forth between the series in some instances. Following this series entry is a list of subjects arranged consecutively by subject number, which should facilitate matching incoming and outgoing correspondence.

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Folder 1 Armadillos, 1901-1928. Subject #231.

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Folders 1-6 Birds, 1901-1930. Subject #320.

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Folder 15 Correspondence regarding dead animals at the NZP wanted by research laboratories and taxidermists, 1916-1929. Subject #419.

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Folder 10 NZP boundary, land, and titles. Deed of trust belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Lanier Dunn, 1885. Includes a topographic map by J.A. Flemer, circa 1890’s. No subject number.

Folder 11 NZP boundary, land, and titles. Senate document on the condemnation of land for the NZP, 1890. Includes copies of abstracts of land titles, 1891, with preliminary notes of explanation in connection with the abstracts of land titles. No subject number.

Folder 12 NZP boundary, land, and titles. Preliminary notes in regard to titles and abstracts of land information within the proposed National Zoological Park, circa 1890. No subject number.
Folder 13 NZP boundary, land, and titles. Abstracts of title for land belonging to James L. Kervand, 1890, Pacificus Ord, 1890, Thomas E. Waggam and John Ridout, 1890. Also includes metes and bounds of land belonging to J.P. Klinge, circa 1890, and Woodley Park, circa 1890. Contains inspection declaration for the Evans land, 1890. No subject number.

Folder 14 NZP boundary, land, and titles. Correspondence regarding NZP acquisition of additional land owned by the Colored Union Benevolent Association, 1890-1926. Subject #308.

Folder 15 NZP boundary, land, and titles. Correspondence regarding acquisition of NZP land, 1895-1922. Includes the firm of Olmsted, Olmsted and Eliot's location map of proposed site, 1895, and a map documenting the transfer of property at Meridian Hill, 1898. Subject #211.

Folder 16 NZP boundary, land, and titles. Correspondence pertaining to NZP road building, and road and boundary changes, 1897-1903. Includes one map, undated, and two maps of a proposed plan for straightening the park road, Inglesede, 1901. There is also a plat, 1902. Subject #229.

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Folder 8 NZP boundary, land, and titles. Contains a note with a list of papers of NZP land purchases sent to the Chief Clerk, Smithsonian, 1922, for deposit in the Smithsonian safe. No subject number.

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Folder 2 NZP improvements. Correspondence between Superintendent Frank Baker and Smithsonian Assistant Secretary Frederick William True regarding NZP improvements, 1912-1914. Subject #405.

Folder 3 NZP improvements. Correspondence between Frank Baker, Secretary Charles D. Walcott, Frederick William True, and Harry W. Dorsey regarding NZP improvements, 1912-1916. Subject #406.

Folder 4 NZP statement of operations, 1922, and undated. Also contains correspondence regarding camels, 1930. Subject #72.

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Folder 8 NZP and other zoological parks. Correspondence regarding the establishment of a large animal preserve in Alaska, 1900-1901. Subject #114.

Folders 9-13 NZP and other zoological parks. Animal price lists, dealer price lists and zoological parks, 1910-1928. Subject #400.

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Folder 3 NZP and other zoological parks. Authorization and requests for inspecting other zoological parks and correspondence regarding the trips made, 1900-1908, 1921. Subject #161.

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Folder 6 NZP and other zoological parks. General exchange of information with other zoological parks, 1908, 1912-1920. Includes ground plans of the St. Louis Zoo, 1919. Subject #388.

Folder 7 NZP and other zoological parks. List of public and private parks in the United States and Canada, and a list of bird dealers in the United States and Canada. Compiled by Boyd's City Dispatch, 1903. Subject #319.
Folder 8 NZP and other zoological parks. Correspondence regarding maps, plans, and blueprints, 1897-1930. Includes an NZP map. Also, New York Zoological Park map, 1904, and a list of Olmsted's plans, 1912. Subject #192.


Folder 10 NZP and other zoological parks. Questions and answers regarding the NZP and other zoological parks, 1910, 1916-1930. 1910 material includes correspondence and statistics on the number of wild Bovidae in various zoological parks. Subject #399.

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