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## Specimen Records, 1853-1920

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	Specimen Records
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 120
<b>Date:</b>	1853-1920
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<b>Creator::</b>	United States National Museum. Office of the Registrar
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 120, United States National Museum, Office of the Registrar, Specimen Records

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## Descriptive Entry

These records consist of the record books of specimens distributed by the Smithsonian Institution to individuals and institutions throughout the world. One volume includes distributions from Spencer Fullerton Baird's personal collections. These materials document the work of Stephen C. Brown, Registrar, 1880-1919; and Herbert S. Bryant, Chief, Division of Correspondence and Documents, 1917-1948. See also Transmission of Specimens and Specimen Distribution Records, Record Units 115 and 186.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Museum registrars
- Museums -- Administration
- Museums -- Collection management
- Museums -- Public relations

### Types of Materials:

- Manuscripts

Names:

Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887  
Brown, Stephen C.  
Bryant, Herbert S.

## Container Listing

### Box 1

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Box 1 of 17                    Volume 2: Specimen Distributions 0-402, 1872-1881

### Box 2

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### Box 3

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### Box 4

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### Box 5

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### Box 6

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### Box 9

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- Box 11 of 17                    Specimen Distribution - Reptiles, undated

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