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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

The Division of Insects of the United States National Museum, reorganized in 1963 as the Department of Entomology, had its origin in the deposit of personal collections in 1881 by Charles Valentine Riley, entomologist of the Department of Agriculture. The Museum became the depository for the national collection of insects. The chief entomologist of the Department of Agriculture became honorary curator of insects in the National Museum, aided by an assistant curator on the museum staff. Many staff members of the Department of Agriculture served as custodians, and thus the national collection of insects has become a joint enterprise of the Department and the Museum. Honorary curators were as follows: Charles Valentine Riley, 1881-1894; Leland Ossian Howard, 1895-1927. Assistant curators (museum employees) were as follows: John Bernhard Smith, 1886-1889; Martin L. Linell (aid), 1889-1896; William Harris Ashmeade, 1897-1908.

Descriptive Entry

These records are the official incoming correspondence of the Division of Insects (outgoing correspondence for part of the period is included in record unit 139). Included is correspondence from entomologists and others requesting determinations, loans of specimens, or regarding purchase or gift of specimens for the museum; and correspondence between entomologists regarding determinations or other scientific matters, and publications of findings.

Fairly extensive correspondence exists for the following entomologists: Charles Fuller Baker, Elmer Darwin Ball, William Beutenmuller, Frederick Blanchard, J. Chester Bradley, Frank Hurlburt Chittenden, John Henry Comstock, Charles Dury, Harrison Gray Dyer, Henry Edwards, Ephraim Porter Felt, Charles

Henry Fernald, Henry Torsey Fernald, James Fletcher, William Hague Harrison, Charles A. Hart, Samuel Henshaw, William W. Hill, William Jacob Holland, Leland Ossian Howard, Henry Herbert Lyman, Alexander Dyar MacGillivray, James Abram Garfield Rehn, Charles Valentine Riley, Samuel H. Scudder, David Sharp, Henry Skinner, Annie Trumbull Slosson, John Bernhard Smith, W. N. Tallant, and Lucien M. Underwood. Important items are indicated by an asterisk. Some letters are filed by the name of the person referred to rather than by correspondent.

Information regarding administration of the Division of Insects is found in the folders of W. V. Cox, R. I. Geare, George Brown Goode, F. W. Hodge, Richard Rathbun, William de C. Ravenel, Charles Valentine Riley, John Bernhard Smith, and Frederick William True. Riley's reports for 1886-1888 are filed under "Reports."

Names and Subject Terms

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

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Entomologists
Entomology

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Ashmead, William H. (William Harris), 1855-1908
Howard, L. O. (Leland Ossian), 1857-1950
Riley, Charles V. (Charles Valentine), 1843-1895
Smith, John Bernhard, 1858-1912
United States National Museum
United States. Department of Agriculture

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 2	AARON, L. Frank
Box 1 of 2	ADAMS, Charles C.
Box 1 of 2	ALCOCK, A.
Box 1 of 2	ALFKIN, J. D.
Box 1 of 2	ANDRE, Ernest *
Box 1 of 2	ANGELL, G. W. J.
Box 1 of 2	ASHMEADE, William Harris *
Box 1 of 2	ATKINSON, George Francis *
Box 1 of 2	BAILEY, H. B.
Box 1 of 2	BAKER, Charles Fuller * - Alabama Biological Survey
Box 1 of 2	BALL, Elmer Darwin
Box 1 of 2	BARBER, H. G. - New York Entomological Society
Box 1 of 2	BARRETT, Otis Warren *
Box 1 of 2	BARTHE, E.
Box 1 of 2	BATES, J. Elwyn
Box 1 of 2	BENJAMIN, Marcus
Box 1 of 2	BETHUNE, Charles J. S. - Entomological Society of Ontario
Box 1 of 2	BEUTENMULLER, William * - New York Microscopical Society, American Museum of Natural History
Box 1 of 2	BEYER, G. W.
Box 1 of 2	BIRD, Henry
Box 1 of 2	BLACKWELDER, Eliot
Box 1 of 2	BLAISDELL, F. E.
Box 1 of 2	BLANCHARD, Frederick *

Box 1 of 2	BOLLMAN, C. H. *
Box 1 of 2	BRADLEY, J. Chester * - The Entomological Student
Box 1 of 2	BRISTON, A. T.
Box 1 of 2	BRUCE, David
Box 1 of 2	BRUES, C. T.
Box 1 of 2	BRUNER, Lawrence
Box 1 of 2	BRUNETTI, Enrico Adelelmo *
Box 1 of 2	BUTLER, Arthur Gardiner * - British Museum (Natural History)
Box 1 of 2	CALVERT, Philip P.
Box 1 of 2	CHAGNON, G.
Box 1 of 2	CHEESEMAN, T. F.
Box 1 of 2	CHITTENDEN, Frank Hurlburt *
Box 1 of 2	CLARK, Howard L.
Box 1 of 2	CLARK, Hubert Lyman
Box 1 of 2	COCKERELL, Theodore D. A. *
Box 1 of 2	COMSTOCK, John Henry *
Box 1 of 2	COUPER, William
Box 1 of 2	CRESSON, Ezra Townsend - The American Entomological Society
Box 1 of 2	DAVIS, Charles Abbott *
Box 1 of 2	DIETZ, Ottomar *
Box 1 of 2	DIMMOCK, George
Box 1 of 2	DUGES, Alfredo *
Box 1 of 2	DURY, Charles *
Box 1 of 2	DYAR, Harrison Gray - New York Entomological Society
Box 1 of 2	EDWARDS, Henry *
Box 1 of 2	EDWARDS, William Henry *

Box 1 of 2	FALL, Henry Clinton *
Box 1 of 2	FELT, Ephraim Porter *
Box 1 of 2	FERNALD, Charles Henry *
Box 1 of 2	FERNALD, Henry Torsey *
Box 1 of 2	FLETCHER, James *
Box 1 of 2	FORBES, Stephen Alfred - Illinois State Laboratory of Natural History
Box 1 of 2	FOSTER, Edward
Box 1 of 2	FOX, William J. * - Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, The American Entomological Society
Box 1 of 2	FROGGATT, Walter Wilson
Box 1 of 2	FUCHS, Charles - California Academy of Sciences
Box 1 of 2	HARTMAN, Fanny T. (Associate of Ephraim Porter Felt) - "The Corning Collection of Moths and Butterflies" (Accession 05-158)
Box 1 of 2	GEARE, R. I. - internal memoranda
Box 1 of 2	GILLETTE, Clarence Preston * - Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station
Box 1 of 2	GIRAULT, Alexandre Arsene *
Box 1 of 2	GOODE, George Brown *
Box 1 of 2	GRAENICHER, Sigmund *
Box 1 of 2	GROSS, S. Frederick
Box 1 of 2	HARRINGTON, William Hague *
Box 1 of 2	HART, Charles Arthur *
Box 1 of 2	HENRY, Edward Everett
Box 1 of 2	HENSHAW, Samuel *
Box 1 of 2	HERRICK, Glenn
Box 1 of 2	HILL, William W. *
Box 1 of 2	HINE, James Stewart
Box 1 of 2	HOLLAND, William Jacob - Carnegie Museum

Box 1 of 2	HOLZINGER, John M.
Box 1 of 2	HORN, George Henry *
Box 1 of 2	HOWARD, Leland Ossian *
Box 1 of 2	HUDSON, George H. *
Box 1 of 2	KAHL, Hugo
Box 1 of 2	KINCAID, Trevor
Box 1 of 2	KLAGES, Frederick W.
Box 1 of 2	KLAGES, Henry G.
Box 1 of 2	LANGLEY, Samuel P. *
Box 1 of 2	LYMAN, Henry Herbert
Box 1 of 2	MacGILLIVRAY, Alexander Dyar *
Box 1 of 2	McKNIGHT, Charles
Box 1 of 2	McNEILL, Jerome
Box 1 of 2	MARLATT, C. L.
Box 1 of 2	MELANDER, A. Leonard
Box 1 of 2	MERRILL, George P.
Box 1 of 2	mitsokuri, K. * - Imperial University, Japan
Box 1 of 2	MONELL, Joseph Tarrigan
Box 1 of 2	MONTANDON, Arnold Lucien *
Box 1 of 2	MORRISON, Herbert Knowles *
Box 1 of 2	MOSCHLER, Heinrich Benno *
Box 1 of 2	OSBORN, Herbert *
Box 1 of 2	PACKARD, Alpheus Spring *
Box 1 of 2	PALM, Charles
Box 1 of 2	PALMER, Edward
Box 1 of 2	PECKHAM, George W.

Box 1 of 2	PERGANDE, Theodore
Box 1 of 2	RATHBUN, Richard *
Box 1 of 2	RAVENEL, William deC.
Box 1 of 2	REHN, James Abram Garfield *
Box 1 of 2	REPORTS, Division of Insects (1886-1888)
Box 1 of 2	RILEY, Charles Valentine *
Box 1 of 2	ROBERTSON, Charles *
Box 2	
Box 2 of 2	SANDERSON, E. Dwight - Delaware College Experiment Station
Box 2 of 2	SCHMITT, P. Jerome
Box 2 of 2	SCHWARZ, Eugene Amandus *
Box 2 of 2	SCUDDER, Samuel H. *
Box 2 of 2	SHARP, David * - Harvard University, Museum of Zoology
Box 2 of 2	SHUFELDT, R. W.
Box 2 of 2	SKINNER, Henry *
Box 2 of 2	SLOSSON, Annie Trumbull *
Box 2 of 2	SMITH, Emily Adella
Box 2 of 2	SMITH, John Bernhard * - See David Bruce, Rutgers, New Jersey Agricultural College Experiment Station
Box 2 of 2	SOUTHWICK, E. B.
Box 2 of 2	SWEZEY, Otto H.
Box 2 of 2	TALLANT, W. N. *
Box 2 of 2	THOMAS, Cyrus
Box 2 of 2	TRELEASE, William * - Shaw School of Botany, Missouri Botanical Garden
Box 2 of 2	TRUE, Frederick William
Box 2 of 2	UHLER, Philip Reese *

Box 2 of 2	UNDERWOOD, Lucien M. *
Box 2 of 2	VIERECK, Henry Lorenz *
Box 2 of 2	WEBSTER, Francis Marion *
Box 2 of 2	WEITH, R. J. *
Box 2 of 2	WESTCOTT, Oliver Spink *
Box 2 of 2	WHEELER, William Morton *
Box 2 of 2	WICKHAM, Henry Frederick *
Box 2 of 2	Miscellaneous and Unidentified (1 folder)