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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

In 1882 a provisional classification of the departments within the United States National Museum (USNM) was adopted. The newly created Division of Administration contained several departments, three of which - the departments of Direction, Registry and Storage, and Archives - dealt with correspondence. The latter two dealt mostly with correspondence relating to loans and accessions, and were under the direction of Stephen C. Brown. The Department of Direction (under the Assistant Director, George Brown Goode), as part of its function, maintained the central correspondence files of the administration of the U.S. National Museum. Randolph Iltyd Geare (1854-1917), an executive clerk in the department, was placed in charge of correspondence. In 1886 the Department of Correspondence and Reports was established with Geare in charge. In 1898 the title was changed to Department of Correspondence and Documents. Geare remained in charge of the department until his death in 1917. In 1892 the Department also assumed the task of distributing museum publications.

The Division of Correspondence and Documents was in charge of the distribution and filing of correspondence of the United States National Museum. Maintaining the correspondence of the Museum (including the acknowledgment of gifts, loans and exchanges, the preparation of reports upon material sent for examination, and replies to requests for technical information of all kinds), and the preparation, editing, and proofreading of the Annual Report of the Museum constituted the principal work of the office. The Division of Correspondence and Documents maintained the files of the central administration of the Museum.

## Descriptive Entry

This record unit consists of two of the special files maintained by the Department of Correspondence and Documents. In 1902 a new system for maintaining records was established. Descriptions of the records are included as part of the series descriptions.

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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:

Museums -- Administration  
Museums -- Collection management

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887  
Goode, G. Brown (George Brown), 1851-1896  
Langley, S. P. (Samuel Pierpont), 1834-1906  
Rathbun, Richard, 1852-1918  
True, Frederick William, 1858-1914  
United States National Museum  
United States National Museum. Division of Correspondence and Documents  
Walcott, Charles D., (Charles Doolittle), 1850-1927

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: LETTERS RECEIVED FROM OFFICIALS OF THE MUSEUM, 1880-1902.

This series consists mostly of incoming correspondence from officials (curators, assistant curators, and aids) of the USNM to the central administration of the USNM. Most of the correspondence is routine, and deals with administrative policy, requests for publications, staff problems, and exhibits. Materials of special interest include accounts of expeditions, reports on SI involvement at expositions, and data on significant accessions. Most of the correspondence is directed to George Brown Goode, with lesser amounts to Frederick William True, Samuel P. Langley, Spencer F. Baird, Charles D. Walcott, and Richard Rathbun. The records in this series are arranged by department, and alphabetically by the name of the correspondent thereunder.

#### Box 1

##### **Department of Biology, Division of Birds (prior to 1897, known as the Department of Birds)**

- Box 1 of 33                      Folders 1-4 Charles Wallace Richmond, 1894-1902
- Box 1 of 33                      Folders 5-20 Robert Ridgway, 1880-1902. Folder 5 contains correspondence regarding Ridgway's "Birds of North and Middle America," 1894-1900.
- Box 1 of 33                      Folder 21 Leonhard Stejneger, 1885-1888

#### Box 2

##### **Department of Biology, Division of Birds, Section of Birds' Eggs (prior to 1897, the Department of Birds' Eggs; prior to 1889, the Section of Birds' Eggs).**

- Box 2 of 33                      Folders 1-2 Charles Emil Bendire, 1887-1897
- Box 2 of 33                      Folder 3 William Lagrange Ralph, 1897-1902

##### **Department of Biology, Division of Plants (prior to 1897, the Department of Plants; prior to 1894, the Department of Botany; prior to 1890, the Department of Recent Plants)**

- Box 2 of 33                      Folders 4-8 Frederick Vernon Coville, 1884-1900. Includes correspondence with: William Albert Setchell of the University of California (1895); Charles D. Walcott (2-3-1898) regarding a dispute with Arthur Schott of the Field Museum; Randolph Iltyd Geare (1-5-1898) concerning Adolph Fredholm, who had claimed to be an employee of the Smithsonian Institution.
- Box 2 of 33                      Folder 9 William Ralph Maxon, 1900-1902
- Box 2 of 33                      Folders 10-13 Joseph Nelson Rose, 1896-1902

Box 2 of 33 Folder 14 Charles Louis Pollard, 1897-1902. Includes correspondence (11-25-1901) with Frederick Vernon Coville regarding a collecting trip to Cuba with Edward Palmer and William Palmer.

Box 2 of 33 Folder 15 George Vasey, 1889-1892. Includes correspondence (12-15-1891) with Samuel P. Langley regarding the Ball collection of plants. Correspondence of 1891 includes that of Edward Palmer.

**Department of Biology, Division of Reptiles and Batrachians (prior to 1897, the Department of Reptiles and Batrachians; prior to 1883, the Department of Herpetology)**

Box 2 of 33 Folder 16 Edward Drinker Cope, 1887

Box 3

Box 3 of 33 Folder 1 R. G. Paine, 1901

Box 3 of 33 Folder 2 Edmund L. Rheem, 1882-1889

Box 3 of 33 Folder 3 T. S. Sessford, 1895

Box 3 of 33 Folders 4-10 Leonhard Stejneger, 1884-1902. Includes: correspondence (1897) concerning the publication of a supplement to USNM Bulletin 19, entitled "Nomenclator Zoologicus" - includes correspondence of Frederick William True, Charles D. Walcott, and Richard Rathbun; Stejneger's opinions (4-24-1899) on a recent work of Edward Drinker Cope; letters from Stejneger (1898-1899) while on field trips.

Box 3 of 33 Folder 11 Frederick Cleveland Test, 1892-1893

Box 3 of 33 Folders 12-14 Henry Crecy Yarrow, 1882-1888

**Department of Biology, Division of Insects (prior to 1897, the Department of Insects)**

Box 3 of 33 Folders 15-16 William Harris Ashmead, 1897-1902. Includes correspondence (10-3-1901) with Richard Rathbun regarding a dispute between Ashmead and William T. Brigham of the Bishop Museum.

Box 3 of 33 Folder 17 Rolla P. Currie, 1897-1901

Box 3 of 33 Folder 18 Harrison Gray Dyar, 1897-1902

Box 3 of 33 Folders 19-21 Leland Ossian Howard, 1889-1895. Includes correspondence (11-27-1895) with George Brown Goode containing a report on the beetles, Diptera, and Oriethoptera collected by Astor Chandler and Lieutenant von Holinell in Africa, 1893.

Box 4

- Box 4 of 33                      Folders 1-2 Leland Ossian Howard, 1896-1902. Includes reference to Harrison Gray Dyar (8-3-1901).
- Box 4 of 33                      Folder 3 Martin Larsson Linell, 1893-1897
- Box 4 of 33                      Folders 4-10 Charles Valentine Riley, 1881-1895. Includes: "A List of Entomological Material sent to the Department of Insects, May 28, 1883" (in a letter of 6-1-1883); correspondence with Spencer F. Baird (10-23-1885) regarding the donation of Riley's insect collection to the U. S. National Museum; copy of a proposal agreement with George Marks to sell his collection of Arachnida to the U. S. National Museum (in a letter of 2-19-1890); correspondence with George Brown Goode regarding the prospective purchases of an insect collection of the late Abbe Provansher (4-3-1893).
- Box 4 of 33                      Folder 11 John Bernhard Smith, 1886-1889
- Department of Biology, Division of Marine Invertebrates (prior to 1897, the Department of Marine Invertebrates)**
- Box 4 of 33                      Folders 12-13 James E. Benedict, 1891-1902. Includes correspondence (4-8-1901 to 4-10-1901) regarding a collecting expedition to Florida.
- Box 4 of 33                      Folders 14-17 Mary Jane Rathbun, 1891-1902
- Box 5
- Box 5 of 33                      Folders 1-9 Richard Rathbun, 1882-1900.
- Department of Biology, Division of Marine Invertebrates, Section of Helminthological Collections**
- Box 5 of 33                      Folder 10 Albert Hassall, 1898 (Hassall was on the staff of the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture).
- Box 5 of 33                      Folder 11 Charles Wardell Stiles, 1894-1900 (Stiles was on the staff of the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture). Includes "Report on the Deep Sea Deposits collected by the U.S.S. Nero, during a Survey for a Trans-Pacific Telegraphic Cable Route Made in the Year 1900."
- Department of Biology, Division of Fishes (prior to 1897, the Department of Fishes).**
- Box 5 of 33                      Folders 12-18 Barton A. Bean, 1889-1902. Includes correspondence with: George Brown Goode (1-13-1896) regarding a collecting trip to Florida; Frederick William True (7-28-1898) regarding a collecting trip to Southampton, New York; True (9-3-1899) relating the details of work conducted at Woods Hole, Massachusetts; Richard Rathbun (7-2-1900) regarding a collecting trip to Pennsylvania.
- Box 5 of 33                      Folders 19-23 Tarleton Hoffman Bean, 1881-1899. Includes correspondence with: Frederick William True (9-5-1884, 9-12-1884) concerning a collecting

trip to Patchogue, New York; George Brown Goode (1-3-1885, 2-06-1885)  
regarding the voyage of the Albatross to Key West, Florida.

Box 6

**Department of Biology, Division of Mollusks (prior to 1897, the  
Department of Mollusks).**

- Box 6 of 33 Folder 1 Paul Bartsch, 1899-1902.
- Box 6 of 33 Folder 2 S. Hazen Bond, 1892.
- Box 6 of 33 Folders 3-6 William H. Dall, 1883-1902 (Dall also served as Honorary Curator  
of the Section of Invertebrate Fossils of the Department of Geology).
- Box 6 of 33 Folders 7-8 Charles Torrey Simpson, 1894-1902.
- Box 6 of 33 Folder 9 Robert Edward Carter Stearns, 1884-1895.

**Department of Biology, Division of Comparative Anatomy (prior to 1897,  
the Department of Comparative Anatomy).**

- Box 6 of 33 Folder 10 Frank Baker, 1890 (Baker also served as Acting Manager of the  
National Zoological Park).
- Box 6 of 33 Folders 11-17 Frederick Augustus Lucas, 1882-1899. (In 1891 Lucas  
became Assistant Curator of the Department of Vertebrate Fossils  
while continuing to serve in the Department of Comparative Anatomy).  
Includes correspondence regarding: the Louisville Exposition (8-12-1883 ,  
11-17-1883, 11-21-1883); the Newfoundland expedition to secure the  
remains of the Great Auk (6-20-1887, 7-20-1887, 7-24-1887); and a  
proposed trip to the Pribilof Islands (4-30-1897).

Box 7

- Box 7 of 33 Folders 1-2 Frederick Augustus Lucas, 1900-1901, undated.

**Department of Geology (created in 1897 with the fusion of the old  
Departments of Geology, Mineralogy, and Paleontology. The old  
Department of Geology had been created in 1890 with the fusion of the  
Department of Metallurgy and Economic Geology and the Department  
of Lithology and Physical Geology).**

- Box 7 of 33 Folders 3-15 George P. Merrill, 1882-1902, undated. (In 1890 Merrill was  
named curator of the newly established Department of Geology, and  
remained in that position after the reorganization of 1897. Prior to 1890 he  
served as curator of the Department of Lithology and Physical Geology).  
Includes correspondence: with Spencer F. Baird (8-9-1883, 1-22-1886)  
regarding the opportunity to acquire a sample of the geological formations  
of Washington, D.C.; concerning a collecting expedition to Maine (9-1-1883,  
9-4-1883); regarding a collecting trip to Granite Creek, Montana (8-2-1889);  
with Frederick William True (6-8-1897) concerning the USNM's policy when



receiving specimens from the U. S. Geological Survey; concerning the discovery of huge reptilian fossils in Wyoming (6-7-1899, 6-17-1899).

Box 7 of 33 Folder 16 W. H. Newhall, 1894

Box 8

**Department of Geology, Division of Mineralogy (prior to 1897, the Department of Minerals; prior to 1895, the Department of Mineralogy; prior to 1894, the Department of Minerals; prior to 1886, the Department of Mineralogy).**

Box 8 of 33 Folders 1-2 Frank Wigglesworth Clarke, 1881-1894

Box 8 of 33 Folder 3 Oliver Cummings Farrington, 1893

Box 8 of 33 Folder 4 George W. Hawes, 1881

Box 8 of 33 Folder 5 William F. Hillebrand, 1887

Box 8 of 33 Folder 6 Wirt Tassin, 1894-1902

Box 8 of 33 Folder 7 William S. Yeates, 1881-1892

**Department of Geology, Division of Mineralogy, Collection of Gems and Precious Stones**

Box 8 of 33 Folder 8 L. T. Chamberlain, 1887-1902

**Department of Metallurgy and Economic Geology (in 1890 the Department of Metallurgy and Economic Geology combined with the Department of Lithology and Physical Geology to form the Department of Geology).**

Box 8 of 33 Folders 9-14 Fred P. Dewey, 1881-1889

**Department of Geology, Division of Stratigraphic Paleontology (prior to 1897, the Department of Paleontology; prior to 1894, the Departments of Vertebrate and Invertebrate Fossils). Includes the Sections of Vertebrate Fossils, Invertebrate Fossils (Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Anozoic), and Paleobotany.**

Box 8 of 33 Folders 15-16 Frank Hall Knowlton, 1888-1893. Includes correspondence (7-15-1888, 7-25-1888) concerning a collecting expedition to Yellowstone.

Box 8 of 33 Folder 17 Jules B. Marcou, 1884 (Marcou was on the staff of the U. S. Geological Survey).

Box 8 of 33 Folder 18 Othniel Charles Marsh, 1885-1901 (Marsh was also on the staff of the U. S. Geological Survey). Includes correspondence with: George Brown

Goode (5-29-1893) regarding the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago;  
Goode (12-19-1894), concerning the Wells collection of fossils.

Box 8 of 33 Folders 19-20 Charles Schuchert, 1894-1902. Includes correspondence:  
with Goode (11-4-1894, 11-30-1894) concerning an expedition to recover  
mastodon skeletons in Alabama and Mississippi; with Goode (11-6-1895)  
regarding the I. H. Harris collection of fossils; with Goode (8-31-1896)  
concerning the Winshell collection of fossils; with Frederick William True  
(10-20-1896, 11-7-1896, 11-15-1896) regarding an expedition to Alabama in  
quest of Zeuglodon fossils; regarding an expedition to Greenland (7-13-1897,  
7-16-1897, 10-28-1897).

Box 8 of 33 Folder 21 Timothy William Stanton, 1901-1902. (Stanton was also on the  
staff of the U. S. Geological Survey).

#### Box 9

Box 9 of 33 Folders 1-2 Charles D. Walcott, 1883-1896, undated (Walcott was also on  
the staff of the U. S. Geological Survey). Includes correspondence with  
Spencer F. Baird (6-2-1885) regarding an exchange of fossils between  
USNM and the Museum of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada.

Box 9 of 33 Folders 3-4 Lester Frank Ward, 1884-1889 (Ward was also on the  
staff of the U. S. Geological Survey). Includes correspondence with:  
Goode (10-24-1885) regarding the National Herbarium; George P. Merrill  
(1-29-1898) concerning the disappearance of a valuable specimen; Richard  
Rathbun (10-1-1899) concerning a proposed trip to the fossil forests of  
Arizona.

Box 9 of 33 Folders 5-6 Charles Abiathar White, 1882-1901 (White was also on the staff  
of the U. S. Geological Survey).

Box 9 of 33 Folder 7 David White, 1896-1901 (White was also on the staff of the U.  
S. Geological Survey). Includes a letter (4-4-1896) concerning the Lcoe  
collection.

#### **Department of Anthropology (created in 1897 with the fusion of the Departments of Ethnology, Oriental Antiquities, Prehistoric Anthropology, and Arts and Industries).**

Box 9 of 33 Folders 8-9 William Henry Holmes, 1897-1902 (Holmes was appointed  
head curator of the newly created Department of Anthropology in 1897.  
Prior to 1897 he served as curator of the Section of Aboriginal Pottery  
of the Department of Ethnology). Includes correspondence: concerning  
the collecting of ethnological artifacts during the cruise of the Albatross  
to the islands of the South Pacific (8-9-1899); with George C. Maynard  
(12-26-1901) regarding the possibility of Alexander Graham Bell securing  
electrical instruments for USNM.

**Department of Anthropology, Division of Historical Archaeology (prior to 1897, the Department of Oriental Antiquities; prior to 1894, it was a section of the Department of Ethnology).**

- Box 9 of 33 Folders 10-13 Cyrus Adler, 1887-1894. Includes correspondence: concerning the proposed national expedition to Mesopotamia (3-4-1888, 4-9-1888, 8-17-1888); regarding Adler's trip to Constantinople and Egypt to secure exhibits for the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago (1891).
- Box 9 of 33 Folder 14 Paul Haupt, 1887-1899. Includes: correspondence (3-28-1887) concerning the development of the Section of Oriental Antiquities; a circular (1888) concerning the proposed national expedition to Mesopotamia.
- Box 9 of 33 Folder 15 Correspondence of Paul Haupt and others (1887-1889) concerning the Section of Oriental Antiquities and the proposed Assyrian Expedition.

Box 10

**Department of Anthropology, Division of History and Biography, Section of American History (Prior to 1898, Section of Historical Collections; prior to 1889, Section of Historical Relics).**

- Box 10 of 33 Folder 1 Paul Edmund Beckwith, 1889, 1892-1901. Includes correspondence with: William Henry Holmes (9-27-1898) regarding a trip to Puerto Rico and Cuba to collect relics from the Spanish-American War; Richard Rathbun (10-1-1898), also concerning the trip to Puerto Rico and Cuba.
- Box 10 of 33 Folder 2 A. Howard Clark, 1886-1901. Includes: a detailed description of the Confederate artifacts in the USNM (1886); a letter (11-5-1897) concerning the flag of John Paul Jones; and a letter (3-30-1900) regarding guns presented to the USNM by Admiral Dewey.

**Department of Anthropology, Division of Ethnology (prior to 1898, the Department of Ethnology; prior to 1884, the Department of Ethnography).**

- Box 10 of 33 Folder 3 T. Dix Bolles, 1887
- Box 10 of 33 Folder 4 Edwin H. Hawley, 1895
- Box 10 of 33 Folder 5 William Henry Holmes, 1883-1892. Includes correspondence with George Brown Goode (8-31-1887) concerning a collecting expedition to the ancient pueblos of San Diego Canan, New Mexico.
- Box 10 of 33 Folder 6 Walter Hough, 1887-1899
- Box 10 of 33 Folders 7-22 Otis Tufton Mason, 1882-1899. Includes correspondence: concerning the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, New Orleans (1885); written while on a tour of museums in New England, and from Europe while on a trip for the Smithsonian (1889); with Goode (12-24-1890) including a criticism of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition; regarding a collection denoted to USNM by Talcott

Williams, and correspondence concerning the Edward William Nelson collection (1897).

Box 11

Box 11 of 33 Folders 1-4 Otis Tufton Mason, 1900-1902, undated.

**Department of Anthropology, Division of Prehistoric Archaeology (prior to 1897, the Department of Prehistoric Anthropology; prior to 1888, the Department of Archaeology; prior to 1887, the Department of Prehistoric Anthropology; prior to 1886, the Department of Antiquities).**

Box 11 of 33 Folder 5 Charles Rau, 1882-1886, undated. Includes undated letter to Spencer F. Baird regarding the exchange of specimens with the Royal Ethnological Museum of Berlin.

Box 11 of 33 Folder 6 E. P. Upham, 1894

Box 11 of 33 Folders 7-17 Thomas Wilson, 1887-1898. Includes: list of articles bequeathed to the USNM by Charles Rau (11-5-1887); material concerning a trip to New York and Boston (12-9-1890); a letter (8-12-1890) regarding the Frederick S. Perkins collection of copper implements; letter (4-28-1890) concerning complaints about the neglect of Wilson's department; correspondence with Samuel P. Langley (1890) regarding the Hall of Prehistoric Anthropology; descriptions of wool and dye stuffs presented to the USNM by Washington Mathews; correspondence with G. Brown Goode (3-5-1891) concerning the destruction of prehistoric ruins among the pueblos of Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona; a description of the Department of Prehistoric Anthropology (1893); correspondence concerning materials returned or received from the World's Columbian Exposition (1894); correspondence regarding the Nashville Exposition (5-21-1897); correspondence (8-11-1897) regarding a dispute over Wilson's personal collections on deposit in the Museum.

Box 12

Box 12 of 33 Folders 1-4 Thomas Wilson, 1899-1901, undated.

**Department of Anthropology, Division of Graphic Arts (prior to 1897, the Section of Graphic Arts of the Department of Arts and Industries).**

Box 12 of 33 Folders 5-14 Sylvester R. Koehler, 1886-1900. Includes: correspondence (1-28-1887, 2-15-1887) regarding a dispute between Koehler and William V. Cox; correspondence with George Brown Goode (6-16-1888, 6-23-1886, 11-10-1888) concerning the Cincinnati Exposition; correspondence with Samuel P. Langley (4-17-1890) containing a request that Congress grant appropriations to purchase the Sewell Collection; correspondence with Randolph Iltyd Geare (12-19-1893) regarding the World's Columbian Exposition.

Box 13

**Department of Anthropology, Division of Technology (Mechanical Phases) (prior to 1897, the Section of Technological Collections; prior to 1894, the Section of Transportation and Engineering; prior to 1888, the Section of Steam Transportation - all of the Department of Arts and Industries).**

Box 13 of 33 Folder 1 S. S. Atkinson, 1892-1893

Box 13 of 33 Folders 2-9 J. Elfreth Watkins, 1885-1901 (Watkins was also the chief of the Division of Building and Superintendence, prior to 1897, the Division of the Superintendent of Buildings). Includes: correspondence documenting the formation and development of the Section of Steam Transportation (1885-1886); correspondence (1886) regarding an appeal to Congress for appropriations for the Section of Steam Transportation; correspondence with George Brown Goode (11-19-1887) regarding the donation of the Stourbridge Lion to the USNM; correspondence (8-15-1890) concerning a portfolio of drawings of the steamboat by Robert Fulton; correspondence (7-26-1893, 7-29-1893) regarding the World's Columbian Exposition.

Box 13 of 33 Folder 10 George C. Maynard, 1897-1902

**Department of Anthropology, Division of Medicine (prior to 1897, the Section of Materia Medica of the Department of Arts and Industries).**

Box 13 of 33 Folder 11 H. G. Beyer, 1884-1887

Box 13 of 33 Folder 12 William S. Dixon, 1892-1893

Box 13 of 33 Folder 13 G. E. Doering, 1884

Box 13 of 33 Folder 14 James M. Flint, 1882-1900

Box 13 of 33 Folder 15 C. U. Gravatt, 1893-1894

Box 13 of 33 Folder 16 Daniel McMurtrie, 1894

**Department of Arts and Industries. (In 1897 the Department of Arts and Industries was combined with the Departments of Ethnology, Oriental Antiquities, and Prehistoric Anthropology to form the Department of Anthropology).**

Box 13 of 33 Folder 17 Joseph King Goodrich, 1882-1883 (Goodrich's title was Assistant in Charge of the Department of Arts and Industries, but he was also involved in the Section of Costumes). Includes letter (5-6-82) from Benjamin Silliman to Spencer F. Baird recommending Goodrich for a position in the USNM.

**Department of Arts and Industries, Section of Fisheries**

Box 13 of 33 Folders 18-19 R. Edward Earll, 1883-1890 (Earll also served as executive officer of the Exposition Staff). Includes correspondence: concerning the Great International Fisheries Exhibition, London (1883); concerning the Louisville, Cincinnati, and New Orleans Expositions (1885).

Box 13 of 33 Folder 20 J. W. Collins, 1891-1893 (In 1891 Collins was appointed honorary curator of the Section of Fisheries while continuing his duties as honorary curator of Naval Architecture - see box 16).

**Department of Arts and Industries, Section of Naval Architecture**

Box 13 of 33 Folder 21 E. C. Bryan, 1891

Box 13 of 33 Folders 22-27 J. W. Collins, 1882-1890 (In 1891 Collins was appointed honorary curator of the Section of Fisheries while continuing to serve as Honorary curator of the Section of Naval Architecture - see box 15). Includes: correspondence (10-10-1883) regarding a cruise to observe the migratory habits of the mackerel; correspondence with George Brown Goode (1-14-1885, 2-15-1885) concerning the New Orleans Exposition; correspondence with Randolph Iltyd Geare (6-10-1885) concerning a cruise of the Albatross; correspondence with Goode (8-25-1886) regarding a voyage of the Grampus in quest of halibut; a report on the Newfoundland Expedition (7-10-1887); and correspondence with Goode (1-4-1890) concerning the Boston Maritime Exposition.

Box 13 of 33 Folder 28 Everett E. Hayden, 1884-1886.

**Department of Arts and Industries, Section of Textiles (prior to 1890, the Section of Textile Industries).**

Box 13 of 33 Folder 29 Rufus W. Deering, 1884-1888

Box 14

Box 14 of 33 Folders 1-4 Romyn Hitchcock, 1883-1892. All of the correspondence from 1886-1889 concerns Hitchcock's trip to Japan, including collecting activities for the USNM. Materials of special interest include correspondence (7-15-1887, 9-2-1887) concerning the David P. Todd eclipse expedition; correspondence (8-6-1888, 8-23-1888) concerning a journey to Yezo to observe the Anios; correspondence (4-23-1888) concerning a pilgrimage across the province of Yamato. Also included is correspondence (1890-1892) from Hitchcock while he was in China acquiring exhibits for the World's Columbian Exposition.

**National Zoological Park**

Box 14 of 33 Folder 5 Material concerning the establishment of the National Zoological Park. Includes Senator Morrill's bill providing for the establishment of the Park; the Edmunds amendment; budgetary papers; and "Brief Outline of a Plan for a National Zoological Garden in the City of Washington," by William Temple Hornaday, 1889-1891, with material dating to 1863.

Box 14 of 33 Folder 6 Material concerning the initial construction, landscaping, and staffing of the National Zoological Park, 1890-1891.

Box 14 of 33 Folder 7 Arthur B. Baker, 1891-1902. Includes correspondence (2-1-1899) concerning a collecting expedition to Puerto Rico aboard the Kitty Hawk.

Box 14 of 33 Folders 8-10 Frank Baker, 1890-1901 (Baker also served as Curator of the Department of Comparative Anatomy). Includes letter to George Brown Goode (8-25-1890) regarding a visit to the Cincinnati Zoological Gardens.

### **Department of Preparation**

Box 14 of 33 Folders 11-16 William Temple Hornaday, Chief Taxidermist, 1881-1890. (In 1888 Hornaday was appointed curator of the newly created Department of Living Animals which became the National Zoo). Includes: correspondence documenting Hornaday's buffalo hunting expedition to Montana (1886); correspondence concerning a hunting expedition to the Rocky Mountains in quest of mountain goat, mountain sheep, grizzly bear, elk, and deer (1887); correspondence with Goode (12-2-1887) concerning the inadequate protection of animals in Yellowstone National Park and the probable extinction of the buffalo.

### **Department of Living Animals**

Box 14 of 33 Folder 17 William Temple Hornaday, 1889

Box 14 of 33 Folder 18 N. P. Wood, 1889

### **Division of Correspondence and Documents**

Box 14 of 33 Folder 19 Theodore Gill, 1894-1898

Box 14 of 33 Folder 20 C. A. White, 1895-1900

Box 14 of 33 Folder 21 Robert E. C. Stearns, 1898-1901

### **Box 15**

### **Bureau of Ethnology**

Box 15 of 33 Folder 1 Charles C. Darwin, 1883

Box 15 of 33 Folder 2 J. Owen Dorsey, 1893

Box 15 of 33 Folder 3 John O. Emment, 1889

Box 15 of 33 Folder 4 Gerard Fowke, 1888, 1893

Box 15 of 33 Folder 5 Albert Samuel Gatschet, 1886-1894

Box 15 of 33 Folder 6 George Brown Goode, 1896

Box 15 of 33 Folder 7 Henry Wetherbee Henshaw, 1889-1892

- Box 15 of 33 Folder 8 Frederick Webb Hodge, 1894-1898
- Box 15 of 33 Folder 9 William Henry Holmes, 1890-1898
- Box 15 of 33 Folder 10 Albert Ernest Jenks, 1902
- Box 15 of 33 Folders 11-13 William John McGee, 1893-1902
- Box 15 of 33 Folder 14 Garrick Mallery, 1890
- Box 15 of 33 Folder 15 Cosmos Mindeleff, 1888
- Box 15 of 33 Folder 16 James Mooney, 1890-1892
- Box 15 of 33 Folder 17 Albert P. Niblack, 1884
- Box 15 of 33 Folder 18 James Constantine Pilling, 1882-1894
- Box 15 of 33 Folders 19-25 John Wesley Powell, 1882-1902. Includes extensive correspondence with Samuel P. Langley.
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