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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

Paul Carpenter Standley, botanist, was born in Avalon, Missouri, on March 21, 1884. He attended Drury College in Springfield, Missouri, then transferred to New Mexico State College, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in 1907 and 1909. While at New Mexico State College, Standley was an assistant in botany and an assistant botanist at the Agricultural Experiment Station.

On June 1, 1909, Standley accepted an appointment as an assistant curator, Division of Plants, United States National Museum. He became an associate curator of the Division on May 15, 1923. In May 1928, Standley resigned from the USNM to work for the Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago), where he stayed until his retirement in 1950. Standley continued with his field work until 1956. He moved to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in 1957, remaining there until his death on June 2, 1963.

Standley's main interests of study were the flora of tropical North America and Andean South America. Among his some 260 publications, Standley wrote *Trees and Shrubs of Mexico* and *Flora of Costa Rica*.

Standley collaborated with Frederick Vernon Coville, honorary curator, United States National Herbarium, to complete the volumes on the plants of Alaska for the Harriman series, which were never published. This work and related correspondence are in this collection.

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## Descriptive Entry

Material contains official outgoing letterpress correspondence from Paul Carpenter Standley, United States National Museum, Division of Plants, 1902-1922, regarding identification, examination, and reports of specimens sent to the Division; exchange and purchase of national collections; explorations and collecting expeditions; botanical studies of Standley and other botanists; and letterpress copies of manuscripts.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Botanists  
Botany

Types of Materials:

Letterpress copybooks

Names:

Standley, Paul Carpenter, 1884-1963

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: OFFICIAL OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE, PAUL CARPENTER STANDLEY, 1902-1922. BOUND. INDEXED.

Note: Outgoing letterpress correspondence. July 1902-November 1922. Indexed. 6 volumes. Letterpress books contain information regarding the identification, examination, and reports of specimens sent to the Division of Plants; exchange or purchase of botanical collections; botanical studies of Paul Carpenter Standley and other botanists; copies of Standley articles for publication and manuscripts; copies of articles sent to Standley for USNM publication; explorations and collecting expeditions. Of special note is material on Standley and Frederick Vernon Coville's attempts to complete the volumes on plants of Alaska for the Harriman series, which were never published (1920); Standley's work on Mexican trees and shrubs (1920-1921); on the flora of Central America and Panama (1921); and on Standley's trip to El Salvador and Guatemala (1922). Volume one contains some correspondence from Joseph Nelson Rose, assistant curator, Division of Plants, and W. W. Eggleston.

#### Box 1

Box 1 of 2	Letterpress volumes: July 1902 - December 1915
Box 1 of 2	Letterpress volumes: February 1920 - November 1922
	Below is a partial list of recipients. Summary: Below is a partial list of recipients.
Box 1 of 2	Ames, Oakes
Box 1 of 2	Archer, William Andrew
Box 1 of 2	Arthur, Joseph Charles
Box 1 of 2	Britton, Nathaniel Lord
Box 1 of 2	Barnhart, John Hendley
Box 1 of 2	Bartram, Edwin Bunting
Box 1 of 2	Calderon, Don Salvador
Box 1 of 2	Claude-Joseph, Frere
Box 1 of 2	Cockerell, Theodore D. A.
Box 1 of 2	Conzatti, Cassiano
Box 1 of 2	Coville, Frederick Vernon

Box 1 of 2	Davidson, Anstruther
Box 1 of 2	Fairchild, David Grandison
Box 1 of 2	Greenman, Jesse M.
Box 1 of 2	Hall, Harvey Monroe
Box 1 of 2	Hammond, Howard S.
Box 1 of 2	Holzinger, John M.
Box 1 of 2	Mackenzie, Kenneth M.
Box 1 of 2	Maxon, William Ralph
Box 1 of 2	Millspaugh, Charles Frederick
Box 1 of 2	Murrill, William Alphonso
Box 1 of 2	Pennell, Francis Whittier
Box 1 of 2	Prain, David
Box 1 of 2	Robinson, Benjamin Lincoln
Box 1 of 2	Rowlee, Williard W.
Box 1 of 2	Rydberg, Per Axel
Box 1 of 2	Sargent, Charles Sprague
Box 1 of 2	Schulz, Ellen D.
Box 1 of 2	Small, John Kunkel
Box 1 of 2	Smith, John Donnell
Box 1 of 2	Thornber, John James
Box 1 of 2	Tonduz, Adolpho
Box 1 of 2	Trelease, William
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Wooten, Elmer O.

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## Series 2: MANUSCRIPTS, UNDATED. BOUND.

### Box 1

Box 1 of 2

Manuscripts. Undated. Bound. 2 volumes. Letterpress books containing copies of Paul Carpenter Standley's *Chenopodiales*, which consists of *Chenopodiaceae*, *Amaranthaceae*, and *Allioniaceae*.

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## Series 3: COPIES OF LETTERPRESS CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPTS.

Box 2	
Box 2 of 2	Copies of letterpress correspondence, 1902-1914 (originals in Series 1)
Box 2 of 2	Copies of letterpress manuscripts (originals in Series 2)

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