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## Records, 1880-1883

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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>	Records
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 241
<b>Date:</b>	1880-1883
<b>Extent:</b>	0.25 cu. ft. (1 half document box)
<b>Creator::</b>	Smithsonian Institution. Office of the Smithsonian Chemist
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 241, Smithsonian Institution, Office of the Smithsonian Chemist, Records

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## Historical Note

The Office of the Smithsonian Chemist appears to have been officially created about 1876. Prior to that time, the Smithsonian Institution maintained informal relations with a number of chemists, who had use of the Smithsonian's facilities to carry out their own work as well as some done for the Institution. Most of this work dealt with composition of minerals or with queries from government departments. Frederick W. Taylor served as the Smithsonian's chemist from 1877 until 1884, when he resigned. The Office was abolished, and the United States Geological Survey performed chemical work in the Smithsonian as needed.

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## Descriptive Entry

These records consist of one letterpress book recording Taylor's reports of chemical analysis to various inquirers.

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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:

Chemistry  
Mineralogy

Research

Types of Materials:

Letterpress copybooks

Names:

Geological Survey (U.S.)

Taylor, Frederick W.

## Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 1

Folder 1 Copy Book