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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

In the late 1850s, the Smithsonian Institution began receiving large collections of ethnographic and natural history material from arctic America, gathered by officers of the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC). The Smithsonian's relationship with HBC was primarily a result of Robert Kennicott's explorations on behalf of the Institution during the 1850s.

Descriptive Entry

These records consist of correspondence written to Smithsonian Institution Assistant Secretary Spencer Fullerton Baird by officers of the HBC documenting their collecting activities on behalf of the Institution. Principal correspondents include George Barnston, Laurence Clarke, Jr., Charles P. Gaudet, Donald Gunn, William L. Hardisty, Strachan Jones, James Lockhart, Roderick Ross MacFarlane, W. Mactavish, and Bernard Rogan Ross. Also included is correspondence from Elliott Coues to Baird concerning an expedition to Labrador, 1860; and miscellaneous notes and lists concerning natural history specimens.

This correspondence was apparently pulled from Baird's official files. Researchers interested in the HBC should also consult Record Units 26, 33, 52, 53, 305, 7002, 7215, and 7221.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Ethnological expeditions
Ethnology
Museums -- Administration
Museums -- Collection management
Natural history

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Manuscripts

Names:

Baird, Spencer Fullerton, 1823-1887
Barnston, George
Clarke, Laurence, Jr.
Coues, Elliott, 1842-1899
Gaudet, Charles P.
Gunn, Donald, 1797-1878
Hardisty, William L.
Hudson's Bay Company
Jones, Strachan
Kennicott, Robert, 1835-1866
Lockhart, James
MacFarlane, R. (Roderick), 1833-1920
Mactavish, William, 1815-1870
Ross, Bernard Rogan

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