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(Frank) Alexander Wetmore (1886-1978), ornithologist, avian paleontologist, and science administrator, was the sixth Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, serving from 1945 to 1952. He was born in North Freedom, Wisconsin, the son of Nelson Franklin and Emma Amelia (Woodworth) Wetmore. He developed an early interest in birds and at the age of eight made his first field journal entry - an observation on the pelican recorded on a family vacation to Florida in 1894. His first published paper, "My Experience with a Red-headed Woodpecker," appeared in Bird-Lore in 1900. By the time he entered the University of Kansas in 1905, Wetmore had made extensive natural history collections around his Wisconsin home and in Independence, Kansas.

Shortly after his arrival in Lawrence, Kansas, Wetmore received his first museum job as Assistant at the University Museum under Charles D. Bunker. His undergraduate career was interrupted on several occasions as he took jobs in Arizona, California, and Colorado to finance his education. He also used these opportunities to study and collect the native avifauna. Wetmore received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kansas in 1912. Wetmore continued his education in Washington, D.C., receiving the Master of Science degree in 1916 and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1920 - both from George Washington University. He would later receive honorary doctorates from the University of Wisconsin, George Washington University, Centre College, and Ripon College.

Wetmore's career in the federal government began in 1910 when he was appointed an Agent for the Biological Survey, a bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture. During the summers of 1910-1911 he assisted on field investigations in Wyoming and Alaska. He traveled to Puerto Rico in late 1911 and spent nearly a year surveying the bird life of that and adjacent islands. In 1913, Wetmore was promoted to Assistant Biologist with the Biological Survey, and he moved to Washington to begin work in the program on the food habits of North American birds. His career with the Biological Survey was highlighted by constant field investigations which took him to most of the United States, as well as Canada, Mexico, and South America. Among his more important investigations were a study of the causes of waterfowl mortality around the Great Salt Lake, Utah, 1914-1916; a survey of North American
birds that migrated to the southern part of South America, 1920-1921; and the leadership of the Tanager Exploring Expedition to the islands of the mid-Pacific, 1923. Wetmore was promoted to the rank of Biologist with the Survey in 1924.

As his professional status grew, Wetmore received offers of curatorial and research positions from several of the leading museums in America. Perhaps the most interesting came in 1920 when the American Museum of Natural History asked him to join the Roy Chapman Andrews Asiatic Expedition and take charge of the zoological collections. Wetmore declined this and several other offers. Finally, in November 1924, he accepted appointment as Superintendent of the National Zoological Park (NZP). He remained at the NZP until March 1925 when he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian in charge of the United States National Museum (USNM). Wetmore held this position for nearly twenty years, when, in 1945, he was elected the sixth Secretary of the Smithsonian. He retired in 1952 and became a Research Associate of the Institution where he continued his research on recent and fossil birds.

Wetmore's administration of the USNM and Smithsonian during the era of the Great Depression and World War II faced many constraints. However, he managed to continue the Institution's basic research aims, while instituting improvements in its administrative operations and exhibits program. Among his most important accomplishments was a move toward professional management of the Institution by hiring specialists such as John E. Graf and John L. Keddy to assist with federal budgetary procedures and other administrative matters. He also steered the Smithsonian toward a period of exhibit modernization which was realized after his retirement. Two new bureaus were added to the Smithsonian during Wetmore’s tenure as Secretary - the National Air Museum (now the National Air and Space Museum) and the Canal Zone Biological Area (now the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute).

Despite his administrative responsibilities at the Smithsonian, Wetmore continued an active research program in the field and the laboratory. He conducted several collecting expeditions to the American tropics between 1927 and 1940. When the outbreak of World War II restricted travel outside the country, he undertook a study of the birds of Shenandoah National Park in nearby Virginia. In the mid-1940s, Wetmore began a research program that would occupy his energies for the remainder of his life. Between 1946 and 1966 he took annual trips to Panama - making an exhaustive survey of the birds of the isthmus. This work culminated in the publication of his magnum opus, The Birds of the Republic of Panama. Three volumes of the work appeared during his life. The final volume was completed by his Smithsonian colleagues and published posthumously.

Wetmore was widely recognized as the dean of American ornithologists, and he worked extensively in the field of avian paleontology and as a systematic specialist. His bibliography contained over seven hundred entries; including 150 papers and monographs on fossil birds. He described 189 species and subspecies of birds new to science. Wetmore made enormous natural history collections, which were eventually donated to the Smithsonian. Included were 26,058 bird and mammal skins from North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean area; 4,363 skeletal and anatomical specimens; and 201 clutches of birds eggs. Fifty-six new genera, species, and subspecies of birds (both recent and fossil), mammals, amphibians, insects, mollusks, and plants were named in his honor - an assemblage which Wetmore called his "private zoo." Also named in his honor was the "Wetmore Glacier" in the Antarctic and the "Alexander Wetmore Bridge," a canopy bridge in the Bayano River Basin in Panama.

Wetmore was a member of countless professional organizations, scientific committees, conservation groups, and social clubs. He served many of the groups in elected or appointed capacities. He was a member of the American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) for seventy years and served as President from 1926 to 1929. For many years he was Chairman of the AOU Committee on Classification and Nomenclature and was instrumental in the publication of the fifth edition of the Check-list of North American Birds. Wetmore also had a long-term association with the National Geographic Society, serving as a Trustee, 1933-1976, and as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Research and Exploration. He also authored several popular publications on birds for the Society.
Wetmore served as President of the Washington Academy of Sciences, 1927; the Washington Biologists' Field Club, 1928-1931; the Biological Society of Washington, 1929-1931; the Cosmos Club, 1938; the Explorers Club, 1944-1946; and the X International Ornithological Congress held at Uppsala, Sweden, 1950. He was Home Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences, 1951-1955, and a Trustee (or Director) of the Textile Museum of Washington, 1928-1952; the George Washington University, 1945-1962; and the Gorgas Memorial Institute for Tropical and Preventive Medicine, 1949-1976.

During his career at the Smithsonian, Wetmore was named to several national and international scientific committees. He was Secretary-General of the Eighth American Scientific Congress, 1940; United States Representative to the Inter-American Commission of Experts on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation, 1940; Vice-Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, 1945-1952; and Chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on Research and Development, 1946.

His contributions to science resulted in many honors and awards. He was the recipient of the Otto Herman Medal of the Hungarian Ornithological Society, 1931; the Hubbard Medal of the National Geographic Society, 1957; the Brewster Medal, 1959, and the Elliott Coues Award, 1972, of the American Ornithologists' Union; the Explorers Club Medal, 1962; the Bartsch Award of the Audubon Naturalist Society, 1964; and the Arthur Allen Award of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 1970. Wetmore married Fay Holloway in 1912, and a daughter, Margaret Fenwick, was born in 1916. After a long illness, his wife died in 1953. That same year he married Annie Beatrice Thielen. Wetmore died at his home in Glen Echo, Maryland, on December 7, 1978.


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**Chronology**

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1916  Birth of daughter, Margaret Fenwick
1916  Field work, Utah
1917  Field work, North Carolina
1917-1918  Field work, Arkansas and Texas
1918  Field work, Western United States
1919  Field work, Florida; Arizona
1920  Doctor of Philosophy, George Washington University
1920-1921  Field work, South America
1921  Field work, Georgia
1922  Field work, South Carolina; Minnesota; North Dakota; Pennsylvania; Maryland
1923  In charge of the Tanager Exploring Expedition to the mid-Pacific islands
1924  Biologist, U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey
1924-1925  Superintendent, National Zoological Park
1925-1944  Assistant Secretary, Smithsonian Institution (in charge of the U. S. National Museum)
1926  Observations on the Birds of Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Chile (U. S. National Museum, Bull. 133, pp.1-448)
1926  The Migration of Birds (Harvard University Press)
1926-1929  President, American Ornithologists' Union
1927  Field work, Haiti and Dominican Republic
1927  President, Washington Academy of Sciences
1927  Isidore Geoffroy St. Hilaire Medal, Societe Nationale d'Acclimitation de France
1928  Trip to study bird collections of museums in the western United States
1928-1931  President, Washington Biologists' Field Club
1928-1952  Trustee, Textile Museum of Washington
1929-1931  President, Biological Society of Washington
1930  U. S. Delegate, VII International Ornithological Congress, Amsterdam; field work, Spain
1931  Field work, Haiti
1931  Otto Herman Medal, Hungarian Ornithological Society
1931-1957  Chairman, American Ornithologists' Union Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds

1932  Honorary D.Sc., George Washington University

1932  Field work, western United States

1933-1976  Trustee, National Geographic Society

1934  U. S. Delegate, VIII International Ornithological Congress, Oxford

1936  Field work, Guatemala

1937  Field work, Venezuela

1937-1978  Vice Chairman, Acting Chairman, and Chairman Emeritus, Committee on Research and Exploration, National Geographic Society

1938  President, Cosmos Club

1938  Chairman of U. S. delegation, IX International Ornithological Congress, Rouen, France

1939  Field work, Mexico

1940  A Check-list of the fossil birds of North America (Smiths. Misc. Coll., vol. 99, no. 4, pp. 1-81)

1940  Secretary-General, Eighth American Scientific Congress

1940  U. S. Representative, Inter-American Commission of Experts on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation

1940  Field work, Costa Rica

1941  Field work, Colombia

1941  Distinguished Service Award, University of Kansas

1944-1946  President, Explorers Club

1944, 1946-1966  Field work, Panama

1945  Alumni Award for Achievement in Science, George Washington University

1945-1952  Secretary, Smithsonian Institution

1945-1952  Vice-Chairman, National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics

1945-1962  Trustee, George Washington University

1946  Honorary D.Sc., University of Wisconsin

1947  Honorary D.Sc., Centre College of Kentucky

1947-1963  Chairman, Daniel Giraud Elliot Fund Award Committee, National Academy of Sciences

1948  Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Scientific Research and Development

1948  Orden de Merito, Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Cuba

1949-1976  Member, Board of Directors, Gorgas Memorial Institute for Tropical and Preventive Medicine

1950  President, Academy of Medicine of Washington, D. C.
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**Introduction**

The papers of Alexander Wetmore were received in the Smithsonian Archives in several different accessions between 1978 and 1987.

The Archives would like to thank Mrs. Beatrice T. Wetmore for her help in transferring her husband's papers to the Archives. We also appreciate the assistance of the staff of the Division of Birds, National Museum of Natural History. The authors thank Susan Glenn and Pamela Henson for their thorough review of the manuscript.
Descriptive Entry

The papers of Alexander Wetmore provide comprehensive documentation of his professional career and personal life. The collection is especially valuable in illustrating his research career in systematic ornithology and avian paleontology; his many collecting trips and field expeditions; his involvement in professional organizations, scientific societies, and social groups; his education and the development of his interest in ornithology; his administrative career at the United States National Museum (USNM) and the Smithsonian Institution; his family history; and personal matters. Less well represented in the collection is material concerning his brief tenure as Superintendent of the National Zoological Park, 1924-1925. Interested researchers should consult Smithsonian Archives Record Unit 74, National Zoological Park, Records, 1887-1965, and undated.

Wetmore was a prolific correspondent and nearly a third of this collection is made up of letters written and received between 1901 and 1977. The correspondence documents most aspects of his career and is particularly valuable in illustrating his research on recent and fossil birds. Wetmore exchanged letters with many of the prominent ornithologists and avian paleontologists of his day, and the correspondence is an important source of information on the history of both disciplines during the twentieth century. It is also helpful in documenting USNM and Smithsonian history from the mid-1920s to the early 1950s. Especially valuable are letters exchanged with USNM curators which concern field work, research programs, and exhibits. Wetmore corresponded with many foreign specialists, and several letters from British and European ornithologists contain descriptions of World War II and its effects on society and science. Also included are countless letters written by Wetmore giving information and advice to amateur ornithologists, bird watchers, and youngsters interested in birds.

A large file of correspondence, reports, fiscal records, publications, and related materials documents Wetmore’s constant involvement in professional activities and national and international scientific affairs. His seventy-year membership in the American Ornithologists’ Union is thoroughly illustrated. Included are files concerning Wetmore’s work with the AOU Committee on Classification and Nomenclature, and his role in the preparation of the fifth edition of the Check-list of North American Birds. Also included are files concerning Wetmore’s work as a delegate and President of meetings of the International Ornithological Congress. Records concerning his work as Secretary-General of the Eighth American Scientific Congress, and as United States Representative to the Inter-American Committee of Experts on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation provide documentation of initial inter-American cooperation on conservation issues. Also found are substantial records documenting his associations with the National Geographic Society; the Gorgas Memorial Institute for Tropical and Preventive Medicine; the Washington Biologists’ Field Club; the Cosmos Club; and the Explorers Club. Contained in a separate series are records dealing with his work as Chairman of the National Academy of Sciences Daniel Giraud Elliot Award Committee.

Wetmore’s work as a field ornithologist and scientific expedition member is documented from his first recorded observation of a Florida pelican in 1894 through his last collecting trip to Panama in 1966. The majority of records concerning his field work are found in three series. The first documents Wetmore’s work prior to his appointment to the U. S. Biological Survey in 1910 and includes field notes, migration records, and lists made during his boyhood in Wisconsin; similar materials compiled during his college days in Lawrence, Kansas, and on trips to the western United States; and catalogues of his ornithological and natural history collections. The second series consists of correspondence, field notes, diaries, reports, expense records, and related materials documenting field work carried out for the U. S. Biological Survey and the Smithsonian Institution (with the exception of trips to Panama). Also included are records created during trips to professional meetings, trips to study museum specimens, and other official travel. The third series contains records concerning his field trips to Panama, 1944, 1946-1966. Also included is a file of permits used during his field investigations, as well as expense accounts from his official travel.

Photographic documentation of Wetmore's life and career is a major strength of the collection. Included are voluminous photographs, albums, lantern slides, 35mm color slides, motion pictures, and negatives
documenting his field work and other official travel. Also included are portraits of Wetmore; photographs of Wetmore with family, friends, and colleagues; photographs from his boyhood; photographs of Smithsonian events, scientific meetings, and social gatherings; and photographs of professional colleagues.

The papers contain a file of collected materials documenting Wetmore's personal life and family history. The file includes correspondence with his immediate family and other relatives; various biographical information; genealogical data on his family; school and college records; papers and drawings from his early work on birds; congratulatory correspondence and letters of introduction and recommendation; transcripts of an oral history interview; and personnel records from his service in the federal government. Of special interest is Wetmore's "private zoo" - a card catalogue of species and subspecies named in his honor. A series of daily diaries and appointment books helps to illustrate his day-to-day activities.

Wetmore's twenty-eight-year administrative career at the USNM and Smithsonian is partially documented in the collection. Most of the records consist of routine correspondence inquiring about employment at the USNM. Also included are various files concerning Smithsonian activities, offices, and administrative matters.

The remainder of the collection primarily consists of materials relating to his research in ornithology and avian paleontology. Included is a large group of unpublished manuscripts, speeches, and radio talks prepared by Wetmore. Also included are numerous letters; specimen lists; notes; published manuscripts; field records; and publications relating to his research. Of special interest are original journals, lists, and correspondence from field work in Haiti by William Louis Abbott, 1916-1928, and Watson M. Perrygo, 1928-1929. The collection also contains a sample of original illustrations used in his publications on fossil birds; and manuscripts, proofs, drawings, and other materials from his magnum opus, The Birds of the Republic of Panama.

Also included in the collection are diplomas, certificates, and awards received by Wetmore, and typescript copies of correspondence between John Xantus and Spencer F. Baird.

Additional records documenting Wetmore's professional career can be found in the Smithsonian Archives. Researchers interested in Wetmore's career as Assistant Secretary in charge of the USNM and Secretary of the Smithsonian should consult Smithsonian Archives record units 192 and 46. Field reports written during several investigations he conducted for the U. S. Biological Survey can be found in record unit 7176, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Reports, 1860-1961. Records dealing with Wetmore's work on the fifth edition of the AOU Check-list of North American Birds are a part of record unit 7050, American Ornithologists' Union Collection, 1883-1977. An oral history interview (record unit 9504) conducted by the Archives in 1974 provides insight to all aspects of Wetmore's career. Record unit 9516, the Watson M. Perrygo oral history interviews, include many reflections on Wetmore by his long-time field companion.

A voluminous collection of Wetmore's field catalogues, field notes, lists, and other specimen-related records are housed in the Division of Birds, National Museum of Natural History.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Birds of the Republic of Panama.
- Conservation of natural resources
- Ornithology.
Paleontology

Types of Materials:
Motion pictures (visual works)
Photographs

Names:
American Committee for International Wild Life Protection.
American Ornithologists' Union
American Philosophical Society
Cosmos Club (Washington, D.C.)
Eighth American Scientific Congress. (1940 : Washington, D. C.)
Elliot, Daniel Giraud, 1835-1915.
Explorers Club
George Washington University
Gorgas Memorial Institute of Tropical and Preventive Medicine.
Harris, Harry
Inter-American Committee of Experts on Nature Protection and Wild Life Preservation.
International Ornithological Congress.
National Academy of Sciences (U.S.)
National Academy of Sciences (U.S.). Daniel Giraud Elliot Fund
National Association of Audubon Societies.
National Geographic Society (U.S.)
National Zoological Park (U.S.).
Smithsonian Institution. Assistant Secretary in charge of the United States National Museum.
Smithsonian Institution. Office of the Secretary
United States National Museum.
United States. Bureau of Biological Survey.
United States. Dept. of Agriculture
Washington Biologists' Field Club
Wetmore, Alexander, 1886-1978
Xantus, Janos, 1825-1894.
Container Listing

Series 1: General Correspondence, 1901-1977, and undated, with Related Materials from 1879.

This series consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence documenting the professional career of Alexander Wetmore. He maintained a voluminous correspondence with domestic and foreign ornithologists and avian paleontologists concerning research projects, nomenclatural questions, and various professional issues.

Other correspondents include staff and officials of the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States National Museum (USNM), and Smithsonian Institution; staff and officials of museums, universities, and research foundations; officers and members of professional organizations; editors of scientific journals and popular publications; bird watchers and amateur ornithologists; and personal acquaintances.

The correspondence documents all aspects of Wetmore's professional life. In addition to providing a wealth of information on his research on recent and fossil birds, it is especially strong in illustrating field work and scientific expeditions; the development of his career as a professional ornithologist, museum director, and science administrator; his participation in professional organizations; and the preparation of scientific papers and popular works. The correspondence is also a valuable source of information on the history of the Bureau of Biological Survey, 1910-1924, and the USNM/Smithsonian, 1925-1952.

Occasional photographs, manuscripts, and field notes are found in the correspondence. This material is noted in the folder list.

Arranged Alphabetically

Box 1

Folder 1 Aa-Ak, general


Folder 7 Al, general. Includes a letter from and a photograph of Brent I. Altsheeler, July 30, 1936.


Folder 12 Allen, Glover Morrill, 1915, 1919, 1921-1924, 1928-1929, 1931, 1936-1939, 1941-1942


Box 2

Folder 1 Am-Ar, general. Includes correspondence of Stanley C. Arthur, 1928-1930, 1934, concerning John James Audubon.


Folder 3 Andrews, Roy Chapman, 1920, 1942-1943, 1948, 1951. The letters of 30 November and 6 December 1920 concern an offer to Wetmore to join the Third Asiatic Expedition of the American Museum of Natural History to take charge of zoological collections. The offer was declined by Wetmore. Also included is a newspaper article concerning Andrews.


Folder 5 As-Ay, general


Folder 7 Bag-Bai, general


Folder 3 Bailey, Vernon Orlando, 1910-1911, 1929-1930, 1936. The correspondence of 1910-1911 concerns Wetmore's collecting trips to Wyoming and Alaska for the Bureau of Biological Survey. Also included is a photograph of Bailey.

Folder 4 Bak-Ban, general


Folder 6 Baldwin, Samuel Prentiss, 1926-1929, 1934-1936, and undated


Folder 8 Bangs, Outram, 1922, 1926, 1928

Folders 9-10 Bannerman, David A., 1930, 1934-1938, 1941, 1943-1975. The letter of 21 September 1967 includes a manuscript by Bannerman concerning the Blossom Expedition of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1923-1924. Also included is a newspaper article on Bannerman.

Box 4

Folder 1 Bar-Bas, general

Folders 2-4 Barbour, Thomas, 1926-1949, and undated. Wetmore carried on a voluminous correspondence with Barbour, a herpetologist and Director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology. While most of the letters concern zoological issues, several contain interesting discussions of events at and personalities associated with the USNM.

Folder 5 Barclay-Smith, Phyllis, 1938-1939, 1947, 1950, 1953


Folder 7 Barros V., Rafael, 1929-1931, 1945-1951, 1959


Box 5
Folder 1 Bat-Bay, general

Folder 2 Batchelder, Charles F., 1920, 1936, 1942-1943, 1951

Folder 3 Bea-Beg, general


Folder 8 Beh-Bex, general


Folder 10 Belcher, Charles F., 1931-1937. Mostly concerns Belcher's research on the birds of Trinidad.

Folder 11 Belote, Theodore T., 1926-1947. Consists mostly of correspondence relating to Belote's duties as Curator of the Division of History, USNM.


Folder 13 Benjamin, Marcus, 1916, 1918. Correspondence concerning the publication of Wetmore's ornithological papers by the USNM.


Box 6

Folder 1 Betts, H. W., 1945-1948


Folder 6 Blackwelder, Richard Eliot, 1941-1946


Folder 9 Bob-Bon, general


Box 7


Folder 2 Book Orders (foreign), 1965-1973, and undated

Folder 3 Borden, John, 1929. Concerns Borden's proposed expedition to Siberia. Includes correspondence between Borden and Edward William Nelson.


Folder 5 Boss, Norman H., 1927, 1929, 1931, 1937

Folder 6 Boulton, Rudyerd, 1924-1928, 1959-1972, and undated. Mostly concerns Boulton's work as Director of the Atlantica Ecological Research Station in Rhodesia.


Box 8


Folder 6 Brown, Barnum, 1925-1931, 1935, 1938, 1950

Folder 7 Brown, Edward J., 1919, 1925-1935, 1949


Folder 9 Bryant, Herbert S., 1925-1946. Concerns his duties as Chief, Division of Correspondence and Documents, USNM.

Box 9


Folder 2 Budin, Emilio, 1926, 1928, 1931. Correspondence concerning his collecting work in South America.


Folder 4 Bullis, Harvey R., Jr., 1962-1964

Folder 5 Bump, James D., 1941, 1949-1951, 1955-1957

Folders 6-7 Bunker, Charles Dean, 1909, 1913-1948, and undated. Bunker, Assistant Curator of Birds and Mammals, Natural History Museum, University of Kansas, was an early influence on Wetmore. They maintained a constant correspondence until his death in 1948. Included are photographs from Bunker's Alaska expedition of 1918.

Folder 8 Bunker Fund, Charles Dean, 1942-1948

Folder 9 Burt, Charles Earle, 1932-1935


Folder 11 Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1928, 1939

Box 10

Folder 1 Cab-Cap, general

Folder 2 Cadwalader, Charles Meigs Biddle, 1934-1951
Folder 3 Calhoun, John Bumpass, 1939-1941, 1944-1945

Folder 4 Cammerer, Arno B., 1928, 1933-1940. Includes a report and photographs concerning elk in Yellowstone National Park, 10 December 1934.


Folder 7 Carpenter, R. R. M., 1943-1944, 1947-1948

Folder 8 Carr, Archie Fairly, Jr., 1954, 1956, 1959, 1963

Folder 9 Carriker, Melbourne Armstrong, Jr., 1939-1940, 1948, 1951-1966, 1976, and undated. Carriker collected birds, primarily in Colombia, for the USNM and Wetmore during the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. The correspondence concerns Carriker's field work and his research on bird lice.


Folder 11 Carriker, Melbourne Romaine, 1970-1972

Box 11


Folder 3 Chapin, Edward Albert, 1918-1920, 1925, 1934-1944, 1947, and undated. Primarily concerns Chapin's duties as Curator, Division of Insects, USNM. The correspondence of 1937 documents his field work in Jamaica.


Folder 5 Chapman, Frank Michler, 1920-1945, and undated. Chapman, Curator of Birds at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), was a close colleague of Wetmore's. The correspondence documents various aspects of their research, especially on Latin American birds. Of special interest is the correspondence of 1920-1921 which documents an offer to Wetmore to join the Third Asiatic Expedition of the AMNH to take charge of the zoological collections. Also included is biographical information and an obituary.


Folder 8 Ci, general

Box 12


Folder 2 Clark, Austin H., 1916, 1922-1936, 1939-1943, 1946, and undated. Primarily concerns Clark's work as Curator, Division of Echinoderms, USNM.

Folder 3 Clark, Leila F., 1935-1947. Correspondence and memoranda concerning her duties as Librarian, USNM.

Folder 4 Coa-Cok, general. Correspondents include Theodore D. A. Cockerell, 1930-1936, 1941, 1946.

Folder 5 Cochran, Doris Mable, 1926-1938, 1945-1946, and undated. Correspondence concerning his work in the Division of Ethnology, USNM, and the Bureau of American Ethnology. Included are letters documenting his Alaska field work, 1929 and 1936.


Folder 10 Conover, H. Boardman, 1935, 1939-1942, 1945-1950, and undated

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Folder 1 Coo-Cos, general. Correspondents include Melville Thurston Cook, 1936-1937, 1950; Wells Woodbridge Cooke, 1905, 1908, concerning Wetmore's early ornithological studies; Charles Barney Cory, 1907, 1910, 1919-1920, including an offer to Wetmore to become a field collector for the Field Museum of Natural History, 1910.


Folder 4 Cooper, G. Arthur, 1931, 1935-1946. Concerns Cooper's curatorial career in the Department of Geology, USNM. The correspondence of 1939 and 1945 documents his field work in Texas.

Folder 5 Corbin, William L., 1925-1941, and undated. Correspondence documenting Corbin's duties as Smithsonian Librarian.

Folder 6 Cot-Cox, general. Correspondents include Edward J. Court, 1935-1936, 1943, concerning his collecting activity in Maryland and Virginia.


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Folder 2 Cracraft, Joel, 1966-1975. Correspondence concerning Cracraft's research on avian paleontology.


Folder 4 Cu, general. Correspondents include Carlos E. Cummings, 1939, 1947.


Folder 6 Curtis, Karl P., 1948-1964. Many of the letters contain information concerning Wetmore's Panama field research.

Folder 7 Dabbene, Roberto, 1920-1930, 1933

Folders 9-10 Danforth, Stuart Taylor, 1925-1930, 1934-1939, and undated. Danforth, a professor at the University of Puerto Rico and specialist on West Indies birds, donated his specimen collection to the USNM. The correspondence documents his research and the transfer of his collection to Washington.

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Folder 4 Deane, Ruthven, 1915, 1922, 1925-1934, and undated. Several letters concern the Deane Collection of Photographs of Ornithologists.

Folder 5 Deignan, Herbert Girton, 1936-1937, 1939, 1943-1948, 1961-1968, and undated. Deignan, an authority on the birds of Southeast Asia, was on the staff of the Division of Birds, USNM, from 1938 to 1961. The correspondence concerns his participation on the Asiatic Primate Expedition, 1937; his study of Asiatic birds in European museums as the recipient of the Walter Rathbone Bacon Traveling Scholarship, 1939; and his retirement in Switzerland, 1962-1968.


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Folder 1 Dharmakumarsinhji, Prince K. S., 1938-1944, 1948, and undated. Correspondence mostly concerning his research on breeding Birds of Paradise.


Folders 3-4 Dickey, Donald Ryder, 1923-1932, and undated. Dickey, field naturalist and Research Associate at the California Institute of Technology, served with Wetmore on the Tanager Expedition of 1923. Of special interest is correspondence documenting a plan by Dickey to endow a chair of vertebrate zoology for Wetmore at the California Institute of Technology.
Folder 5 Dickey, Florence Van Vechten Murphey (Mrs. Donald Ryder Dickey), 1932-1935, 1940, 1943, 1950-1951, 1954, and undated. Mostly concerns negotiations over the disposition of the Donald Ryder Dickey Collection and Library. The material was eventually donated to the University of California at Los Angeles.

Folder 6 Dickinson, Joshua Clifton, Jr., 1949, 1952-1959, 1964, 1974


Box 17


Folder 2 Don-Doz, general


Folder 4 Dugand, Armando, 1938-1953. Correspondence concerning his research on the birds of Colombia.


Folder 7 Dupouy, Walter, 1941-1949, 1967


Box 18


Folder 3 Eg-Ei, general

Folders 4-6 Eisenmann, Eugene, 1946-1967. Correspondence concerning the birds of Panama.

Folder 7 Ekman, Erik L., 1927-1930. Concerns Ekman's collecting work in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.


Folder 7 Fagen, Charles L., 1921-1928, 1937-1941, 1947. Several letters concern his collecting work for the USNM in South America.


Folder 11 Favour, Paul G., Jr., 1948-1955. Correspondence mostly concerning the birds of Shenandoah National Park, Virginia.


Box 20


Folder 2 Figgins, Jesse D., 1923-1928, 1931-1934, 1941-1944

Folders 3-4 Fisher, Albert Kenrick, 1914-1931, 1934, 1936, 1940, 1942, 1945-1947, and undated. Fisher, a biologist with the Bureau of Biological Survey, was a long-time colleague and friend of Wetmore's. The correspondence of 1929 documents Fisher's participation on the Pinchot South Seas Expedition. Also included are several letters concerning the Washington Biologists' Field Club.


Folder 8 Fl, general. Correspondents include Laurence B. Fletcher, 1925-1932.

Folders 9-10 Fleming, James Henry, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1924-1940, and undated. Fleming, a noted Canadian ornithologist, was in constant correspondence with Wetmore. The letters document research interests, AOU business, and various professional issues.

Box 21

Folder 1 Fo, general. Correspondents include Edward Howe Forbush, 1919, 1922, 1925, 1927, 1932-1933, concerning the Massachusetts Division of Ornithology; and Richard L. Fox, 1945-1947.

Folder 2 Foshag, William F., 1926-1941. Correspondence concerning Foshag's official duties as Curator, Department of Geology, USNM. Included are accounts of his collecting work in Mexico, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1934, and 1941.

Folder 3 Fowler, Henry Weed, 1922, 1928-1929, 1932, 1936-1937, 1942

Folder 4 Fr-Fy, general. Correspondents include Herbert Friedenwald, 1943-1944, including several letters concerning Albert Kenrick Fisher, January 1944.


Folder 6 Freeman, George Fouche, 1927-1932, 1937

Folder 7 Frick, Childs, 1929-1930, 1937, 1942-1948

Folder 8 Friedmann, Herbert, 1922-1943, 1957-1965, 1968. Friedmann served as Curator, Division of Birds, USNM, 1929-1957, and Head Curator, Department of Zoology, USNM, 1957-1961. The correspondence documents his appointment and subsequent career at the USNM; his investigation of bird collections in European museums, 1936-1937; and his research on African and South American parasitic birds.

Folder 9 Fuertes, Louis Agassiz, 1915, 1924-1926

Folder 10 Gaa-Gal, general


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Folder 3 Garber, Paul Edward, 1926-1931, 1934-1938, 1941, 1945. Mostly concerns his work as Assistant Curator, Section of Aeronautics, USNM.


Folder 6 Gazin, Charles Lewis, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1942, 1945. Concerns Gazin's duties as Assistant Curator, Division of Vertebrate Paleontology, USNM. Included is correspondence documenting his field work in Idaho, 1934; New Mexico, 1936; and Utah, 1938.


Folder 8 Gebhardt, Erwin, 1958-1959


Folder 12 Go, general. Correspondents include Jose Royo y Gomez, 1941-1946, 1951-1952.


Box 23


Folders 2-3 Graf, John Enos, 1931-1948, and undated. Graf was Associate Director of the USNM, 1931-1945, and later an Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian until 1957. The correspondence documents various aspects of USNM administration.


Folder 6 Granger, Walter, 1933-1941


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Folder 2 Greene, Earl R., 1944-1975. Includes correspondence concerning his work with the 600 club.


Folder 5 Gri, general

Folders 6-8 Grinell, Joseph, 1906, 1913-1939. Grinell was Director of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, and for many years, Editor of The Condor, journal of the Cooper Ornithological Club. The correspondence concerns the publication of articles by Wetmore in The Condor; research interests; and professional issues.

Folder 9 ________________. John Roy Pemberton Collection, 1921-1926. Correspondence concerning Wetmore’s work describing Pemberton’s collection of Patagonian birds in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

Box 25


Folder 3 Grosvenor, Gilbert Hovey, 1924, 1934, 1950, 1953, 1966, and undated


Folder 7 Hachisuka, Marquis, 1931-1937, 1946, 1948, 1953


Box 26

Folder 1 Ham-Han, general


Folder 4 Hanson, Arthur B., 1957, 1968

Folder 5 Hard-Harm, general

Folder 6 Harding, R. Reid, 1934-1936, 1939-1943, 1946-1950


Folder 10 Harllee, H. L., 1936-1938

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Folder 1 Harp-Harper, general


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Folder 2 Harris, Harry, 1919, 1923-1926, 1928, 1932, 1934, 1936, and undated. Includes correspondence concerning Harris’ research on John Xantus and Robert Ridgway.

Folder 3 Hartert, Ernst Johann Otto, 1921, 1924-1928, 1931-1933, and undated


Folder 5 Hay, Oliver Perry, 1924-1929, and undated

Folder 6 Hea-Hem, general. Correspondents include Edmund Heller, undated.

Folder 7 Hellmayr, C. E., 1922, 1924, 1926-1932


Folder 9 Henderson, Edward P., 1931-1932, 1935-1937, 1941-1945, and undated. Mostly concerns Henderson's activities as Associate Curator, Department of Geology, USNM. Included is correspondence documenting his field work in Utah, Colorado, and Montana, 1932; Arkansas, 1935; and Alaska, 1936. Also included are letters relating to his participation at the XVII International Geological Congress, Moscow, 1937.


Folder 11 Hettmen, Fred, 1920-1921, 1923, 1956. Includes two photographs of Wetmore in Paraguay, 1920 (see letter of 29 November 1956 which also includes recollections of Wetmore's Paraguay field work).

Folder 12 Hi, general


Box 29

Folder 1 Hoa-Hol, general. Correspondents include Ray P. Holland, 1931, 1934-1935; Ned Hollister, 1917, 1919, 1921-1923 (information on Hollister is also found in the correspondence of Mabel Hollister and W. D. Hollister); Walter W. Holmes, 1932-1933; William Henry Holmes, 1926, 1929, 1931-1932.

Folder 2 Hochbaum, Albert, 1942-1945


Folders 4-5 Holt, Ernest Golsan, 1913-1945, 1948, 1950-1959, 1961, 1972-1973, and undated. Holt, a Field Naturalist with the Bureau of Biological Survey from 1912 to 1917, was a close personal friend of Wetmore. Included are many letters documenting Holt's field work for the Biological Survey, the Standard Oil Company, and the National Geographic Society in Arizona, Texas, South Dakota, Brazil, Argentina, and Venezuela.


Folder 9 Houston, Clarence Stuart, 1958-1959

Box 30

Folder 1 How-Hr, general. Correspondents include Leland Ossian Howard, 1917-1918, 1926, 1929-1930.

Folders 2-3 Howard, Hildegarde, 1927-1974. Consists primarily of correspondence concerning their research on avian paleontology.


Folder 10 Hume, Edgar Erskine, 1941-1943, 1948. Mostly concerns his research on the ornithologists of the Army Medical Corps.


Box 31


Folder 4 Je, general. Correspondents include Randolph Jenks, 1935, regarding a proposed expedition to Arizona.


Folder 8 Johnson, Carl Milton, 1954-1965, 1969, 1973. Johnson was Director of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, Panama. The correspondence documents activities of the Laboratory and Wetmore's field work. Included are photographs of the Wetmore canopy bridge, Altos de Maje, Panama.


Folder 11 Jordan, David Starr, 1925-1926


Box 32

Folder 1 Judd, Neil M., 1925-1939, 1942-1944, 1946, 1958. The correspondence concerns Judd's duties as Curator, Department of Anthropology, USNM. Included are letters documenting his activities as Smithsonian representative at the Seventh American Science Congress, Mexico City, 1935.

Folder 2 Ka, general


Folders 8-9 Kellogg, A. Remington, 1914-1917, 1926, 1928-1930, 1932-1933, 1937, 1939, 1941-1947, 1955, 1959, 1969-1973, 1975, and undated. A long-time colleague and friend of Wetmore, Kellogg was employed by both the Bureau of Biological Survey and the USNM, serving the latter as Curator, Division of Mammals, 1928-1948, and Director, 1948-1962. The correspondence concerns his work at the Biological Survey and USNM; his research on marine mammals; and his election to the National Academy of Sciences. Also included is a photograph of Kellogg conducting field work in Arizona, 1942, and correspondence, photographs, and printed materials relating to the dedication of the Kellogg Library of Marine Mammalogy, 1972.


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Folder 4 Kennard, Frederic Hedge, 1925-1937, and undated


Folder 7 Ki, general


Box 34

Folder 1 Ki-Kn, general. Correspondents include Cecil Boden Kloss, 1926-1931; Charles Robert Knight, 1933-1934, 1938, 1945, 1949, concerning his proposal to paint murals in the exhibition halls of the USNM, 1934.


Folder 5 Kr-Ky, general


Folder 12 Lambrecht, Koloman, 1921-1936, and undated. Correspondence concerning research on fossil birds.

Folder 13 Lantz, David Ernest, 1904, and undated. Includes a handwritten manuscript of Lantz's An Historical List of Kansas Birds.

Box 35

Folder 1 Lar-Laz, general


Folder 3 Law, John Eugene, 1917-1932, and undated. Law was a California businessman and an ornithologist by avocation. The correspondence documents his interest in the birds of the western United States; his work for the Cooper Ornithological Club; and his personal friendship with Wetmore.

Folder 4 ________________, Will, 1924-1925, 1931. Concerns Law's designation of Wetmore as beneficiary (contingent) to his estate.


Folder 6 Laycock, George, 1969-1970


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Folder 2 Lewton, Frederick L., 1929-1938, 1942, 1944. Correspondence concerning Lewton's duties as Curator, Division of Textiles, USNM.

Folder 3 Li, general. Correspondents include Jean M. Linsdale, 1924-1928, 1933, 1936-1939; C. B. Linton, 1907-1908.


Folder 5 Lincoln, Frederick C., 1912-1934, 1938-1955, and undated. Lincoln, a long-time colleague of Wetmore, served in various capacities in the Bureau of Biological Survey and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service from 1920 to 1960. The correspondence concerns Lincoln's work as Curator of Ornithology at the Colorado Museum of Natural History, 1913-1920; his career in the Federal Service; and his research on bird migration.

Folder 6 Lincoln, Lulu (Mrs. Frederick C.), 1963-1964, 1974

Folder 7 LI, general

Folder 8 Lloyd, Hoyes, 1923, 1927-1937, 1943-1954, 1957-1959, 1963. Lloyd, a Canadian ornithologist, served as President of the AOU from 1945 to 1948. The correspondence concerns the AOU; his work with the International Committee for Bird Preservation; and his official duties with the Canadian Department of Interior. Included is a photograph of Lloyd, 1923, and a photograph of Wetmore's boyhood home in North Freedom, Wisconsin taken by Mrs. Hoyes Lloyd, 1950.

Folder 9 Lob-Lom, general

Folder 10 Lodge, John Ellerton, 1926, 1929, 1931-1936, 1939, 1942-1943. Lodge was Director of the Freer Gallery of Art, 1920-1942. Most of the correspondence deals with routine administrative matters. Of special interest is a copy of a letter from Carl W. Bishop to Lodge (27 December 1926) concerning his work in China.

Box 37


Folder 4 Lonnberg, Einar, 1921-1922, 1925-1926, 1928-1931, 1933, 1935-1941


Folders 7-9 Lowery, George Hines, Jr., 1937, 1940-1976, and undated. Lowery, Professor of Zoology at Louisiana State University, Director of the University Museum, and President of the AOU, 1959-1963, maintained a constant correspondence with Wetmore for nearly forty years. The letters document his ornithological research and AOU business.

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Folder 4 Mabbott, Douglas C., 1913, 1918-1919, 1921, and undated. Mabbott was a boyhood friend of Wetmore and later worked for the Bureau of Biological Survey. He was killed in action in France in 1919. Included are copies of letters detailing his service in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War I and his death.


Folder 6 Mad-Maq, general. Correspondents include Henry M. Madden, 1941, 1943, 1947-1948, 1952, concerning his research on John Xantus; Harry Malleis, 1924-1925, concerning his field work in Guatemala; and Stuart Maples, 1907-1908, concerning the exchange of bird skins with Wetmore.

Folder 7 Manning, Catherine L., 1937-1938, 1941, 1943, 1946-1947. Correspondence concerning her duties as Philatelist, Division of History, USNM.

Folder 9 Marelli, Carlos A., 1933-1935, 1941, 1943


Folder 12 Martin, Handel T., 1918-1921, 1925-1926, 1928-1929, 1931

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Folders 4-5 Mayr, Ernst, 1930-1934, 1937-1941, 1944-1968, and undated. Mayr, an ornithologist and evolutionary biologist, was Curator of Birds at the American Museum of Natural History, 1932-1953, before moving to Harvard University where he served as Alexander Agassiz Professor of Zoology and Director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology. He maintained a voluminous correspondence with Wetmore concerning ornithological research, professional issues (including AOU business), and nomenclatural questions.


Folders 7-8 McAtee, Waldo Lee, 1914-1946. McAtee served in various capacities with the Bureau of Biological Survey from 1903 to 1940. The correspondence concerns the work of the Biological Survey and its personnel, professional matters, and the Washington Biologists' Field Club.

Folder 9 McClung, Clarence Erwin, 1908, 1920, 1925, 1939-1941, 1943, and undated

Box 40

Folder 1 McG-McW, general


Folder 4 Mearns, Edgar Alexander, 1881, 1909, and undated. Includes a copy of a letter from Charles W. Richmond to Mearns, 5 December 1909, and a letter from Mearns to Ruthven Deane, 13 April 1881.

Folder 5 Meinertzhagen, Richard, 1938-1946, 1950, 1952, 1957, and undated. Includes a fascinating exchange of correspondence during the World War II era detailing the effect of the war on British ornithologists, museums, and society. Also includes a manuscript copy of Meinertzhagen's Conquisitio Mea. A Record of My Ornithological Activities and Collections.


Folders 7-8 Memoranda, 1941, 1953-1976. Mostly routine communications with Smithsonian and USNM officials and staff.


Folder 10 Mendez, Eustorgio, 1959-1975. Much of the correspondence concerns Wetmore's research on the birds of Panama.

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Folder 3 Merrill, George P., 1925-1929, 1935. Concerns his work as Head Curator, Department of Geology, USNM. Included are letters concerning his participation as Smithsonian representative at the International Geological Congress, Madrid, 1930.

Folder 4 Mic-Miller, general. Correspondents include Gerrit Smith Miller, Jr., 1917, 1931, 1937, 1939-1940.

Folders 5-6 Miller, Alden Holmes, 1930-1936, 1940-1965. Much of the correspondence documents the work of Wetmore and Miller as members of the AOU Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds.

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Folders 1-3 Miller, Loye Holmes, 1914, 1921-1945, 1948-1959, 1962-1970, and undated. Correspondence regarding Miller's research on avian paleontology, especially his work on the fossil birds of California. Included are typescript copies of Miller's diaries documenting a 1904 cruise of the Albatross, and field trips to Hawaii, 1900 and the Gulf of California, 1939. Also included is a photograph of Miller, 1969, and comments on his son, Alden Holmes Miller (see correspondence of 1966).

Folder 5 Milli-Mit, general

Folder 6 Mindte, Richard W., 1956-1961

Folder 7 Mitman, Carl W., 1927-1947, 1952. Mitman held several curatorial positions in the USNM from 1918 until 1952, culminating with his appointment as Assistant to the Secretary for the National Air Museum. The correspondence documents his duties at the USNM, including his work at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, 1933, and the California Pacific International Exposition in San Diego, 1935.

Box 43


Folder 2 Moffitt, James, 1934-1936, 1939-1942


Folders 4-5 Moore, Robert Thomas, 1929-1947, 1950, 1953, and undated. Includes correspondence concerning the Donald R. Dickey collection and the proposed vertebrate zoology project at the California Institute of Technology.


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Folder 1 Mos-Moz, general. Correspondents include R. Allyn Moser, 1946-1951, mostly concerning AOU business; Alan Mozley, 1931-1936, concerning his work on the mollusks of Siberia as recipient of the Walter Rathbone Bacon Traveling Scholarship.


Folder 4 Mumford, Edward Philpott, 1934, 1936. Includes a typescript copy of his report "Fauna of the Marquesas Islands - Birds."

Folders 5-7 Murphy, Robert Cushman, 1918, 1921-1956, 1961-1962, 1968. Murphy, noted American Museum of Natural History ornithologist and explorer, exchanged letters with Wetmore for over fifty years. The correspondence documents activities of their respective museums; research interests; field work; and professional issues (especially the National Association of Audubon Societies).

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Folders 2-4 Murray, Joseph James, 1928, 1935-1971. Murray, a clergyman and amateur ornithologist, was for many years involved with the Virginia Society of Ornithology and served as Editor of its journal The Raven. The correspondence documents activities of the VSO; Murray's research on the birds of Virginia; and Wetmore's field work in Shenandoah National Park.


Folder 6 Nelson, Edward William, 1920, 1923-1934, and undated. A famed naturalist and explorer, Nelson was Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey from 1916 to 1926. Included is correspondence concerning Wetmore's appointment as Superintendent of the National Zoological Park, November 1924.

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Folder 2 Oehser, Paul Harry, 1931-1944, 1946, 1961, 1969, and undated. Correspondence concerning his duties as Editor, USNM.


Folder 4 Oliver, Lawrence L., 1931, 1934-1948. Correspondence and memoranda concerning his service as Property Officer, and later, Superintendent of Buildings and Labor, USNM.


Folder 6 Olson, Storrs L., 1966-1975, and undated. Correspondence concerning his research on fossil birds.


Folder 8 Oppenheim, Victor, 1941-1945, 1950. Includes correspondence concerning Wetmore’s field work in Colombia, 1941.

Folder 9 Osborn, Henry Fairfield, 1923, 1926-1929, 1931, 1934, 1940-1951

Folder 10 Osgood, Wilfred Hudson, 1921-1925, 1928-1929, 1933-1934, 1937-1946, and undated. Includes correspondence documenting the administration and activities of the Field Museum of Natural History. The letters of December 1921 concern an offer to Wetmore to become Curator of Ornithology at the museum.

Box 48


Folder 4 Pan-Par, general. Correspondents include Albert Eide Parr, 1930, 1932, 1943.

Folder 5 Parish, Lee H., 1929-1930. Mostly concerns zoological collections made on the Parish-Smithsonian Expedition to Haiti, 1930.
Folders 6-7 Parish, Semmes W. and Katherine, 1930-1950, 1954, and undated. S. W. Parish financed and participated on the Parish-Smithsonian Expedition to Haiti, 1930, thus beginning a long-term friendship with Wetmore. Many of the letters contain information on USNM expeditions and field work during the 1930s.

Folder 8 Parkes, Kenneth Carroll, 1951-1969, 1972, 1974. Correspondence concerning Parkes’ research on Central and South American birds; joint publications by Wetmore and Parkes; and various professional issues, especially dealing with the AOU and the Wilson Ornithological Society.


Box 49

Folder 1 Pat-Pay, general

Folder 2 Patterson, Bryan, 1937-1938, 1941-1942, 1959-1960


Folders 9-11 Peters, James Lee, 1915-1934. Peters, an ornithologist at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, was a close associate and friend of Wetmore. The correspondence documents field work in Argentina by both men, 1921; Peters’ service in Germany and France during World War I; and joint publications on the birds of Argentina. Of special interest is a letter from Peters to Wetmore (20 Jan 1921) which contains a discussion of the possibility of Wetmore joining the Roy Chapman Andrews China Expedition.

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Folders 1-4 Peters, James Lee, 1935-1953, 1957. Correspondence concerning ornithological research, especially his publication, Check-List of the Birds of the World, vols. I-VIII; and professional activities, including his work as President of the AOU, and as President of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. Correspondence post-dating Peters’ death in 1952 concerns the preparation of a biographical sketch by Wetmore for publication in The Auk.


Box 51

Folder 1 Pf, general

Folders 2-7 Phelps, William H., and William H., Jr., 1938-1976. Phelps, an American businessman residing in Venezuela, was a noted ornithologist who established the Phelps Ornithological Collection in Caracas. A mutual interest in the birds of the American tropics resulted in a close association between Phelps and his son, William, Jr., and Wetmore. The correspondence documents joint publications; research projects; and field expeditions, including Wetmore's participation on the 1954 expedition to the Territory of Amazonas.

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Folder 1 Phi-Pin, general


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Folder 1 Pip-Piz, general. Correspondents include Grover C. Pitts, 1937-1941.


Folder 3 Pittier, Henri, 1937-1939, 1942-1950

Folder 4 Pl-Pop, general

Folder 5 Podtiaguin, Boris, 1943-1945, 1948

Folder 6 Popenoe, William Wilson, 1937-1942, 1945-1949, 1951, 1957


Folder 8 Pough, Richard H., 1940, 1945-1959


Folder 10 Prentice, Sydney C., 1925-1944. Mostly concerns Prentice's work illustrating papers and articles by Wetmore.

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Folder 1 Pres-Py, general


Folders 4-6 Publications, requests, A-Z, 1953-1976, and undated

Folder 7 Q, general

Folder 8 Raa-Ran, general


Box 55


Folder 3 Redington, Paul G., 1927-1933

Folder 4 Reed, Edwyn P., 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932-1933, 1940, 1946-1947

Folder 5 Rehn, James Abram Garfield, 1921, 1941, 1943-1944, 1948, 1953, 1957

Folder 6 Rei-Rey, general


Folder 11 Richmond, Charles Wallace, 1914-1928, 1945, and undated. Richmond was a Curator in the Division of Birds, USNM from 1895 to 1932. Consists mostly of correspondence written by Richmond to Wetmore in the field. Included are many letters documenting daily activities in the USNM and containing information on the Washington scientific community.

Box 56

Folder 1 Rid-Riv, general. Correspondents include Elmer S. Riggs, 1926, 1930, 1934-1935, concerning the Field Museum of Natural History Paleontological Expedition to Argentina, 1926.

Folder 2 Ridgely, Robert S., 1972-1974. Correspondence mostly concerning the birds of Panama.


Folder 4 Riley, Joseph Harvey, 1914-1916, 1918-1923. Riley worked as an Aid, and later Curator, in the Division of Birds, USNM, from 1898 to 1941. These letters were written to Wetmore while he was on field trips for the U. S. Biological Survey.
Folders 5-6 Ripley, S. Dillon, 1939-1966, 1969, 1972, 1976, and undated. A noted ornithologist and eighth Secretary of the Smithsonian, Ripley also served as Assistant Curator in the Division of Birds, USNM from 1942 to 1943. The correspondence concerns his appointment at the USNM, 1942; his work with the Office of Strategic Services during World War II; field work in India, 1950; ornithological research; and his election as Secretary of the Smithsonian.


Box 57


Folder 2 Rockwell, Robert B., 1913-1921, 1924, 1928, and undated. Mostly concerns his collaboration with Wetmore on a list of birds in the vicinity of Golden, Colorado.


Folder 6 Ror-Roz, general. Correspondents include Charles A. Ross, 31 December 1966, with a photograph of Margaret Wetmore (1934); William Rowan, 1933, 1940, 1947-1948.

Folder 7 Rowe, Leo S., 1926, 1933-1946

Folder 8 Rub-Rus, general


Folder 10 Russell, James Townsend, Jr., 1928-1935, 1943, 1946, and undated. Correspondence concerning Russell's work as Collaborator in Old World Archaeology, USNM.
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Folder 6 Schultz, Leonard Peter, 1936-1948. Schultz served as Curator, Division of Fishes, USNM, from 1936 to 1965. Included is correspondence documenting his appointment at the USNM, and a report on his participation on the U. S. Navy Surveying Expedition to the Phoenix Islands, 1939.


Box 60
Folder 1 Sclater, W. L., 1914, 1925, 1928-1929, 1931, 1933, 1940-1942, and undated. Includes correspondence concerning the publication of A Collection of Birds from the Fiji Islands, co-authored by Wetmore and Casey A. Wood, 1926.


Folder 7 Setzler, Frank M., 1931-1948. Correspondence concerning Setzler’s career as Head Curator, Department of Anthropology, USNM. Also includes letters documenting his field work in Texas, 1932-1933, 1938, and Illinois, 1940.

Folder 8 Sha, general

Folder 9 Shannon, Earl V., 1926-1929, 1933-1936, 1940-1942, and undated

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Folder 4 Shufeldt, Robert Wilson, 1897, 1915-1916, 1920-1922, 1926-1927. Shufeldt was an army surgeon, ornithologist, and founding member of the AOU. Included are copies of letters documenting an attempt by Elliott Coues to remove Shufeldt from the AOU due to the publication of his “On the Medico-Legal Aspect of Impotency in Women,” 1897.


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Folder 6 Sm, general. Correspondents include Franklin W. Smith, 1937, 1967, including a photograph of Wetmore aboard the S.S. Stuyvesant, October 1937.
Folder 7 Smith, Hobart Muir, 1940-1946, 1950, 1962-1963, and undated. Includes correspondence documenting Smith's field work investigating Mexican reptiles and amphibians as the recipient of the Walter Rathbone Bacon Traveling Scholarship, 1940-1941.

Folder 8 Smith, Hugh McCormick, 1919-1920, 1922, 1925-1937, and undated. Most of the correspondence concerns Smith's collecting work for the USNM in Siam.

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Folders 4-5 Stejneger, Leonhard, 1923-1924, 1927-1946, 1953. Stejneger, a renowned naturalist, was associated with the USNM for over sixty years as Curator, Division of Reptiles and Amphibians, and Head Curator of Biology. Most of the correspondence concerns USNM business. Of special interest is correspondence documenting Stejneger's participation at the International Zoological Congress at Budapest (10th), 1927; Padova, Italy (11th), 1930; and Lisbon (12th), 1935. Correspondence post-dating his death in 1943 primarily concerns the disposition of Stejneger's library.


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Folders 6-8 Stone, Witmer, 1909, 1913-1931, and undated. Stone served in various positions at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia including Executive Curator, Director, and Vice President. For many years he was Editor of the AOU journal The Auk. Included is correspondence concerning the publication of Wetmore's research papers in The Auk, and various other AOU business, especially the work of the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds.
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Folder 7 Swales, Bradshaw Hall, 1918-1920, 1926-1928, 1930, 1935, and undated. Swales was honorary Assistant Curator, Division of Birds, USNM, 1918-1928. Consists mostly of letters exchanged between Swales and Wetmore while the latter was on field trips for the U. S. Biological Survey. Many of the letters contain news of activities at the USNM and the Washington scientific scene. Of special interest is the letter of 23 July 1918 (Wetmore to Swales) which contains information on an offer to Wetmore to become Curator of Birds and Mammals at the California Academy of Sciences. Correspondence post-dating Swales’ death in 1928 is primarily with his wife.

Folder 8 Swales, Bradshaw Hall. Baseball library, 1928-1929. Concerns Wetmore’s efforts to dispose of Swale’s library and memorabilia relating to baseball.

Folder 10 Swarth, Harry Schelwald, 1915, 1919, 1924-1935

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Folder 4 Taber, William Brewster, Jr., 1926-1927, 1932


Folder 6 Taylor, Frank A., 1934-1943, 1946-1947. Correspondence concerning his duties as Curator, Division of Engineering, USNM.


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Folders 5-7 Van Tyne, Josselyn, 1929-1936, 1939-1959, 1968. Van Tyne, a prominent ornithologist, spent his entire career at the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. His correspondence with Wetmore concerns the AOU; zoological nomenclature; and the preparation of research publications.

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Folder 10 Walcott, Charles D., 1879, 1925, 1928, 1975. Includes a copy of a telegram from Clarence King to Robert P. Whitfield (26 June 1879) inquiring as to the suitability of Walcott as an assistant. Also included is a galley proof of a biographical sketch of Walcott by Ellis L. Yochelson.

Folder 11 Walcott, Frederic C., 1923, 1929-1933, 1941-1948. Consists mostly of correspondence concerning Walcott's service as a regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Folders 5-7 Wood, Casey Albert, 1915-1943, and undated. A professional ophthalmologist, Wood also conducted ornithological research, especially on the eyes and eyesight of birds. The correspondence documents his ornithological research; the publication of his scientific monographs; and his world-wide travels, including trips to British Guiana, 1922, the Fiji Islands, 1923, India and Ceylon, 1925-1926, and Europe, 1930-1939.


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This series consists of correspondence, reports, minutes, financial records, publications, and related materials documenting Alexander Wetmore's extensive involvement in national and international scientific affairs.

Included are records concerning his membership in and service to domestic and foreign scientific societies, ornithological groups, conservation organizations, and social groups; his participation at national and international scientific congresses and meetings; his work on inter-governmental committees; his service as United States representative to international conservation groups; and his relations with museums, colleges and universities, government agencies, and publishers.

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Folder 8 ________________. The Auk, Recent Literature Section, 1962-1974. Correspondence mostly concerning submissions by Wetmore.
Folder 9 _________________. Brewster Award, 1937, 1958-1962, 1964, 1970, and undated. Correspondence concerning Wetmore's service on the Committee on the Brewster Memorial Award, including his tenures as Chairman in 1937 and 1962. Correspondents include Austin Loomer Rand, Joseph James Hickey, and George Hines Lowery, Jr.


Folder 11 American Ornithologists' Union. Checklist of North American Birds, fourth edition, 1925-1926. Wetmore, along with W. deWitt Miller, served as a subcommittee to draft a classification for the checklist. This material primarily consists of drafts of and notes on the proposed classification. See also under Waldron deWitt Miller, series 1, box 42, Folder 4.

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Folder 6 Gorgas Memorial Institute of Tropical and Preventive Medicine. General correspondence, 1944, 1947-1959. This correspondence, and records found in boxes 95 and 96, documents Wetmore’s service on the Executive Committee, 1949-1973, as well as various other committees. Correspondents include Joseph F. Siler and Herbert C. Clark.

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Most of the records consist of routine correspondence inquiring about employment at the USNM. Of particular importance are files concerning a proposed National Museum of History, 1926-1932; records concerning the selection of Wetmore’s successor as Secretary, 1951-1952; and correspondence relating to the USNM Nomenclatural Discussion Group, 1946-1949.

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Series 4: Biographical and Personal Files, 1897-1979 and undated, with related materials from 1848.

This series consists of collected materials primarily documenting the personal life and family history of Alexander Wetmore. Included is correspondence with his immediate family and other relatives; genealogical information on the Wetmore and Woodworth families; biographical data on Wetmore; records documenting his education from grade school through college; papers and drawings from Wetmore's initial work on birds, including a manuscript of his first published paper "My Experience with a Young Red-Headed Woodpecker"; congratulatory correspondence; letters of introduction and recommendation written by Wetmore; records concerning invitations and awards; and a transcript of an oral history interview of Wetmore conducted by the Smithsonian Archives. Of special interest is Wetmore's "Private Zoo" - a card catalogue of species named in his honor.

Also included is a smaller amount of material concerning Wetmore's professional career which consists mostly of personnel notifications from the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Smithsonian. Of particular importance is a memorandum from Wetmore to Charles D. Walcott (13 March 1925) containing his thoughts on the future of the USNM. This memorandum was the basis for Wetmore's selection as Assistant Secretary.

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Folder 4 Bookplate, undated

Folder 5 College papers, 1905-1910. Consists mostly of compositions written for a rhetoric class.


Folder 7 _________________. Acting Secretary, 1944.

Folder 8 _________________. Secretary, 1944-1945.


Folder 10 Elliott Coues Award, 1972

Folder 11 Early drawings of birds, 1898-1902, 1908
Folder 12 Early papers on birds, 1899, 1906. Includes "My Experience with a Young Red-Headed Woodpecker," 1899; "The Usefulness of our Birds," 1899 (read before the Bird and Arbor Day celebration, North Freedom, Wisconsin, 12 May); and "In the Train of the Chicadee," 1906.

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Folder 2 Game Warden, 1938, 1941. Correspondence concerning Wetmore's appointment as a United States Deputy Game Warden, 5 May 1938.


Folder 4 George Washington University, 1915-1919, 1924. Correspondence concerning Wetmore's graduate studies.

Folder 5 Grade school and high school papers, 1901-1902, 1905. Includes "The Early Explorers in the Mississippi Valley," an essay read on graduation from grade school, North Freedom, Wisconsin, 7 June 1901.

Folder 6 Invitations. Concerts, 1933-1942.

Folder 7 ___________. Dedication exercises, 1926, 1929, 1938-1940, 1942, 1949, and undated.


Folder 9 ___________. Lectures, 1911, 1928-1929, 1933-1945, and undated.

Folder 10 ___________. Luncheons, 1936-1949.


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Folder 1 Letters of introduction, 1928-1942, 1946-1950

Folder 2 Letters of recommendation, 1927, 1931-1945, 1949-1950, and undated

Folder 4 Oral history interview conducted by the Smithsonian Archives, 18 April and 8 May 1974

Folder 5 Passports, 1953-1959

Folder 6 "Private Zoo." Card catalogue of species named in Wetmore's honor.

Folder 7 Reprints of articles describing species named for Wetmore, 1916, 1918-1919, 1924


Folder 9 Security clearance, 1947, 1949, 1951


Folder 11 University of Kansas, 1911. Includes Wetmore's academic transcript.


Folder 13 Wetmore, Fay Holloway, 1924, 1926, and undated

Folder 14 Wetmore, Margaret Fenwick Harlan, 1920-1921, 1924-1925, 1927, 1930-1931, and undated

Folder 15 Wetmore, Nelson Franklin and Emma Amelia, 1907-1912, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1935. Incoming and outgoing correspondence with Wetmore's parents. Of special interest are letters detailing his field work in Arizona, 1907; Wyoming, 1910; Alaska, 1911; and Porto Rico, 1912. Also included are letters documenting his work as an Assistant at the Colorado Museum of Natural History, 1909.


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This series consists of itemized accounts for expenses incurred by Alexander Wetmore in connection with field work, attendance at scientific meetings, and other official travel for the Smithsonian Institution.

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Folder 1 Expense accounts, 1929, 1937-1938, 1940-1945
Folder 2 Expense accounts, 1946-1958
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This series consists of various permits used during field investigations of Alexander Wetmore. Included are scientific collecting permits; entry permits; camping permits; hunting licences; driver's licences; application forms; collecting and hunting regulations; annual reports of collections made by Wetmore and by official collecting parties of the Smithsonian Institution; recommendations for permits; and related correspondence.

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Folder 5 Alaska, 1911
Folder 6 Arizona, 1919
Folder 7 Arkansas, 1917
Folder 8 California, 1906, 1914, 1929-1932, 1934, 1937-1941, 1948
Folder 9 Colorado, 1909
Folder 10 District of Columbia, 1924-1925, 1938, 1941
Folder 12 Florida, 1924, 1927-1929, 1933-1934, 1938, 1975
Folder 13 Idaho, 1915
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Folders 1-2 Maryland, 1913, 1918-1974
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Folder 5 Michigan, 1951-1952
Folder 6 Montana, 1915
Folder 7 North Carolina, 1929, 1933-1942
Folder 8 Oregon, 1918
Folder 9 Pennsylvania, 1931-1938
Folder 10 South Carolina, 1940
Folder 11 Tennessee, 1937
Folder 12 Texas, 1938
Folder 13 Utah, 1914

Folders 14-15 Virginia, 1921-1973


Folder 17 West Virginia, 1935-1941, 1946-1947

Folder 18 Wisconsin, 1902-1903, 1906, 1922

Folder 19 Wyoming, 1910
Series 7: Field Notes, Catalogues, Laboratory Notes, and Related Records, circa 1894-1936, and undated.

This series consists primarily of materials documenting Alexander Wetmore's field work, collecting activity, and ornithological observations prior to his entry into federal service in 1910. Included are his initial recorded ornithological observations made in Florida in 1894 at the age of eight; voluminous field notes, migration records, and bird lists made during investigations around his boyhood home in North Freedom, Wisconsin; similar materials compiled during his college career at Lawrence, Kansas, and on trips to the western United States, New York, and Canada; catalogues of his ornithological and natural history collections; and laboratory and lecture notes from college courses.

Also included are brief field notes made during trips around Washington, D. C., and vicinity, 1913, and in the Shenandoah Mountains, 1935-1936.

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Folder 1 Field notes. Florida, 1894-1895. His first recorded natural history observations taken at the age of eight.

Folder 2 Field notes. Partial list of birds seen in Wisconsin, 1898.

Folders 3-10 Field notes. January 1898-April 1902. Bird observations made in and around North Freedom, Wisconsin. Notes of June 1901 were kept on a trip to Minnesota.

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Folders 1-8 Field notes, May 1902-December 1904. Mostly bird observations made in and around North Freedom, Wisconsin. Notes for November 27-December 1, 1904 were taken at Independence, Kansas.

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Folders 1-5 Field notes, December 1904-January 1907. Mostly bird observations and collecting data taken at Independence and Lawrence, Kansas. Also includes notes taken at Minco, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma), May 1905; and Stockton, California, October 1906-January 1907.

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Folders 1-4 Field notes, January 1907-February 1910. Bird observations and collection data recorded at Stockton, California, January-February, 1907; Arizona Territory, February-July 1907; Lawrence, Kansas, July 1907-May 1908; Canandaigua Lake, New York, July-August 1908; Rockport, Canada, August 1908; and Colorado, April 1909-February 1910.

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Folder 1 Field notes, October 1911. Probably taken at Lawrence, Kansas.

Folder 2 Field notes, February-August 1913. Bird observations made on trips in Washington, D. C., Maryland, and Virginia.
Folder 3 Field notes, 1935-1936. Brief notes recorded on several trips to the Shenandoah Mountains, Virginia.


Folder 5 Catalog of Bird Skeletons, circa 1910-1913

Folder 6 Catalog of Egg Collection, circa 1899-1901

Folder 7 Catalog of Stomachs, August 1918-September 1922, volume III, no. 4295-no. 4854

Folder 8 Catalog of Plants, January 1919-April 1921, no. 575-no. 915

Folder 9 Laboratory notes, entomology, 1905-1906.

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Folder 1 Laboratory notes, entomology, 1906

Folder 2 Laboratory notes, chordate morphology, 1910

Folder 3 Migration records, spring, 1900

Folder 4 Migration records, spring, 1901

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Folder 6 Migration records, spring, 1902

Folder 7 Migration records, fall, 1902

Folder 8 Migration records, spring, 1903

Folder 9 Migration records, fall, 1903

Folder 10 Migration records, spring, 1904

Folder 11 Migration records, fall, 1904

Folder 12 Migration records, spring, 1908

Folder 13 Migration records, undated

Folder 14 Monthly bird list, July 1900

Folder 15 Monthly bird lists, June 1902-February 1903

Folder 16 Monthly bird lists, June 1902-January 1905

Folder 17 Monthly bird lists, February 1904-January 1905

Folder 18 Miscellaneous notes, circa 1903-1904. Includes botany notes, and various notes and lists relating to Wetmore's bird collection.
Folder 19 Miscellaneous notes, circa 1904-1907. Includes data for Christmas bird censuses, and a synopsis of collections made in Kansas, California, and Arizona.

Folder 20 Miscellaneous notes, circa 1909-1910. Includes a list of birds mounted for the University of Kansas; a mammal catalog; and lecture notes on anthropology and geology.

Folder 21 Miscellaneous notes, circa 1909, 1915, and undated. Includes bird lists for Minco, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) and Independence, Kansas, and lecture notes on economics.

Folder 22 Miscellaneous notes, undated. Partial synopsis of bird records, Sauk County, Wisconsin.

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This series provides comprehensive documentation of Alexander Wetmore's extensive field work and travel during his service in the federal government. Included are records documenting field trips undertaken for the Bureau of Biological Survey and the Smithsonian Institution; his attendance at scientific conferences and professional meetings, especially of the American Ornithologists' Union and the International Ornithological Congress; inspection trips for the National Geographic Society; and study trips to foreign and domestic museums.

The records include correspondence, field notes, field diaries, expense records, reports, itineraries, photographs and photographic data, newsclippings, reference materials, maps, publications, and memorabilia.

Records concerning Wetmore's Panama field work are found in series 9. Researchers interested in his field work and other travel should also consult series 1, general correspondence, and series 13, photographic materials.

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Folder 1 Wyoming, 1910. To gather data on economic status and geographical distribution of birds and mammals. Included is an expense book, a post card from Merritt Cary, 5 June 1910, and a map.

Folder 2 Alaska, 1911. With Arthur Cleveland Bent to gather data on the economic status and geographic distribution of birds and mammals. Included is correspondence, an expense book, maps, reports on the investigations, and photographs.

Folder 3 Porto Rico, 1911-1912. To investigate the economic status of birds and mammals in cooperation with the Porto Rico Department of Agriculture. Correspondence.

Folder 4 ________________. Field diaries, 13 December 1911-15 September 1912. Four volumes.

Folder 5 ________________. Expense books and addresses.

Folder 6 Utah and California, 1914. To investigate the nature and origin of duck disease and feeding habits of waterfowl. Includes correspondence, 1914-1915, and expense books.

Folder 7 ________________. Field diaries, 15 July-10 December 1914. Two volumes.

Folder 8 Utah and Montana, 1914-1915. To continue investigations into the nature and origin of duck mortality. Correspondence, expense books, receipts, and bank statements.

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Folder 1 Utah and Montana, 1914-1915. Field diaries, 8 July 1914-24 October 1915. Two volumes.
Folder 2 Utah, 1916. To continue investigations in relation to disease and mortality among wild ducks. Correspondence and receipts.

Folder 3 __________. Expense books and bank statements.

Folder 4 __________. Field diaries, 8 May-26 October 1916.


Folder 6 North Carolina, 1917. To investigate damage to farm crops by birds and devise methods of control. Includes a field diary, 4-10 June 1917, correspondence, an expense book, and a report on the investigation.

Folder 7 Arkansas and Texas, 1917-1918. To investigate damage done by birds to rice crops. Includes a field diary, 12 December 1917-6 January 1918, correspondence, and a report on the investigation.

Folder 8 Western United States, 1918. To obtain information on breeding waterfowl and the economic value of bats. Field diaries, 18 May-26 September 1918.

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Folders 1-2 Western United States, 1918. Correspondence, field reports, and reference materials.

Folder 3 _________________. Expense books.

Folder 4 Florida, 1919. To obtain information on the feeding habits of pelicans; lead poisoning of swans and other species of birds; and reported damage to sugar cane crops by rodents. Includes a field diary, 16 January-4 March 1919, correspondence, reports, expense book, and reference materials.

Folder 5 Arizona, 1919. To investigate the economic status of the thick-billed parrot, doves, and other birds. Includes a field diary, 20 May-24 July 1919, correspondence, reports, expense books, and reference materials.

Folder 6 Maryland and Virginia, 1920. To conduct a waterfowl census of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Includes correspondence and expense books.

Folder 7 South America, 1920-1921. To investigate the distribution of life zones of North American migrant birds in southern South America. On this trip, Wetmore was designated a temporary disbursing agent for the Department of Treasury. Includes correspondence concerning his work for the Department of Treasury and other fiscal matters, receipts, bank statements, canceled checks, and expense books.

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Folders 1-2 South America, 1920-1921. Includes correspondence (in English and Spanish), photographic data, newsclippings, memorabilia, and reference materials. Of special interest is a letter from Edward William Nelson (22 November 1920) concerning an offer to Wetmore to join the Third Asiatic Expedition of the American Museum of Natural History.

Folder 3 __________________. Field diaries, dates uncertain.

Folder 4 __________________. Reports, photographs, and miscellaneous notes.

Folder 5 __________________. Timetables.

Folder 6 __________________. Maps and star charts. Includes map of Wetmore's collecting localities.

Folder 7 __________________. Newsclippings.

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Folder 2 South Carolina, 1922. To investigate the possible use of Buzzard Island as a federal bird reservation. Includes field notes, 18-19 July 1922, correspondence, reports, maps, and an expense book.

Folder 3 Minnesota and North Dakota, 1922. To investigate the possibility of creating a game refuge on Island Lake, Minnesota, and collect specimens of Canada Geese and obtain information on their distribution and occurrence in North Dakota. Includes field notes, circa 25 August-25 September 1922, correspondence, reports, and an expense book.

Folder 4 Pennsylvania, 1922. To investigate the condition of quail introduced from northeastern Mexico. Includes field notes, 31 October-4 November 1922, reports, correspondence, reference materials, and an expense book.

Folder 5 Maryland, 1922. To investigate the condition of quail introduced from northeastern Mexico. Includes field notes, 12-17 November 1922, reports, correspondence, and an expense book.

Folders 6-7 Hawaii, 1923 (Tanager Expedition). To examine and secure information on the islands in the Hawaii bird reservation. Correspondence, 1923-1925, 1931, 1937, and undated. Includes itineraries, personnel rosters, bird data, reports, and related materials.

Folder 8 ________________. Fiscal records, including correspondence, bank statements, canceled checks, expense books, receipts, and vouchers.

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Folder 1 Hawaii, 1923 (Tanager Expedition). Maps.

Folder 2 ________________. Memorabilia.
Folder 3 ________________. Photographs and photographic data. Includes photographs taken by Wetmore and other expedition members.

Folder 4 ________________. Field notes, circa 10 April-20 August 1923.

Folder 5 ________________. Journal, 10 March-21 August. Typescript copy.

Folder 6 ________________. Article, "Lava Rock and Coral Sand." Published in part in the National Geographic magazine.


Folders 8-9 ________________. Reference materials.

Folder 10 ________________. Newsclippings.

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Folder 1 Massachusetts, 1923. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Cambridge. Includes correspondence and a report.

Folder 2 Pennsylvania, 1924. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Pittsburgh. Includes correspondence and a report.

Folder 3 Haiti and Dominican Republic, 1927. To make natural history collections for the USNM. Includes field notes, circa 23 March-3 June 1927, correspondence, expense records, and reference materials.


Folder 5 Europe, 1930. To collect specimens of birds for the USNM in Spain, and attend the VII International Ornithological Congress in Amsterdam. Correspondence, itineraries, and expense records.

Folder 6 ____________. Field notes, circa 3 May-21 June 1930, passport, collected business cards, memorabilia, and maps.

Folder 7 ____________. Photographs of Spain.

Folder 8 Haiti, 1931. To collect natural history specimens for the USNM. Accompanied by Frederick C. Lincoln. Field notes, circa 12 March-1 June 1931; correspondence with John Enos Graf, Charles Wallace Richmond, and others; expense records; and reference materials.

Folder 9 Western United States, 1932. To conduct field research and collect natural history specimens, particularly in Arizona. Correspondence with John Enos Graf and others; notes; expense records; and memorabilia.
Folder 1 England, 1934. To attend VIII International Ornithological Congress at Oxford. Correspondence, field and travel notes, expense records, programs, and memorabilia.

Folder 2 _______________. Tourist guides, timetables, and maps.


Folder 4 _______________. Travel notes, expense records, photographs, reference materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 5 _______________. Maps and city plans.

Folder 6 Virginia, 1937. To collect bird specimens on Mount Rogers for the USNM. Accompanied by Joseph James Murray. Correspondence, especially with Murray; expense records; and a report on the winter wren in Virginia.

Folder 7 Venezuela, 1937. To collect bird specimens for the USNM. Correspondence with John Enos Graf, Charles G. Abbot, William Wilson Popenoe, and others; expense records; travel notes; memorabilia; and photographs of Wetmore, Popenoe, Henri Pittier, and Ventura Barnes, Jr.

Folder 8 France, 1938. To attend IX International Ornithological Congress and meeting of the International Committee for Bird Preservation in Rouen. Correspondence, programs, travel and field notes, expense records, maps, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Jean Theodore Delacour.

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Folder 1 Mexico, 1939. To collect bird specimens for the USNM. Correspondence, expense records, permits, film notes, memorabilia, and reference materials. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Louise M. Pearson, and Matthew Williams Stirling. Of special interest is correspondence with Stirling concerning his anthropological field work at Tres Zapotes, Veracruz.

Folder 2 Costa Rica, 1940. To collect bird specimens for the USNM, and examine the biological laboratory on Barro Colorado Island and an archaeological site in Guatemala. Correspondence, expense records, field notes, photographs and photographic records, and reference materials. Correspondents include Charles G. Abbot, John Enos Graf, Frank M. Setzler, and Louise M. Pearson.

Folder 3 _______________. Maps, tourist guides, and timetables.

Folder 4 Colombia, 1941. To collect bird specimens for the USNM. Accompanied by Melbourne Armstrong Carriker, Jr. Correspondence, film notes, reference materials, and a field report. Correspondents include Carriker, Ventura Barnes, Jr., Armando Dugand, F. Carlos Lehmann V., William H. Phelps, William Wilson Popenoe, and James Zetek.

Folder 5 _______________. Expense records.
Folder 6 California, 1948. To attend the executive committee meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Correspondence, itinerary, memorabilia, and a photograph.

Folder 7 Nebraska, 1948. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union at Omaha. Correspondence and itinerary. Correspondents include Olin Sewell Pettingill, Jr., and Frederick C. Lincoln.

Folder 8 Sweden, 1950. To attend the X International Ornithological Congress at Uppsala. Correspondence, travel and film notes, expense records, maps, and memorabilia.

Folder 9 Michigan, 1951. To observe the Kirtland Warbler. Correspondence, travel notes, and a map. Correspondents include Josselyn Van Tyne.

Box 146

Folder 1 California, 1952. To attend the executive committee meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. Correspondence, expense records, and reference materials.

Folder 2 Venezuela, 1952. To attend the Third General Assembly of the International Union for the Protection of Nature held in Caracas. Correspondence, programs, list of participants, speeches, and reports. Correspondents include James H. Kempton and William H. Phelps, Jr.

Folder 3 ______________. Expense records, travel and film notes, photographs, and memorabilia.

Folder 4 ______________. Newsclippings.

Folder 5 California, 1953. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Los Angeles. Correspondence, expense records, programs, and memorabilia.


Folder 7 ______________. Newsclippings.

Folder 8 Europe, 1954. To attend the XI International Ornithological Congress in Basel, Switzerland, and conduct research in Vienna and London. Correspondence, expense records, programs, and newsclippings.

Folder 9 ______________. Travel and film notes, memorabilia, and maps.

Folder 10 Wisconsin, 1954. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Madison. Correspondence, expense records, travel notes, programs, abstracts of papers, and memorabilia.
Folder 1 Massachusetts, 1955. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Boston. Correspondence, expense records, reports, and meeting records.

Folder 2 Nebraska and South Dakota, 1955. To attend Twentieth Anniversary Observance of the World Record Stratosphere Flight as a representative of the National Geographic Society. Correspondence, itineraries, newscloppings, and memorabilia.

Folder 3 Colorado, 1956. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Denver and Boulder. Correspondence, expense records, travel notes, and meeting records.

Folder 4 Illinois, 1957. To address the Centennial Meeting of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Correspondence, expense records, reference materials, and his speech, "The Standing of the Natural Sciences in the Atomic Age."

Folder 5 Africa, 1957. To attend the Pan-Africa Ornithological Congress in Livingstone, Rhodesia. Correspondence, expense records, itineraries, meeting records, and a group photograph of the Congress.

Folder 6 ____________. Maps and memorabilia.

Folder 7 New Jersey, 1957. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Cape May. Correspondence, expense records, travel notes, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 8 Finland and England, 1958. To attend the XII International Ornithological Congress in Helsinki and the XV International Congress of Zoology in London. Correspondence, travel notes, meeting materials, maps, and memorabilia.

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Folder 1 New York, 1958. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in New York City. Programs and memorabilia.


Folder 3 Saskatchewan, 1959. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Regina and visit in North Freedom, Wisconsin, on return. Correspondence, expense records, film notes, itineraries, meeting materials, reports, and memorabilia.

Folder 4 Michigan, 1960. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Ann Arbor. Correspondence, receipts, reports, meeting materials, newscloppings, and memorabilia.

Folder 5 Virginia, 1961. To attend the Virginia Society of Ornithology meeting in Abingdon. Program, receipts, map, and memorabilia.
Folder 6 Colorado, 1961. To inspect the National Geographic Society’s Wetherill Mesa Archaeological Project, Mesa Verde National Park. Correspondence, itinerary, program, and memorabilia.

Folder 7 Utah, 1962. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union in Salt Lake City. Correspondence, reports, meeting materials, receipts, and memorabilia.

Folder 8 Florida, 1963. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union in Gainesville. Correspondence, expense records, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 9 Colorado, 1964. To inspect the National Geographic Society’s Wetherill Mesa Archaeological Project, Mesa Verde National Park. Correspondence, agendas, and memorabilia.

Folder 10 Kansas, 1964. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union in Lawrence. Correspondence, reports, receipts, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

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Folder 1 England, 1964. To study the bird collections at the British Museum (Natural History). Correspondence, travel notes, receipts, and memorabilia.

Folder 2 East Africa and Monaco, 1965. To participate in an inspection tour of projects supported by the National Geographic Society, including projects conducted by Louis S. B. Leakey and Jacques Cousteau. Correspondence, reports, itineraries, travel notes, expense records, agendas, newsclippings, and photographs.

Folder 3 _______________________. Maps and memorabilia.

Folder 4 Ohio, 1965. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union in Columbus. Correspondence, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 5 Illinois, 1966. To attend a meeting of the National Geographic Society’s Board of Trustees in Chicago and study the bird collections at the Chicago Natural History Museum. Correspondence, itinerary, and memorabilia.

Folder 6 England, 1966. To attend the XIV International Ornithological Congress at Oxford and study birds at the British Museum (Natural History). Correspondence and meeting materials.

Folder 7 _______________. Travel notes, maps, and memorabilia.

Folder 8 Minnesota, 1966. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union in Duluth. Correspondence, meeting materials, and memorabilia. Of special interest is a copy of pileated woodpecker observations by Fred Kent Truslow.

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Folder 1 Florida, 1967. To review National Geographic Society research projects at the Institute of Marine Science, University of Miami. Correspondence, itinerary, and memorabilia.

Folder 2 California, 1967. To inspect the National Geographic Society - San Bernadino County Museum sponsored archaeological excavation at Calico Hill led by Louis S. B. Leakey. Correspondence, itinerary, reports, and memorabilia.

Folder 3 Virginia, 1967. To attend the meeting of the Virginia Ornithological Society in Richmond. Correspondence, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 4 Ontario, 1967. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union in Toronto. Correspondence, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 5 Connecticut, 1967. To attend the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology meeting in New Haven. Correspondence, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 6 Virginia, 1968. To attend the Virginia Society of Ornithology meeting in Charlottesville. Correspondence and meeting materials.

Folder 7 Alaska, 1968. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Fairbanks. Correspondence, expense records, itinerary, meeting materials, and a newsclipping which includes a photograph of Wetmore celebrating his eighty-second birthday.

Folder 8 Netherlands Antilles, 1969. To study bird populations on the island of Bonaire. Correspondence, reports, newsclippings, permits, travel notes, expense records, memorabilia, and photographs and photographic records.

Folder 9 Virginia, 1969. To attend the joint meeting of the Virginia Society of Ornithology and the Wilson Ornithological Society in Williamsburg. Correspondence, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

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Folder 1 Turkey, Cyprus, and England, 1969. To review archaeological research projects sponsored by the National Geographic Society in Turkey and Cyprus and to study the bird collections at the British Museum (Natural History). Correspondence, itineraries, reports, travel notes, and memorabilia.

Folder 2 ________________. Reference materials and maps.

Folder 3 Arkansas, 1969. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union in Fayetteville. Correspondence, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 5 Illinois, 1970. To attend a meeting of the National Geographic Society's Board of Trustees and to study the bird collections at the Field Museum of Natural History. Correspondence, receipts, and meeting materials.

Folder 6 Netherlands and England, 1970. To attend the XV International Ornithological Congress at the Hague and study the bird collections at the British Museum (Natural History). Correspondence; meeting materials; notes on birds studied; expense records; travel records; photographs of Wetmore, Guy Mountfort, A. Landsborough Thompson, and Erwin Stresseman; and memorabilia.

Folder 7 ________________. Abstracts of papers given at XV International Ornithological Congress.

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Folder 1 New York, 1970. To visit the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, with the Board of Trustees of the National Geographic Society. Correspondence, itineraries, and reference materials.

Folder 2 New York, 1970. To accept the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology Arthur A. Allen Award in Ithaca. Correspondence, biographical notes, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Ernst Mayr and Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

Folder 3 Virginia, 1971. To attend the Virginia Society of Ornithology meeting in Staunton. Correspondence, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 4 Washington, 1971. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Seattle. Correspondence and meeting materials.

Folder 5 Virginia, 1972. To attend the Virginia Society of Ornithology meeting in Fredericksburg. Correspondence, meeting materials, and a handwritten draft of his paper, "Ancient Records from the Coastal Area."

Folder 6 North Dakota, 1972. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Grand Forks. Correspondence, travel notes, expense records, meeting materials, and memorabilia.

Folder 7 ________________. Abstracts of papers given at the 1972 AOU meeting.

Folder 8 Massachusetts, 1973. To attend the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Provincetown and study the bird collections at the Museum of Comparative Zoology. Correspondence, itineraries, and meeting materials.

Folder 9 ________________. Memorabilia.

Folder 10 Virginia, 1974. To attend the Virginia Society of Ornithology meeting in Virginia Beach. Correspondence, checklist of birds, receipts, and meeting materials.

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This series contains records documenting Alexander Wetmore's field work in Panama in 1944 and from 1946 to 1966. Wetmore made a detailed and exhaustive survey of Panama's birds, covering the entire isthmus with his explorations. The culmination of this extensive work was the publication of *The Birds of the Republic of Panama*.

The records include correspondence, field reports, itineraries, photographs and photographic data, expense records, permits, notes, newscippings, reference materials, and memorabilia. The correspondence, which is mostly with Smithsonian officials and staff, not only documents Wetmore's work, but also provides useful information on day-to-day activities at the Institution during the late 1940s and early 1950s. Letters written by John Enos Graf are of particular importance.

Researchers should also see series 13 for photographs relating to Wetmore's field explorations in Panama.

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Folder 1 Panama, 1944. To inspect the experimental work of the Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, on San Jose Island and make natural history collections for the USNM. Assisted by Joseph P. E. Morrison. Correspondence, expense records, permits, and vaccination certificates. Correspondents include Morrison, John Enos Graf, Harry W. Dorsey, Louise M. Pearson, and Frank M. Setzler.

Folder 2 ____________. Reference materials, addresses of contacts, passport photographs, newscippings, and memorabilia.

Folder 3 Panama, 1946. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area, inspect the San Jose Project of 1944, and collect bird specimens in Darien. Assisted by Watson M. Perrygo. Correspondence, photographs and photographic notes, expense records, travel notes, reference materials, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf and Louise M. Pearson.

Folder 4 Panama, 1947. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area, inspect the San Jose Project of 1944, and collect bird specimens in Darien. Assisted by Watson M. Perrygo. Correspondence, expense records, travel notes, newscippings, and film notes. Correspondents include John Enos Graf. Of special interest is a letter from Wetmore to H. R. Harmon (12 June 1947) which contains a report on the expedition.

Folder 5 Panama, 1948. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and to collect bird specimens in Herrera and Los Santos. Assisted by Watson M. Perrygo. Correspondence, newscippings, expense records, film notes, travel notes, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Louise M. Pearson, and James Zetek. Of special interest is a letter from Wetmore to Willis H. Hale (6 May 1948) which contains a report on the expedition.
Folder 6 Panama, 1949. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and to collect bird specimens in Chepo and other parts of Panama. Assisted by Watson M. Perrygo. Correspondence, reference materials, expense records, travel notes, and film notes. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Louise M. Pearson, James Zetek, Ratibor Hartmann, Matthew Williams and Marion Illg Stirling, and Karl P. Curtis. Of special interest is correspondence with the Stirlings concerning their archaeological field work in Panama, and a letter from Wetmore to Willis H. Hale (8 June 1949) which contains a report on the expedition.

Folder 7 Panama, 1950. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and to collect bird specimens in Chiman and along Rio Maje in Darien. Assisted by Watson M. Perrygo. Correspondence, reference materials, expense records, travel notes, film notes, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Louise M. Pearson, Herbert C. Clark, Karl P. Curtis, Charles Lewis Gazin, and Ratibor Hartmann.

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Folder 1 Panama, 1951. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and to collect bird specimens in Cerro Campana and other points in Panama. Assisted by Watson M. Perrygo. Correspondence, permits, newsclippings, expense records, travel notes, itinerary, film notes, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Ratibor Hartmann, John L. Keddy, Louise M. Pearson, Matthew Williams and Marion Illg Stirling, and James Zetek. Of special interest is correspondence from the Stirlings documenting archaeological field work in Panama.

Folder 2 Panama, 1952. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and collect bird specimens along the Rio Indio and on Taboga Island. Correspondence, expense records, newsclippings, reference materials, travel notes, film notes, itinerary, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Louise M. Pearson, Eugene Eisenmann, Matthew Williams and Marion Illg Stirling, and James Zetek.

Folder 3 Panama, 1953. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and the Museo Nacional and collect bird specimens in Sona, Veraguas. Assisted by Watson M. Perrygo. Correspondence, permits, photographs and photographic notes, expense records, itinerary, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Louise M. Pearson, Matthew Williams and Marion Illg Stirling, Margaret Wetmore Harlan, James Zetek, Eugene Eisenmann, and Karl P. Curtis.

Folder 4 Panama, 1954. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and collect bird specimens in Chiriqui. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. The Netherlands Antilles and Venezuela were also visited. Correspondence, newsclippings, reference materials, permits, itinerary, film notes, travel notes, expense records, field report, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Watson M. Perrygo, James Zetek, and Adela Gomez.
Folder 5 Panama, 1955. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, and to collect bird specimens in the Canal Zone and Chiriqui. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, permits, newscippings, film notes, travel notes, expense records, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, A. Remington Kellogg, and James Zetek.

Folder 6 Panama, 1956. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area, and collect bird specimens in the Canal Zone and on Isla Coiba. Correspondence, film notes, travel notes, newscippings, expense records, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, A. Remington Kellogg, James Zetek, and Margaret Wetmore Harlan.

Folder 7 Panama, 1957. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area, the Museo Nacional, and the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory; and to collect bird specimens in the Tonosi Valley, Los Santos, San Blas Islands, and the Azuero Peninsula. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, newscippings, reference materials, travel notes, film notes, expense records, and memorabilia. Correspondents include John Enos Graf, Herbert Friedmann, Herbert Girton Deignan, Henry Allen Moe, and Margaret Harlan Wetmore.

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Folder 1 Panama, 1958. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and to collect bird specimens in the Canal Zone, Bocas del Toro, Cocle, La Jagua, and on Isla Escudo de Veraguas. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, reference materials, expense records, travel notes, photographs and photographic records, field report, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Herbert Friedmann and Louise M. Pearson.

Folder 2 Panama, 1959. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area, and collect bird specimens in the Canal Zone and Darien. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, expense records, newscippings, travel notes, film notes, field report, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Herbert Friedmann and Charles O. Handley, Jr. Of special interest are Handley's letters documenting his field work in Panama.

Folder 3 Panama, 1960. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and collect bird specimens in the Canal Zone and on various Pacific islands. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, newscippings, expense records, film notes, travel notes, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Carl Milton Johnson and Pedro Galindo.

Folder 4 Panama, 1961. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and collect bird specimens in the Canal Zone and Darien. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, newscippings, expense records, travel notes, film notes, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Adela Gomez and Richard H. Stewart.
Folder 5 Panama, 1962. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area, and collect bird specimens in the Canal Zone and the Bay of Panama. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, permits, newsclippings, itinerary, expense records, travel notes, photographs and photographic records, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Richard H. Stewart.

Folder 6 Panama, 1963. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area, and collect birds in the Canal Zone, Cocle, Darien, the San Blas Islands, and the islands off the coast of Chiriqui. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, permits, travel notes, film notes, field report, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Harvey R. Bullis, Jr.

Folder 7 Panama, 1964. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, and collect bird specimens in El Real and on Cerro Mali. Correspondence, newsclippings, permits, maps, film notes, travel notes, expense records, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Pedro Galindo, Charles O. Handley, Jr., and Beatrice Thielen Wetmore.

Folder 8 Panama, 1965. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area and the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, and to collect bird specimens on Isla Cebaco and other points in Panama. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, newsclippings, photographs and photographic data, travel notes, and memorabilia. Correspondents include Beatrice Thielen Wetmore.

Folder 9 Panama, 1966. To visit the Canal Zone Biological Area, and collect bird specimens in the Canal Zone and Chiriqui. Assisted by Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Correspondence, newsclippings, travel notes, photographs and photographic data, permits, and memorabilia.

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Folder 1 Birds of the Republic of Panama. Part 3. Tyrannidae.
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Folder 10 Drawing of Pharomachrus mocino costaricensis. Published in Birds of the Republic of Panama, part 2.

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This series consists of a sample of the original illustrations used in many of Alexander Wetmore's papers on fossil birds. Most of the illustrations were executed by Sydney C. Prentice, to whom Wetmore dedicated a new species of rail in 1944. Also included are a few photographs of fossil bird bones.

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Folder 11 Chen pressa. Figures 5-8, "Pliocene Bird Remains from Idaho," 1933.

Folder 12 Columbus oligoecaenus. Figures 6-7, "A Record of the Fossil Grebe Columbus parvus, from the Pliocene of California, with Remarks on Other American Fossils of This Family," 1937.

Folder 13 Columbus parvus. Figures 1-5 and 14-15, "A Record of the Fossil Grebe, Columbus parvus, from the Pliocene of California, with Remarks on Other American Fossils of This Family," 1937. Includes handwritten notes.


Folder 18 Eogrus aeola. Figures 1, 3-5, "Fossil Birds from Mongolia and China," 1934.


Folder 20 Falco ramenta. Figure 14, "Two New Species of Hawks from the Miocene of Nebraska," 1936.


Folder 26 Grus grus. Figure not numbered, "Avian Remains from the Pleistocene of Central Java," 1940.


Folder 29 Leptotila titan. Figure not numbered, "Avian Remains from the Pleistocene of Central Java," 1940.


Folder 32 Moris vagabundus. Figure 4, "Fossil Bird Remains from the Temblor Formation near Bakers field, California," 1930.

Folder 34 Neophrontops vetustus. Figure not numbered, "Two More Fossil Hawks from the Miocene of Nebraska," 1943.


Folder 36 Ortalis tantala. Figures 10-14, "A Fossil Gallinaceous Bird from the Lower Miocene of Nebraska," 1933.

Folder 37 Palaeaelectoris incertus. Figures 1-3, "Two Fossil Birds from the Miocene of Nebraska," 1930.

Folder 38 Palaeastur atavus. Figure not numbered, "Two More Fossil Hawks from the Miocene of Nebraska," 1943.

Folder 39 Palaeoborus howardae. Figure 13, "Two New Species of Hawks from the Miocene of Nebraska," 1936.


Folder 41 Palaeogyps prodromus. Figures 7-14, "Fossil Birds from the Oligocene of Colorado," 1927.

Folder 42 Palaeonossax senectus. Figure 7, "A Fossil Guan from the Oligocene of South Dakota," 1956.


Folder 47 Phasmagyps patritus. Figures 1-6, "Fossil Birds from the Oligocene of Colorado," 1927.

Folder 48 Podilymbus magnus. Figures 8-13, "A record of the Fossil Grebe Columbus parvus, from the Pliocene of California, with Remarks on Other American Fossils of This Family," 1937.


Folder 57 Telecrex grangeri. Figure 6, "Fossil Birds from Mongolia and China," 1934.


Folder 59 Titanohierax gloveralleni. Figures 4-9, "Bird Remains from Cave Deposits on Great Exuma Island in the Bahamas," 1937.


This series consists of desk diaries and appointment books kept by Alexander Wetmore from 1917 to 1956, not inclusive. The volumes for 1917, 1919-1920, 1923, 1926-1930, and 1953-1956 contain brief accounts of daily activities, research interests, field work, and social events. The volumes for the years 1932-1950 are primarily appointment books kept by Wetmore’s secretary.

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This series provides extensive photographic documentation of all aspects of Wetmore's professional career. Included are voluminous photographs taken by Wetmore on field trips and scientific expeditions; photographs documenting his attendance at scientific meetings, official functions, and social gatherings; photographs from his boyhood in North Freedom, Wisconsin; photographs of events in which he participated during his Smithsonian career; portraits of Wetmore; photographs of Wetmore with family, friends, and colleagues; and photographs of professional colleagues collected by Wetmore.

Many of the photographs are found in albums maintained by Wetmore from 1901 to 1969. The albums are organized in two categories - "field work and travel" and "miscellaneous." Albums in the first category contain photographs of Wetmore in the field, expedition colleagues, field operations, and native people, fauna, flora, and physiography of regions visited. Also included are photographs taken by Wetmore at meetings of the International Ornithological Congress in Europe. The "miscellaneous" albums are more personal in nature, but also depict field work and travel, especially to attend meetings of the American Ornithologists' Union. They also provide many photographs of annual outings of the Washington Biologists' Field Club.

Other photographic media represented in the series include lantern slides, 35mm color slides, motion pictures (including a National Geographic Society film on Barro Colorado Island), and negatives.

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Photograph Albums - Field Work and Travel

Album 1 Wyoming, 1910; Alaska, 1911; Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1911-1912. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Merritt Cary, Daniel Denison Streeter, and Arthur Cleveland Bent.

Albums 2-3 "A Summer in Wyoming - 1910." Consists mostly of duplicates of photographs found in album 1.

Album 4 Alaska, 1911; Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, 1911-1912. Consists mostly of duplicates of photographs found in album 1. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Arthur Cleveland Bent, and Rollo Howard Beck.

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Album 1 Biological Survey, 1914-1922. Photographs taken on field investigations in Utah and California, 1914; Utah and Montana, 1915; Utah, 1916; Arkansas, 1917; New Mexico, California, and Oregon, 1918; Florida, 1919; South Carolina, 1922; Minnesota and North Dakota, 1922. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Albert Kenrick Fisher, and E. L. Pineau.

Album 2 Uruguay, Argentina, and Paraguay, 1920. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Carl Hettman, and Fred Hettman.

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Album 1 Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Peru, 1920-1921. Includes photographs of Wetmore, James Lee Peters, and Wilfrid B. Alexander.

Album 2 Pacific Islands, 1923 (Tanager Expedition), volume 1. Includes photographs of Wetmore, William G. Anderson, and Eric Schlemmer.
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Album 1 Guatemala and Honduras, 1936; Venezuela, 1937; Veracruz, 1939. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Henri Pittier, Ventura Barnes, Jr., William Wilson Popenoe, Matthew Williams Stirling, Marion Ilg Stirling, and Clarence Weiant.

Album 2 Panama, Costa Rica and Guatemala, 1940; Panama, 1944. Includes photographs of Wetmore and Joseph P. E. Morrison.

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Album 1 Colombia, Curacao, Venezuela, and Bermuda, 1941. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Armando Dugand, F. Carlos Lehmann V., Hermano Apolinar Maria, Jose Cuatrecasas, Melbourne Armstrong Carriker, Jr., and Raymond E. Crist.

Box 176

Album 1 Panama (Darien), 1946. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Watson M. Perrygo, T. C. Schneirla, and James Zetek. Also included are photographs of the Barro Colorado Island Laboratory.

Box 177
Album 1 Panama (Darien), 1947. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Watson M. Perrygo, James Zetek, and C. W. Quaintance. Also included are photographs of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

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Album 1 Panama, 1948. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Watson M. Perrygo, Gordon Randolph Willey, Richard H. Stewart, Matthew Williams Stirling, Marion Illg Stirling, Finn Ronne, Karl P. Curtis, Howard Clark, and Alejandro Mendez P.

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Album 1 Panama, 1949. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Watson M. Perrygo, Richard H. Stewart, Matthew Williams Stirling, Marion Illg Stirling, and James Zetek.

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Album 1 Panama, 1950. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Watson M. Perrygo, and Ratibor Hartmann. Also includes photographs of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

Box 181

Album 1 Panama, 1951. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Watson M. Perrygo, Harold Trapido, Shirley Gage, Graham Bell Fairchild, Marshall Hertig, James Zetek, Marion Illg Stirling, Matthew Williams Stirling, and Richard H. Stewart. Also includes photographs of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

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Album 1 Panama, 1952. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Watson M. Perrygo, Harold Trapido, and James Zetek. Also includes photographs of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

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Album 1 Panama, 1954. Includes photographs of Wetmore and Beatrice Thielen Wetmore.


Album 2 Europe, 1954. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Beatrice Thielen Wetmore, Collingwood Ingram, George Hines Lowery, Jr., Charles Gald Sibley, Robert Winthrop Storer, Ernst Mayr, Sven Horstadius, and A. Landsborough Thomson.

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Album 1 Panama, 1955. Includes photographs of Wetmore and Beatrice Thielen Wetmore.


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Album 1 Panama and Coiba Island, 1956.


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Album 2 Panama, 1957. Volume 2. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Beatrice Thielen Wetmore, Carl B. Koford, and Graham Bell Fairchild. Also includes photographs of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

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Album 1 Panama, 1958. Includes photographs of Wetmore and Beatrice Thielen Wetmore. Also includes photographs of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

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Album 2 Panama, 1959. Volume 1. Includes photographs of Wetmore and Beatrice Thielen Wetmore.

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Box 192
Album 1 Panama, 1960. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Beatrice Thielen Wetmore, and Frank Alexander Hartman.


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Album 3 Panama, 1963. Includes photographs of Wetmore, Beatrice Thielen Wetmore, Harvey R. Bullis, Jr., Charles O. Handley, Jr., and Francis Greenwell.

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Album 1 Bonaire and Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, 1969. Includes photographs of Wetmore and Beatrice Thielen Wetmore.

Photograph Albums - Miscellaneous

Album 2 1901-1922. Includes photographs documenting Wetmore's early natural history field work in Wisconsin, Kansas, and Colorado, 1901-1909; his work as a taxidermist at the University of Kansas Museum and the Colorado Museum of Natural History; and outings of the Washington Biologists' Field Club. Also included are photographs of Wetmore, his family, and home. Other individuals represented by photographs include Charles Dean Bunker, Ernest John Osler, Edward Alexander Preble, and Waldo Lee McAtee.

Box 196

Album 1 1933-1943. Consists mostly of photographs documenting field and official trips to Virginia, 1933-1937, 1939-1943; West Virginia, 1936; Tennessee, 1937; Kentucky, 1938; North Carolina, 1939; and Maryland, 1941. Also included are photographs of Wetmore; outings of the Washington Biologists' Field Club; an excursion to Williamsburg, Virginia, by the VIII American Scientific Congress, 1940; and the Smithsonian World War II storage facilities at Shenandoah National Park. Individuals represented by photographs include Herbert Friedmann, Austin Roberts, John Enos Graf, Watson M. Perrygo, John Carleton Lingebach, Austin H. Clark, Joseph James Murray, Albert Kenrick Fisher, Herbert Girton Deignan, Gregor Rohwer, Adriaan Joseph van Rossem, Abelardo Moreno Bonilla, John Southgate Hoyt, Edward Alphonso Goldman, Frank M. Setzler, Carl W. Mitman, Robert Cushman Murphy, and John Warren Aldrich.


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Album 2 "Twentieth Anniversary of the Flight of the Stratosphere Balloon Explorer II, Rapid City, South Dakota," 1955

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Folder 10 ________________. With Beatrice Thielen Wetmore and Carl Milton Johnson, undated.

Folder 11 ________________. With Stewart Anderson, 1944.

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Folder 14 ________________. With William D. Hassett, 1951.
Folder 15 _________________. With Carl Milton Johnson, undated.
Folder 16 _________________. With Harley M. Kilgore, 1952.
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Folder 11 Beckham, Charles Wickliffe, 1884
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Folder 13 Blackburne, William H. (with William M. Mann), undated
Folder 14 Boving, Adam Giede, 1940.

Broeckhuysen, G. J. See under E. Middlemiss.
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Folder 16 Bunker, Charles Dean, 1948
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Folder 20 Chapman, Frank Michler, 1929
Folder 21 Cooke, Wells Woodbridge, undated
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Folder 37 Kalmbach, Edwin R., 1941
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Folder 39 Kuroda, Nagamichi, 1921
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Folder 41 Mathews, Gregory Macalister, undated
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Folder 58 Schwarz, Eugene Amandus, undated
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Folder 22 National Academy of Sciences meeting with President Eisenhower, circa 1950s

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Folder 37 "Third Monday Group" dinner in honor of Wetmore's 88th birthday, 17 June 1974

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   Lantern Slides - Miscellaneous

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National Geographic Society Barro Colorado Island film, circa 1950. Two 3/4" U-matic Video copies. (Accession 06-067)

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This series documents Alexander Wetmore's service as Chairman of the National Academy of Sciences' Daniel Giraud Elliot Fund Award Committee from 1947 to 1963. The records primarily consist of correspondence with committee members concerning the nomination and selection of candidates for the award. Also included are files created by Wetmore's predecessor, William King Gregory.

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Folders 1-3 Elliot Fund Award Committee. Files of William King Gregory as Chairman, 1929-1947.

Folders 4-5 ________________. Files of Alexander Wetmore as Chairman, 1947-1952.

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Folders 1-6 Elliot Fund Award Committee. Files of Alexander Wetmore as Chairman, 1953-1963. Of special interest is a copy of Arthur Cleveland Bent's acceptance speech on receiving the award. The speech contains information concerning Bent's "Life Histories of North American Birds."

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Series 15: Research Files, circa 1911-1972, and undated.

This series consists primarily of field records; specimen lists; published materials; maps; manuscripts of published and unpublished papers; notes; and related materials created and collected by Alexander Wetmore that document his research on recent and fossil birds. Also included are smaller amounts of correspondence, photographs, and drawings.

Of particular interest is a large file of unpublished manuscripts, speeches, and radio talks; a journal, correspondence, specimen lists, and notes documenting William Louis Abbott's field work in Haiti, 1916-1928; a journal kept by Watson M. Perrygo on a field expedition to Haiti in 1928-1929; diaries and photographs concerning the Parish-Smithsonian Expedition to Haiti, 1930; and correspondence concerning Wetmore's study of avian fossils discovered by Louis S. B. Leakey.

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Folder 5 Argentina and Paraguay. Specimen lists, 1920.

Folder 6 Barn owls, 1971-1974. Correspondence and newspaper clippings concerning the reintroduction of barn owls in the towers of the Smithsonian Building.

Folder 7 Batty, Joseph H., c. 1949-1956. Examination of collected data regarding birds in Panama. (Accession 07-077)

Folder 8 Bermuda fossil birds, 1956-1960. Correspondence concerning Wetmore's work identifying fossil bird bones collected in Bermuda. Correspondents include William H. Sutcliffe, Jr., and David Wingate.


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Folders 1-2 Diagnostic classification. Specimen lists and notes used in Wetmore’s, “A Systematic Classification for the Birds of the World.” Originally published in 1930, with five revisions.


Folder 4 Fiji. Specimen lists, 1923-1924, and undated.


Folder 6 North American Fossil Birds, 1933 (Accession 05-045)

Folder 7 Fossil bird eggs. Photographs, undated.

Folder 8 Fossil feathers. Photographs, undated.


Folder 10 Guajira (Colombia). Correspondence, 1941-1942, 1945, 1949.

Folder 11 _________________. Specimen lists and notes, 1941-1943, and undated.

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Folder 2 _____. Correspondence between William Louis Abbott and Charles Wallace Richmond concerning Abbott’s field work, 1916-1922. Originals and copies.


Folder 5 _____. Specimen lists and notes, 1927, 1929, and undated.

Folder 6 _____. Maps.

Folder 7 _____. Journal of Watson M. Perrygo, 1928-1929.
Folder 8. Photographs, 1927, and undated. Consists mostly of photographs from Wetmore's 1927 expedition to Haiti and the Dominican Republic.


Folder 10. Published materials.

Folder 11. Haitian cave specimen drawings, undated


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Folder 2. Insecticides, 1929, 1932


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Folder 3 Migration of birds in South America. Notes, undated.


Folder 5 Montserrat, West Indies. Specimen lists and notes, 1924, and undated.

Folder 6 Notes and specimen lists from Biological Survey research, 1912-1924


Folder 8 Pacific Islands. Specimen lists and publications, 1972, and undated.


Folder 10 Paracutin Volcano, 1943-1945. Reports on and photographs of the eruption of the Mexican volcano.

Folder 11 Parish-Smithsonian Expedition to Haiti, 1930. Diaries of Watson M. Perrygo and Lee H. Parish (copy).

Folder 12 _________________. Photographs.


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Folder 1 Pinchot South Seas Expedition, 1929. Notes and photographs.

Folder 2 Plummers Island, Maryland. Check-list of birds, 1967.

Folder 3 Popular manual of bird study. Notes, undated.

Folder 4 Puerto Rico. Correspondence, 1912-1913, 1921-1924, 1939-1940. Correspondents include Ludlow Griscom and Frederick A. Potts.


Folder 6 ____________. Maps.


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Folder 9 ____________. Specimen lists and notes, circa 1911-1912, and undated.
Folder 10 Rallidae. Specimen lists, notes, and drawings, undated.

Folder 11 Rhynchopsitta. Notes and drawings, 1918, and undated.


Folder 13 Snowy Owls, 1926-1927. Correspondence concerning a large migration of snowy owls to the Mid-Atlantic region during the winter of 1926-1927.

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Folder 2 ______. Publications.

Folder 3 Spanish lessons, 1940, and undated


Folder 5 Trogonidae. Notes and drawings, 1917-1918, and undated.


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Folder 1 Unpublished manuscripts, speeches, and radio talks, undated

Folder 2 Utah. Notes, specimen lists, and publications, undated.


Folder 6 Veracruz. Manuscript, in Spanish, "Observaciones sobre la Ornitologia de la zona sur de Veracruz, Mexico"; notes; maps; photographs; copies of field notes and collecting data of Edward William Nelson and Melbourne Armstrong Carriker, Jr.; and published materials, circa 1940, and undated.

Folder 7 Virginia bird records, 1933-1938, 1967-1968, and undated

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Series 16: Diplomas, Certificates, and Awards, 1901-1970, and undated, with Related Materials from 1876.

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Folder 1 Acacia Fraternity. Membership, circa 1910.

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Folder 5 American Society of Mammalogists. Life membership, 13 September 1928.

Folder 6 Anteaters Association. Membership, 1 November 1951.


Folder 8 Biological Society of Washington. Life membership, 31 March 1932.

Folder 9 Bird Fanciers Association of New York. Honorary membership, 9 June 1944.


Folder 12 Domain of Neptunus Rex, 10 June 1920


Folder 14 George Washington University, Omicron Delta Kappa. Membership, 4 May 1950.

Folder 15 _________________. Alumni Achievement Award, 13 May 1945.

Folder 16 George Washington University. Alumni Service Award, 9 May 1962.

Folder 17 _________________. Alumni Association life membership, undated.

Folder 18 Herpetologists League. Honorary Fellow, 14 November 1946.

Folder 19 National Geographic Society. Membership, 18 January 1927.


Folder 21 New York Academy of Sciences. Membership, 5 February 1940.

Folder 23 Ripon College. Honorary Doctor of Science degree, 6 June 1959.

Folder 24 Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. Fellow, 3 May 1945.

Folder 25 Smithsonian Institution. Forty years of service, 9 July 1963.

Folder 26 Sociedad Cubana de Historia Natural Felipe Poey. Honorary membership, 1938.

Folder 27 Sociedade Protectora dos Animaes de Santos e Sao Vicente, 4 October 1926.


Folder 29 United States Department of State. Certificate of membership, Organizing Committee for the Inter-American Conference on Conservation of Renewable Natural Resources, Denver, September 1948.

Folder 30 _______________. Certificate of membership, United States delegation to the X International Ornithological Congress, Uppsala, Sweden, June 1950.


Folder 32 University of Kansas. Certificate of Graduation, 18 January 1912.

Folder 33 _______________. Life membership, 31 May 1935.

Folder 34 _______________. Alumni Award for Distinguished Service, 9 June 1941.

Folder 35 _______________. Gold Medal Club, undated.

Folder 36 University of Wisconsin. Honorary Doctor of Science degree, 25 May 1946.


Folder 39 "Wright Flyer." Original fabric from the Wright Flyer and a certificate of authenticity, undated.

Folder 40 Zoological Society of London. Corresponding membership, 1927.

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Academia de Ciencias Fisicas, Matematicas y Naturales (Caracas, Venezuela). Corresponding member, 1970.
Academy of Medicine of Washington, D. C. Membership, 6 June 1946.

Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Corresponding member, 8 June 1926.

American Ornithologists' Union. Honorary President, undated.


Centre College of Kentucky. Honorary Doctor of Science Degree, 15 November 1947.

Cooper Ornithological Society. Life membership, undated.

Explorers Club. Explorers Club Medal, 2 November 1962

Explorers Club. Honorary membership, 5 April 1948.


George Washington University. Certificate of appreciation for his service as President of the Alumni Association, 1950.

Grade School diploma, Sauk County (WI) Public Schools, 3 June 1901


Orden de Merito, Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Cuba, 1948

Royal Hungarian Institute of Ornithology. Honorary membership, 1929, 1939. Two diplomas.

Sociedad de Ciencias Naturales Caldas (Medellin, Colombia). Unidentified certificate, undated.


Societe Nationale d'Acclimitation de France. Isidore Geoffroy St. Hilaire Medal, 1926.

Society of the Sigma Xi. Membership, 18 April 1929.


United States Department of State. Chairman of the U. S. delegation, IX International Ornithological Congress, March 1938.

United States Department of State. Secretary General, Eighth American Scientific Congress, Washington, D. C., May 1940.


Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Instituto del Museo. Corresponding member, 17 September 1936.


Oversize

High School diploma, Montgomery County, Kansas, 19 May 1905

Bachelor of Arts diploma, University of Kansas, 18 January 1912

Master of Science diploma, George Washington University, 7 June 1916

Doctor of Philosophy diploma, George Washington University, 23 February 1920

Series 17: Typescript Copies of John Xantus Correspondence, circa 1930s.

This series consists of typescript copies of correspondence written by John Xantus to Spencer F. Baird detailing his collecting activities in Lower California, 1857-1861. The typescripts were prepared by Wetmore’s secretary, Louise M. Pearson in the late 1930s.

The original Xantus letters can be found in the Smithsonian Archives, Record Unit 7212.

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Original motion pictures removed from box 216.

National Geographic Society Barro Colorado Island film, circa 1950. Two reels, color, 16mm.

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Card Indexes. Includes card index of Alexander Wetmore's professional memberships with notations as to "promotions" or committee assignments; and mailing list (maintained on 3x5 cards for the distribution of Wetmore's publications).

Medal. Includes a list of Wetmore medals and medals from the Congreso Iberoamericano de Ornitologia, 1983; and the Paul Bartsch Award, 1964.

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Miscellaneous Photographs and Clippings

Notes on Amphibia

"Best Wishes to Alexander Wetmore." An autograph book given to Wetmore for his 28 years at the Smithsonian upon his retirement in 1952.

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