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## Otis Tufton Mason Papers, 1889-1900

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	Otis Tufton Mason Papers
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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

Otis Tufton Mason (1838-1908) was an ethnologist and museum expert. From 1884 he was Curator of Ethnology at the United States National Museum, and from 1902 he was Head Curator, Department of Anthropology.

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of copies of letters which Otis Tufton Mason wrote back to the Smithsonian while on a trip in Europe to study museum practices, 1889; correspondence concerning his work on Central American ethnology, 1899-1900; and newspaper clippings collected by Mason concerning museums, 1890-1897.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Anthropologists  
Anthropology  
Ethnologists  
Ethnology

Museum techniques

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Mason, Otis Tufton, 1838-1908

United States National Museum. Department of Anthropology

## Container Listing

### Box 1

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|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 1 Letters from Europe, Volume 1                                                                                     |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 2 Letters from Europe, Volume 2                                                                                     |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 3 Correspondence Concerning Guatemalan and Costa Rican Ethnology, 1899-1900 - "Correspondence Relating to Honduras" |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 4 Correspondence Concerning Costa Rican Ethnology, 1899-1900 - "Frobenius L" African Culture                        |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 5 Mason Otis: Collection of Clippings on Museums                                                                    |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 6 Oversize: Items from Folder 2                                                                                     |