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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title: Otis Tufton Mason Papers
Identifier: Record Unit 7086
Date: 1889-1900
Extent: 0.5 cu. ft. (1 document box)
Creator: Mason, Otis Tufton, 1838-1908
Language: English

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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.

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.

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

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