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## Harrison Gray Dyar Papers, 1882-1927

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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>	Harrison Gray Dyar Papers
<b>Date:</b>	1882-1927
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 7101
<b>Creator::</b>	Dyar, Harrison G. (Harrison Gray), 1866-1929
<b>Extent:</b>	1 cu. ft. (2 document boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

Harrison Gray Dyar (1866-1929) was honorary Custodian of the National Museum's collection of lepidoptera for more than thirty years; he served largely as an unpaid curator, although he was briefly on the payroll of the Department of Agriculture. A graduate of Columbia University (Ph.D. 1895), he worked on lepidoptera, especially their larvae; larvae of saw flies, larvae of mosquitoes, and bacteria. Around the turn of the century, interest in mosquito-borne diseases attracted his attention; he and Frederick Knab were responsible for the taxonomic portions of the work on mosquitoes of North and Central America and the West Indies for the volumes published by the Carnegie Institution between 1912 and 1917. He collected and reared insects in New York, Colorado, Florida, British Columbia, Panama, and elsewhere. He was proprietor and editor of *Insecutor Inscitiae Menstruus*, 1913-1927, as well as editor of other publications.

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## Introduction

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## Descriptive Entry

This record unit includes papers relating to entomology, especially the taxonomy of the larvae of lepidoptera; correspondence, 1887-1927, between Dyar and others regarding identification and exchange of specimens, comments on published papers, and other professional concerns; Dyar's "Manuscript Notes on Lepidoptera," "Notes On Bombycidae of the United States," and materials relating to his *List of North American Lepidoptera*, rearing records, and one diary of field trips, 1905-1908; and Dyar's Catalog of Lepidoptera, a list of specimens which he placed in the national collection. The correspondence is located in the Smithsonian Institution Archives. Other materials are housed in the National Museum of Natural History, Department of

Entomology; and the National Agriculture Library in Beltsville, Maryland. Consult the Smithsonian Institution Archives for further information.

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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:

- Entomologists
- Entomology
- Lepidoptera

### Types of Materials:

- Field notes
- Manuscripts

### Names:

- Dyar, Harrison G. (Harrison Gray), 1866-1929
- United States National Museum. Division of Insects

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: CORRESPONDENCE, 1887-1927.

Note: This series includes correspondence, mostly incoming but including copies of War's letters to entomologists regarding professional matters mostly relating to lepidopterous larvae; especially important is correspondence with Foster Hendrickson Benjamin regarding William Barnes' collection and other matters, and correspondence with Henry Bird, Harold F. Box, August Radcliffe Grote, and John Bernhard Smith.

#### Box 1

Box 1 of 2	A - Bed, includes William Harris Ashmeade, William Barnes, Otis W. Barrett
Box 1 of 2	Foster Hendrickson Benjamin, curator - William Barnes
Box 1 of 2	Beth - Brow, includes Charles J. S. Bethune, William Beutenmuller, Henry Bird, C. V. Blackburn, Harold E. Box
Box 1 of 2	Brya - Cook, includes August Busck, Samuel L. Cassino, Andrew Nelson Caudell, J. A. Chapman, Frank H. Chittenden
Box 1 of 2	Cool - Curt, includes Karl B. Coolidge
Box 1 of 2	Dens - Felt, includes Alan P. Dodd, Max Draudt, Henry Edwards, Ephraim Porter Felt
Box 1 of 2	Ferr - Gowd, includes Charles Henry Fernald, Henry Torsey Fernald, William T. M. Forbes, George Franck, Eugene Giacomelli
Box 1 of 2	August Radcliffe Grote (2 folders)
Box 1 of 2	Grubb - Holl, includes Jeane D. Gunder, George Francis Hampson, Martin Herring, Leith F. Hitchcock, Carlos C. Hoffman, William Jacob Holland

#### Box 2

Box 2 of 2	Hopp - Loun, includes Walter Hopp, George Duryea Hulst, Frank Morton Jones, W. D. Kearfott, Joseph Albert Lintner
Box 2 of 2	Love - Murt, includes Henry Herbert Lyman, Ralph W. Macy, James Halliday McDunnough, Harold W. B. Moore, Roberto Muller
Box 2 of 2	Naka - Seif, includes Alpheus Spring Packard, E. Piazza, E. D. Sanderson, William Schaus, Samuel H. Scudder

Box 2 of 2	Neumoegen and Company
Box 2 of 2	Raymond C. Shannon
Box 2 of 2	Sher - Spal, includes Henry Skinner, Annie Trumbull Slosson, John Bernhard Smith
Box 2 of 2	Stephens - Town, includes Herman Strecker, R. H. Stretch, Louis N. Swett, Ernest Swinhoe, C. H. T. Townsend
Box 2 of 2	Ulke - Zwal, includes George Norton Wolcott, Robert H. Wolcott
Box 2 of 2	Unidentified correspondents, fragments
Box 2 of 2	Dyar Family Genealogy (Accession 86-119)

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