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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Eugene Amandus Schwarz Papers
Identifier:	Record Unit 7104
Date:	1875-1928
Extent:	3.7 cu. ft. (6 document boxes) (1 half document box) (1 12x17 box) (0.015 cu. ft. oversize materials)
Creator::	Schwarz, Eugene Amandus, 1844-1928
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Eugene Amandus Schwarz (1844-1928) was an important figure in American entomology, especially in the work of the United States National Museum and the United States Department of Agriculture. He was born in Silesia in 1844, studied entomology in Europe, and first appeared in the United States during 1872 as a student of Hermann Hagen at Harvard University. Later in the 1870s he made a collecting trip to the West with John Lawrence LeConte, and became a colleague of Charles Valentine Riley and other noted entomologists. In 1878 Schwarz accepted a position in the Department of Agriculture, where he remained, with a brief interruption, until his death in 1928. He became the senior scholar of entomology in the Agriculture Department and the National Museum, thus influencing several generations of entomologists. He was a prominent member of the Washington professional scene, including the Washington Entomological Society and the Washington Biologists Field Club; and the Entomological Society of America. Schwarz had enormous impact on the national collection of insects, dating from his appointment as custodian of coleoptera in 1898. He introduced better standards of care and arrangement and personally secured numerous collections for the National Museum, in addition to the one made by Henry Guernsey Hubbard and himself. He initiated the important collection of coleoptera larvae. His field observations extended throughout all sections of the United States, into Cuba, Guatemala, and Panama.

Descriptive Entry

These papers concern the taxonomy and biology of insects, especially the coleoptera, and include correspondence, mostly incoming, with a number of American entomologists, notably the following: letters from Henry Guernsey Hubbard, 1896-1897, regarding Hubbard's trips to Arizona and California and containing substantial biographical information for the period; letters from John Lawrence LeConte,

1875-1880, regarding joint work of LeConte, Schwarz, and Hubbard, especially determinations of Texas, Florida, Virginia, and Michigan species, mostly coleoptera, including some letters from LeConte to Hubbard; and very extensive correspondence from Raymond Corbett Shannon and his wife to Schwarz regarding Shannon's trips to Europe (1924-1925) and field work in Argentina (1926-1927) and Peru (1928); copies of letters from Schwarz to Leland Ossian Howard regarding fig trees and their pests in California, 1900; diaries of Schwarz for trips to Florida (1876, 1919), Cuba (1903-1904), Texas and Arizona (1898 and 1901-1902), Guatemala (1906), Panama (1911); diaries and detailed letters listing itineraries of Shannon; biographical information on Hubbard and Schwarz; and notes and miscellaneous publications.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Beetles
- Entomologists
- Entomology

Types of Materials:

- Diaries
- Ephemera
- Field notes
- Manuscripts
- Serials (publications)

Names:

- Entomological Society of America
- Hagen, Hermann August, 1817-1893
- Harvard University
- Howard, L. O. (Leland Ossian), 1857-1950
- Hubbard, Henry Guernsey
- LeConte, John L. (John Lawrence), 1825-1883
- Riley, Charles V. (Charles Valentine), 1843-1895
- Schwarz, Eugene Amandus, 1844-1928
- Shannon, Raymond Corbett, 1894-1945
- United States National Museum. Division of Insects
- United States. Department of Agriculture
- Washington Biologists' Field Club
- Washington Entomological Society

Container Listing

Series 1: NOTEBOOKS, 1876-1921, 1 volume.

Box 1

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Field Notebooks include: (1) Second Trip to Florida, 1876, mostly in German, also containing notes of a trip to Cuba in 1903-1904; (2) Fragmentary notes on a trip to the West--Texas and Arizona--in 1898; (3) Loose leaf notes and copies of correspondence written on a trip to Arizona in 1901, including lists for specimens sent back; (4) Texas trip, 1901-1902, on cotton weevil, authorship in question; (5) Trip to Guatemala, with Barber, 1906; (6) Trip to Panama, January-March 1911, at least partially in company of August Busck; (7) Trip to Arizona with Barber, very brief entry; (8) Fragments of a notebook on trip to Florida with Barber, 1919.

[Digital Content: Title Page for USDA "Memorandum of Expenses" Log - Panama, 1911 \[Image No. SIA2010-1157\]](#)

[Digital Content: Expense Page from USDA Memorandum of Traveling Expenses, January 21, 1911 \[Image No. SIA2010-1158\]](#)

[Digital Content: Cover to Schwarz's Panama Travel Log Book, 1911 \[Image No. SIA2010-1159\]](#)

[Digital Content: Entry from Eugene A. Schwarz's Travel Log when he traveled to the Canal Zone, Panama, as part of the Smithsonian Institution sponsored Biological Survey of the Panama Canal Zone, 1911 \[Image No. SIA2010-1160\]](#)

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Field notebooks include: (9) Correspondence register, 1914-1919; (10) Specimens Received and Returned, 1919-1924; (11) Specimens received and returned, 1924-1925; (12) Notes on readings, no date; (13) *Coleoptera of Florida*, publication of paper read by Schwarz to the American Philosophical Society, 1878, extensively annotated; (14) List of Florida coleoptera collected by Schwarz and Hubbard (Accession 86-023).

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(15) A Reply to Dr. C. V. Riley by George H. Horn, M.D.; (16) List of Coleoptera of America, North of Mexico, by Samuel Henshaw, 1885.

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Box 4 of 6	V-Z
Box 4 of 6	List of Coleoptera of Arizona, 163 pages, manuscript
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Box 4 of 6	Miscellaneous Notes
Box 4 of 6	Publications. Includes minutes of meeting on death of Hubbard.

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Series 3: ADD ACQUISITION, Accession 89-014.

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Box 4 of 6 Miscellaneous published papers and correspondence, 1894-1926 and undated

Box 5

Box 5 of 6 2 copies of Charles W. Leng's *Catalogue of the Coleoptera of America, North of Mexico*, 1920 Supplement to Leng's Catalogue, 1927

Box 5 of 6 Accession catalog, Division of Insects, 1917 and undated

Box 6

Box 6 of 6 Card catalogue of the coleoptera in the Hubbard and Schwarz Library. "This was produced by E. A. Schwarz during about forty years private upkeep of his collection and library and was used by him in the USNM for many years."
--note by Herbert Spencer Barber

Oversize

Oversize Honorary Doctor of Science degree, University of Maryland, 1922

Oversize Award from the American Entomological Society, electing Schwarz a corresponding member, 1923

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