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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Frederick Knab Papers
Identifier:	Record Unit 7108
Date:	1885-1891, 1903-1914
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Creator::	Knab, Frederick, 1865-1918
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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Frederick Knab (1865-1918), born in Bavaria, emigrated to the United States in 1873 with his parents. He subsequently returned to Munich to study art for a time. Entomology was also one of Knab's early interests. Coupled with his artistic skill, this interest earned him a commission from Leland Ossian Howard to study the mosquitoes of New England as part of a larger study then in progress on the mosquitoes of North and Central America. In 1906 Knab joined the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture, where he continued his studies of disease-bearing Diptera until his death.

Descriptive Entry

These papers consist principally of family correspondence, 1885-1891 and 1903-1914, in English and German; a small quantity of professional correspondence; and a journal of part of Knab's trip up the Amazon River in 1885-1886.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Entomologists
Entomology

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs
Diaries
Manuscripts

Names:

Howard, L. O. (Leland Ossian), 1857-1950
Knab, Frederick, 1865-1918
United States. Bureau of Entomology
United States. Department of Agriculture

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 1 Folder 1 Family Correspondence, 1885-1886
- Box 1 of 1 Folder 2 Family Correspondence, 1888-1891
- Box 1 of 1 Folder 3 Family Correspondence, 1903-1905
- Box 1 of 1 Folder 4 Family Correspondence, 1909-1910
- Box 1 of 1 Folder 5 Family Correspondence, 1911-1914 and undated
- Box 1 of 1 Folder 6 General Correspondence, A-W
- Box 1 of 1 Folder 7 Journal of a Trip to Brazil, 1885
[Digital Content: Journal of a trip to Brazil, 1885](#)
- Box 1 of 1 Folder 8 Notes, Manuscripts, Photographs
- Box 1 of 1 Folders 9-10 Field notes kept by Knab during field work in the United States and South America. Mostly concerns insect collection.
[Digital Content: Field notes kept by Knab during field work in the United States and South America, part 1 \(Folder 9\)](#)
[Digital Content: Field notes kept by Knab during field work in the United States and South America, part 2 \(Folder 10\)](#)