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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu

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Creator:: Glover, Townend, 1813-1883

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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Townend Glover (1813-1883) was the first entomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1854 he was appointed to the Bureau of Agriculture of the Patent Office to collect statistics and other information on seeds, fruits, and insects. He remained in government service with one brief interruption until 1878.

Glover began publishing his drawings and notes in 1871 and continued through 1878. In 1872 he published an author's edition of the plates of Orthoptera. A publication on the Diptera followed in 1874, and one on Hemiptera in 1876. In 1878 he issued his last publication, 12 copies of his entire set of 273 plates. He deposited most of his notes and plates in the National Museum before 1878, and the government purchased the set of his copper plates.

Introduction

This finding aid was digitized with funds generously provided by the Smithsonian Institution Women's Committee.

Descriptive Entry

This collection contains notes taken and plates prepared for the following: Diptera, Heteroptera, Hemiptera, Orthoptera, Homoptera, Hymenoptera, Neuroptera, Coleoptera, and Lepidoptera, and to a lesser extent, Arachnida, Myriapoda, Crustacea, Annelida, and Entozoa. They include rough notes,

prepared notes, and in some cases, lithographed final copies for Glover's projected publications, many of which were never printed.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Entomology

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts Scientific illustrations

Names:

Glover, Townend, 1813-1883 United States. Department of Agriculture United States. Patent Office

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 11 "Illustrations of Entomology" Diptera of the U.S. and Europe 1873, 2 volumes

Box 2

Box 2 of 11 Diptera Notes

Box 2 of 11 Heteroptera Notes, 2 volumes

Box 3

Box 3 of 11 Orthoptera, Rough Notes, 2 volumes

Box 4

Box 4 of 11 Orthoptera Prepared Notes

Box 5

Box 5 of 11 Homoptera Rough Notes

Box 5 of 11 Hymenoptera Rough Notes

Box 5 of 11 Neuroptera Rough Notes

Box 6

Box 6 of 11 Coleoptera

Box 7

Box 7 of 11 Arachnida, Myriapoda, Crustacea, Annelida, Entozoa: Rough Notes

Lepidoptera, index to vegetables and animals injured by unidentified

Boxes 8-9

Boxes 8-9 of 11 Plates

Boxes 10-11

Boxes 10-11 of 11 Final Text

In the Department of Agriculture Library, National Museum of Natural History, Entomology Department: Lepidoptera, Rough Notes, 2 volumes; and

Lepidoptera, Prepared Notes and Plates, 2 volumes.