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## August Busck Papers, 1886-1889, 1902-1933

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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

August Busck (1870-1944) was born and educated in Denmark. In 1893, he came to the United States and settled in West Virginia, where he became an American citizen. After an interval as a florist, Busck began work for the United States Department of Agriculture in 1896, where he remained until his retirement in 1940. A friend and colleague of both Lord Walsingham and Edward Meyrick, Busck was himself a microlepidopterist of real distinction. He made numerous field trips on expeditions into various regions of the western hemisphere, as well as conducting field studies in the United States. While his knowledge of the Lepidoptera was extensive, Busck chose to restrict his main efforts to American fauna, especially the groups formerly known as the Tineira and Torticina.

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## Introduction

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of professional correspondence between Busck and his colleagues and other collectors on entomological subjects. Correspondence with Edward Meyrick and Lord Walsingham (Thomas deGrey) may be of special interest. Related material is in the National Museum of Natural History, Department of Entomology: August Busck's Copy of Meyrick's *Microlepidoptera*, includes extensive marginalia and interleaved correspondence; and August Busck's Rearing Notebooks.

## 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

Names:

Busck, August  
Meyrick, Edward, 1854-1938  
United States. Department of Agriculture  
Walsingham, Thomas de Grey, Lord, 1843-1919

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## Container Listing

Box 1	
Box 1 of 2	A
Box 1 of 2	Barnes, William
Box 1 of 2	Braun, Annette F.
Box 1 of 2	Busck, August
Box 1 of 2	Cockerell, Theodore D. A.
Box 1 of 2	C
Box 1 of 2	Dietz, William George
Box 1 of 2	Durrant, John Hartley
Box 1 of 2	Engel, Henry
Box 1 of 2	E
Box 1 of 2	Fernald, Charles Henry
Box 1 of 2	Fletcher, James
Box 1 of 2	G-J
Box 1 of 2	Jennings, Allan Hinson
Box 1 of 2	Kearfort, William Dunning
Box 1 of 2	K-L
Box 1 of 2	Meyrick, Edward
Box 1 of 2	M-P
Box 1 of 2	S
Box 1 of 2	T
Box 1 of 2	U
Box 1 of 2	Walsingham, Thomas deGrey, Lord

Box 1 of 2                      W

Box 1 of 2                      Unidentified Correspondence

Box 1 of 2                      Specimen Lists, 1886-1889 (Accession 05-237)

Box 2

Box 2 of 2                      Portrait photograph of Lord Walsingham (Thomas deGrey), 1908, by  
Elliot T. Fry, inscribed to August Busck (Accession 92-082)