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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>	United States National Museum Bulletin 50 Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 7133
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1894-1950
<b>Extent:</b>	2.6 cu. ft. (2 record storage boxes) (1 document box) (10 microfilm reels)
<b>Creator::</b>	Smithsonian Institution
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

The first volume of Robert Ridgway's (1850-1929) great work, *The Birds of North and Middle America* appeared in 1901 as Part I of United States National Museum Bulletin 50. Part VIII, the last volume to appear during Ridgway's lifetime was published in 1919. After Ridgway's death, his colleague in the Division of Birds, United States National Museum, Charles Wallace Richmond (1868-1932), gathered all of the notes that he had left behind and filed them for future use. Herbert Friedmann (1900 ?) was appointed Curator of the Division of Birds in 1929, and in 1933 he began working with Ridgway's notes in an effort to complete the project. Part IX of *The Birds of North and Middle America* was finally published in 1941, Part X in 1946, and Part XI in 1950. After about 1950 Friedmann stopped working on the project, and devoted his time to his own research.

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## Descriptive Entry

This collection contains notes, drafts, and unpublished manuscripts for the projected, but never published, Parts XII and XIII of United States National Museum Bulletin 50: *The Birds of North and Middle America*. Included are notes of both Ridgway and Friedmann.

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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:

Birds -- Central America  
Birds -- North America  
Museum publications  
Ornithology

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Friedmann, Herbert, 1900-1987  
Richmond, Charles Wallace, 1868-1932  
Ridgway, Robert, 1850-1929  
United States National Museum  
United States National Museum. Division of Birds

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: ROBERT RIDGWAY NOTES AND MANUSCRIPTS, c. 1894-1929.

Included is some material probably attributable to either Joseph Harvey Riley (1873-1941) or Charles Wallace Richmond. The material in boxes 1-3 has been filed as Ridgway (or possibly Richmond or Friedmann) had it arranged. The material in boxes 4-8 was unarranged. Some effort has been made to arrange this material in a coherent order.

#### Box 1

Box 1 of 3	Folder 1 Order Tinaniformes
Box 1 of 3	Folder 2 Order Sphenisciformes
Box 1 of 3	Folders 3-5 Order Columbiformes
Box 1 of 3	Folder 6 Order Gaviiformes,
Box 1 of 3	Folder 7 Order Procellariformes, Family Domedeidae
Box 1 of 3	Folders 8-13 Order Procellariformes, Family Procellariidae
Box 1 of 3	Folder 14 Order Procellariformes, Family Oceanitidae
Box 1 of 3	Folder 15 Order Pelecariformes, Family Phaethontidae; Key to the Super Families of Steganopodes (Phalacrocoracidae ?); Key to the Suborders of Pelecaniformes
Box 1 of 3	Folder 16 Order Pelecaniformes, Family Anhingidae
Box 1 of 3	Folders 17-18 Order Pelecaniformes, Family Phalacrocoracidae
Box 1 of 3	Folders 19-20 Order Pelecaniformes, Family Sulidae
Box 1 of 3	Folder 21 Order Pelecaniformes, Family Pelecanidae
Box 1 of 3	Folder 22 Order Pelecaniformes, Family Fregatidae
Box 1 of 3	Folder 23 Order Ciconiiformes, Family Cochleariidae
Box 1 of 3	Folders 24-30 Order Ciconiiformes, Family Ardeidae

Box 1 of 3                      Folders 31-32 Order Ciconiiformes, Family Threakiornithidas

Box 1 of 3                      Folder 33 Order Ciconiiformes, Family Ciconiidae

Box 1 of 3                      Folder 34 Order Ciconiiformes, Family Phoenicopteridae

Box 1 of 3                      Folder 35 Order Ciconiiformes

Box 1 of 3                      Folders 36-37 Order Ciconiiformes, Family, Ardeidae

Box 2

Box 2 of 3                      Folders 1-5 Order Procellariiformes

Box 2 of 3                      Folders 6-7 Order Anseriformes

Box 2 of 3                      Folders 8-13 Order Anseriformes, continued

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## Series 2: HERBERT FRIEDMANN, NOTES AND MANUSCRIPTS, c. 1933-1950.

Most of this material is in the form of typescript.

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 3                      Folder 14 Order Anseriformes - Introduction and Genus Cygnus
- Box 2 of 3                      Folder 15 Order Anseriformes, Genus Anser
- Box 2 of 3                      Folder 16 Order Anseriformes, Genus Philacte and Genus Branta
- Box 2 of 3                      Folder 17 Order Anseriformes, Genus Branta
- Box 2 of 3                      Folder 18 Order Anseriformes, Genus Dendrocygna
- Box 2 of 3                      Folder 19 Order Anseriformes - Miscellaneous notes, and drafts
- Box 2 of 3                      Folders 20-27 Order Anseriformes, Genus Anas
- Box 2 of 3                      Folders 28-40 Order Anseriformes, Genus Anas, continued

### Box 3

- Box 3 of 3                      Folder 1-2 Order Anseriformes, Genus Anas, continued
- Box 3 of 3                      Folder 3 Order Anseriformes, Genus Cairina and Genus Tadorna (?)
- Box 3 of 3                      Folders 4-5 Order Anseriformes, Genus Mergus
- Box 3 of 3                      Folder 6 Order Anseriformes, Genus Somateria
- Box 3 of 3                      Folder 7 Order Anseriformes, *Spatula clypeata* (Linnaeus)
- Box 3 of 3                      Folder 8 Card index: "Literature gone over (in addition to Ridgway's compilations through 1923)."

### **Microfilm**

- Box 3 of 3                      Reels 1-8 Birds of North and Middle America, Volumes I-IV and VIII; Reel 9 Photographs of the flora of Bird Haven, the Story of Bird Haven, and Bird Haven, Olney, Ill.; Reel 10 Ridgway correspondence, 1850-1929

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