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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., *osiaref@si.edu*
Title:	Thomas Lincoln Casey Papers
Date:	1870-1871, 1873, 1881-1897
Identifier:	Record Unit 7134
Creator::	Casey, Thos. L. (Thomas Lincoln), 1857-1925
Extent:	1.25 cu. ft. (2 document boxes) (1 half document box)
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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Thomas Lincoln Casey (1857-1925) graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1879 and went into the Corps of Engineers. In his early years in the military he was engaged in astronomy, but his interest later turned to entomology, and he became an intense student of the Coleoptera. His first paper appeared in 1884. At first his study was confined to North America, but after 1910 he studied the Coleoptera of Central and South America as well. His collection of specimens and his library were given to the United States National Museum after his death. See *Thomas Lincoln Casey and the Casey Collection of Coleoptera, Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections*, Volume 94, Number 3, publication 3330.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

These papers concern Casey's work in entomology, especially the creation of his collection of Coleoptera. A fragment of the papers relates to Casey's earlier work in astronomy. Included in the papers are letters from Casey's father, 1870-1871; observations and computations made while accompanying Simon Newcomb on an expedition to observe the transit of Venus, 1882; letters received from entomologists, 1887-1897, regarding specimen identifications, purchase and exchange of Coleoptera specimens, and relating to the publication of Casey's papers; an autograph collection, mostly of public or military figures; and drawings of fossil Diatomaceae done by Casey in 1873.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Astronomy and astrophysics
Entomology
Paleontology

Types of Materials:

Diaries
Manuscripts
Scientific illustrations
Signatures (names)

Names:

Casey, Thos. L. (Thomas Lincoln), 1857-1925
Newcomb, Simon, 1835-1909
United States Military Academy
United States National Museum
United States. Army. Corps of Engineers

Container Listing

	Box 1
Box 1 of 3	Diary and Keys to Locations, 1881-1885. A bound volume used for three purposes at different times: 1) Diary of entomological work, 1884-1885, relating to specimens collected and examined in other collections, including some references to locations; 2) Keys to locations; 3) Data and computations relating to astronomical observations, 1881-1882, while accompanying Simon Newcomb on his expedition to the Cape of Good Hope to observe the transit of Venus.
Box 1 of 3	Miscellaneous Unidentified Notes
Box 1 of 3	Entomological Notes and Drafts of Letters and Papers
	Box 2
Box 2 of 3	Incoming Correspondence, 1887-1897. Letters received by Casey relating to entomological work, especially the building of his collection of Coleoptera; includes correspondence from noted entomologists regarding determination of specimens and exchange or sale of specimens; letters from Theodore D. A. Cockerell giving Casey advice on collecting methods, especially concerning location data; correspondence regarding disputes with George Horn; and "An Explanatory Chapter" in manuscript by Casey, consisting of an explanation of the dispute with Horn. Correspondents for whom there is substantial correspondence include Theodore D. A. Cockerell, Henry Clinton Fall, James Fletcher, Carl Fuchs, P. Jerome Schmitt, David Sharp, Henry Ulke, and Henry Frederick Wickham.
Box 2 of 3	Letters from Casey's Father, 1870-1871, Department of Entomology
Box 2 of 3	Autograph Cards, Department of Entomology
	Box 3
Box 3 of 3	Photographs, Certificates and Diplomas, and Biographical Information