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## Carl John Drake Papers, 1930-1945

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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>	Carl John Drake Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 7137
<b>Date:</b>	1930-1945
<b>Extent:</b>	1.5 cu. ft. (1 record storage box) (1 document box)
<b>Creator::</b>	Drake, Carl J. (Carl John), 1885-1965
<b>Language:</b>	Language of Materials: English

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

Carl John Drake (1885-1965) was born and educated in Ohio. He taught zoology and entomology at Ohio State University, 1913-1915; Syracuse University, 1915-1922; and became head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology at Iowa State University in 1922. There he also served as head of the Entomology Section of the Agricultural Experiment Station and as State Entomologist. His knowledge of farming helped him to solve many problems related to controlling the grasshopper, chinch-bug, and other insect pests. Drake served on several national entomological organizations and headed the Tucara (grasshopper) Commission to Argentina in 1938-1939. In 1957 Drake joined the United States National Museum as an Honorary Research Associate, in which position he performed much valuable work, especially in tingid studies.

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## Introduction

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of notebooks recording results of a pest mosquito and black fly control project in Iowa, 1933-1934 and fourteen reels of film documenting various features of Carl John Drake's work with grasshopper and chinch-bug control programs in Iowa and Argentina.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Chinch-bugs
- Entomology
- Grasshoppers
- Mosquitoes
- Simuliidae

Types of Materials:

- Field notes
- Motion pictures (visual works)
- Photographs

Names:

- Drake, Carl J. (Carl John), 1885-1965
- Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station
- Iowa State University
- Ohio State University
- Syracuse University
- Tucara Commission to Argentina
- United States National Museum

Geographic Names:

- Argentina
- Iowa

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Reports and Lists.

#### Box 1

Box 1 of 2

"Pictorial Report: Pest Mosquito and Black Fly Control in Iowa," 1933-1934.  
Two looseleaf notebooks with typed text detailing efforts to abate breeding of subject insects, made under state and federal grants during 1933 and 1934; text supplemented by photographs and maps.

Box 1 of 2

Pacific Science Association List of Entomologists of the Pacific Area,  
December 1955

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## Series 2: Films, circa 1930-1945.

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 2 "Chinch Bug Control in Iowa," original and copy, three reels each; 16 mm black-and-white; no sound; photographed and edited by Drake and George Clemens Drake; film depicts procedures for studying life cycle of chinch bug and for devising effective control techniques; produced by Iowa State Department of Agriculture and Extension Service Iowa State College, probably for use among farmers and other interested parties, n.d.
- Box 2 of 2 "Grasshoppers in Iowa," produced for Agricultural Extension Service by Visual Instruction Service, Iowa State College; three reels black-and-white; no sound; n.d.; depicts control measures used to deal with grasshopper menace; likely intended for educational use among farmers.
- Box 2 of 2 Film of Drake's trip to Argentina in 1938-1939 to advise on dealing with grasshopper infestations there; five reels; original black-and-white; no sound.

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