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## Thora M. Plitt Hardy Papers, 1940-1948

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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>	Thora M. Plitt Hardy Papers
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<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 7144
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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

During the Second World War, Thora M. Plitt Hardy (1902-1993) was a microanalyst for the Division of Wildlife Research, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior, in charge of fur hair projects at the Beltsville Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland. A good portion of the studies were in conjunction with requests from the War Production Board and the Quartermaster General's Office on the use of fur fibers for the armed forces. On June 30, 1946, Hardy was transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. Hardy's files were transferred to the Bird and Mammal Laboratories of the Fish and Wildlife Service located in the United States National Museum.

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers include correspondence and articles for journals concerning research on fur fibers.

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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:

Mammalogy

### Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center  
Hardy, Thora M. Plitt, 1902-  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Bird and Mammal Laboratories  
United States National Museum  
United States. Bureau of Animal Industry  
United States. Dept. of the Interior  
United States. Office of the Quartermaster General  
United States. War Production Board

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## Container Listing

Box 1	
Box 1 of 1	Folder 1 Caribou, Elk, Reindeer, 1942-1944. Correspondence concerning the use of deer and elk hides for leather during wartime; reindeer hair study for buoyancy and insulation, requested by War Production Board. Includes Thora M. Plitt Hardy "Report on the Buoyancy of Caribou Hair." Correspondents include Frank G. Ashbrook, Colonel G.F. Doriot, Charles E. Kellogg, and the Fouke Fur Company.
Box 1 of 1	Folder 2 Fur Fibers: Fiber Identification, 1943-1944
Box 1 of 1	Folder 3 Fur Fibers: Waste Fur Fibers - Deer. Request by the Quartermaster General's Office, 1943-1944.
Box 1 of 1	Folder 4 Fur Fibers: Waste Guard Hairs - General, 1942-1946
Box 1 of 1	Folder 5 Furs: Fur Resources, 1942-1944
Box 1 of 1	Folder 6 Furs: Patuxent, 1944
Box 1 of 1	Folder 7 Muskrats: Comparative Studies, 1943-1946
Box 1 of 1	Folder 8 Muskrats: General, 1945-1946
Box 1 of 1	Folder 9 Muskrats: "Permanent-Waved" Muskrats, 1942-1944
Box 1 of 1	Folder 10 Raccoons, 1942-1948. Includes Herbert L. Dozier, Thora M. Plitt Hardy, and Merle H. Markley, "Fur Characteristics of Two Eastern Raccoon Races," 1947.
Box 1 of 1	Folder 11 Fur Seals, 1940-1946
Box 1 of 1	Folder 12 Hair Seals and Fur Seal Skins, 1940-1946. Tested for use by ski climbers.
Box 1 of 1	Folder 13 Wolverine: Bleaching Test, 1943
Box 1 of 1	Folder 14 Wolverine: Fur Frosting Experiment, 1942-1948. In conjunction with Quartermaster General's Office. Includes Hardy, "Wolverine Fur Frosting," circa 1948.