Records, 1883-1977

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

The American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) was organized by three members of the Nuttall Ornithological Club, Joel Asaph Allen, William Brewster, and Elliott Coues, who wanted to establish an American society for ornithologists similar to the British Ornithologists' Union. They issued a call which was answered by twenty-three noted American ornithologists, later designated the founders, to meet on September 26, 1883, at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Formal incorporation occurred in 1888 in the District of Columbia. The aim of the AOU is the advancement of ornithological science through annual meetings, membership, committees, and publications. There are several classes of membership: Patron; Benefactor; Member; Elective Member, bestowed upon those members who have made contributions to ornithology; and Fellow, the highest class, which is bestowed upon Elective Members who have made the most significant contributions. Publications of the Union include its quarterly magazine, The Auk; the Handbook of North American Birds; the Checklist of North American Birds; and Ornithological Monographs. The affairs of the AOU are administered under a constitution and by-laws by elected officers and a council.

Descriptive Entry

These records document the history, operation, and activities of the AOU, 1883-1977. For many years the papers were scattered in the hands of various officers until 1969 when the Committee on Archives was established. In 1974 the collection was brought together at the Smithsonian Institution. Among the records include those of Hoyes Lloyd, longtime member and President of AOU from 1945-1948. Materials include correspondence, constitutions and by-laws, minutes, membership lists, nominations, fiscal records, contracts, manuscripts, reports, biographical and bibliographical materials, drawings, memorabilia, programs, abstracts, scrapbooks, and photographs.
Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Check-list of North American Birds (Monograph)
- Ornithologists
- Ornithology
- Professional associations

Types of Materials:
- Black-and-white photographs
- Manuscripts
- Scientific illustrations
- Scrapbooks

Names:
- Allen, J. A. (Joel Asaph), 1838-1921
- American Museum of Natural History
- Brewster, William, 1851-1919
- British Ornithologists' Union
- Coues, Elliott, 1842-1899
- Lloyd, Hoyes
- Nuttall Ornithological Club

Preferred Titles:
- Auk (Serial)
- Handbook of North American birds (Monograph)
- Ornithological monographs
Container Listing

Series 1: MATERIALS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AOU, 1883-1899.

This collection division consists of the invitation to the founders, the announcement of the first meeting, the first constitution, letters of acceptance, newspaper clippings, copyright documents, *Auk* publication contract, and papers concerning formal incorporation in 1888. Of special interest are copies of letters between Elliott Coues and Joel Asaph Allen written while they were formulating plans for the AOU.

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This series consists of Registers of members and dues payments, 1884-1928; Cash Books, 1883-1912; minutes and other papers of the Finance Committee, the Special Canadian Committee, and the Endowment Committee; Treasurer's Statements and Reports; Auditor's Reports; and reports of the Investing Trustees. Some correspondence of the Treasurer is also included as is material on the Investments Merger, the Marcia Brady Tucker Donations, and the will of William Brewster.

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Box 22 of 97  Folder 6 Special Canadian Committee, 1941-1942. Composed of three Canadian AOU members, this committee was established in 1941 to collect Canadian AOU dues and enlist new members. The Canadian funds were kept in Canada to avoid wartime difficulties with the exchange rate and the transfer of money. Hoyes Lloyd served as chairman until the termination of the Special Committee in 1952.

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This series consists of the records of a number of AOU committees, 1933-1977. Committee materials located elsewhere include the records of the committees on the Audubon Monument, box 1; Brewster Award Guidelines, box 74; By-laws, box 2; the Centennial, box 80; Classification and Nomenclature, boxes 38-40, 42; Collections, box 30; Endowment, box 19; European House Sparrow, box 1; Finance, box 19; Foreign Translations, box 31; Local Arrangements, box 80; Membership, boxes 13-14; Migration, box 1; Protection of North American Birds, box 1; Publications, box 31; the Scientific Program, box 80; and the Special Canadian Committee, boxes 22-24.

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In 1966 the AOU established a Committee on Collections to conduct a survey of all the bird collections in the United States and Canada. In 1973 the Committee published a report of its findings. These records include proofs, reports, questionnaires and correspondence. Much of the material is composed of the responses or completed questionnaires which are arranged alphabetically by the names of the states.

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