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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Doris Mable Cochran Papers
Identifier:	Record Unit 7151
Date:	circa 1891-1968
Extent:	6.94 cu. ft. (12 document boxes) (1 16x20 box) (1 half document box)
Creator::	Cochran, Doris M., (Doris Mabel), 1898-1968
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Doris Mable Cochran (1898-1968) was born in North Girard, Pennsylvania, and came to Washington, D.C., when her father received a government position. She attended Washington schools and following her graduation from high school, she took a position with the War Department. In November 1919 she was appointed an aide to Dr. Leonhard Stejneger in the Division of Reptiles and Amphibians where she worked until her retirement in April 1968.

While at the War Department and later, while at the National Museum, she attended George Washington University nights, receiving her A.B. and M.S. degrees, both in zoology, in 1920 and 1921. At the same time, she attended classes at the Corcoran Art School and developed her artistic talents, becoming a scientific illustrator not only for her own works, but also for those of her colleagues. She continued her studies in zoology and in 1928 received her M.A. in the field from Johns Hopkins University and her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 1933. Her dissertation dealt with the musculature of the blue crab.

At the Smithsonian, she advanced through the Division of Reptiles and Amphibians, becoming assistant curator in 1927, an associate curator in 1942, and curator in 1956. As Stejneger grew older, more of the work of the Division fell to Cochran, and following Stejneger's death in 1943 she became acting head of the Division and supervised the Division alone until 1964 when James A. Peters was appointed associate curator.

Her principal areas of interest were the reptiles and amphibians of Central and South America and of the West Indies, especially Haiti. She made two field trips to the region, in 1935 and 1962-63, where she worked with Adolpho Lutz and his daughter Bertha, noted Brazilian herpetologists. Her major works in this area include *The Frogs of Southeastern Brazil* (1955) and *The Herpetology of Hispaniola* (1941). Cochran also traveled to Europe twice, in 1938 and 1951, to study herpetological collections in museums there. In the course of her work, Cochran named nearly 100 new species and 6 new genera.

In addition to her professional work, Cochran published many popular articles and books on herpetology, the most important being *Living Amphibians of the World* (1961), which has been translated into six languages. She also gave a number of radio talks and speeches on reptiles and amphibians to clubs.

Descriptive Entry

The papers of Doris Mable Cochran include manuscripts, notes and data on herpetology; material concerning specimens received by the Division of Reptiles and Amphibians; photographs of reptiles and amphibians; personal material including clippings, photographs and material related to her education and Smithsonian career; personal correspondence and correspondence concerning publications and material on her travels to Europe and South America.

Correspondents include William Louis Abbott (ref.), Spencer F. Baird (ref.), Paul Bartsch (ref.), James E. Benedict (ref.), Marcus Benjamin (ref.), Doris Mable Cochran, Anthony Curtiss, Jackson Philip Darlington, Jr. (ref.), Walter J. Eyerdam (ref.), Charles A. Fraser (ref.), Marston Abbott Frazar (ref.), William More Gabb (ref.), Coleman Jett Goin, Oliver Perry Hay (ref.), William Perry Hay (ref.), John Brooks Henderson, Jr. (ref.), Samuel Frederick Hildebrand (ref.), Howard Atwood Kelly (ref.), Arthur Loveridge (ref.), Adolpho Lutz, Bertha Lutz, Corneles J. Marinkelle (ref.), Frederico Medem (ref.), Maynard Mayo Metcalf (ref.), Gerritt Smith Miller, Jr. (ref.), Hermano Niceforo-Maria (ref.), Lee H. Parish (ref.), Watson M. Perrygo (ref.), James A. Peters, Alexandre Ricord (ref.), Hermann Rolle (ref.), Newton P. Scudder (ref.), Antonio Zeno Shindler, Hugh McCormick Smith (ref.), Leonhard Stejneger, J. R. Tamsitt (ref.), P. E. Vanzolini (ref.), A. E. Vinson (ref.), D. F. Weinland (ref.), Alexander Wetmore, A. C. Younglove.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Amphibians
Herpetology

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs
Manuscripts

Names:

Cochran, Doris M. (Doris Mable), 1898-1968
Lutz, Adolpho, 1855-1940
Lutz, Bertha, 1894-1976
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Division of Reptiles and Amphibians
Peters, James Arthur, 1922-1972
Stejneger, Leonhard, 1851-1943

Container Listing

Series 1: MANUSCRIPTS, NOTES, DATA, AND RELATED MATERIALS ON SCIENTIFIC WORK, c. 1921-1968.

Includes a chronological file of manuscripts, notes, and related materials on herpetology, particularly of Haiti and South America (boxes 1-4) and on the blue crabs (boxes 2-3), an alphabetical file of undated manuscripts, notes and related material (boxes 4-5), material related to specimens received and exchanges with other museums (box 5), data on particular species (boxes 5-6), and photographs and negatives of amphibians and reptiles (box 6). Correspondence concerning the publication of a number of the manuscripts is in Series 2.

Box 1

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| Box 1 of 14 | Folder 1 Typescript of "Notes on the pelvis in Kinosternidae," M.S. Thesis, George Washington University, June 1921. |
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| Box 1 of 14 | Folder 5 Typescripts of "Lizards and their Kin," 1925; article on turtles; "The California Condor," 1927; "Do Not Kill Harmless Snakes," 1928; "The Striking of the Rattlesnake," 1929; and "Giant Turtles of the Galapagos Islands," n.d. |
| Box 1 of 14 | Folder 6 Photos and notes of the <i>Leptodactylus</i> from Lutz, either Adolpho or Bertha, of 1926 and 1930. |
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| Box 1 of 14 | Folder 8 Typescript of radio talk "Some African Reptiles," February 2, 1927.
Image(s): Typescript of Doris M. Cochran's radio talk: "Some African Reptiles," on WRC-Radio Corporation of America, February 2, 1927. [Image nos. SIA2014-00028 to SIA2014-00033]
Image(s): Announcement: Local Radio Entertainment - WRC - Radio Corporation of America - "7 pm - 'Some African Reptiles' - by Miss Doris M. Cochran of the National Museum." Wednesday, February 2, 1927. [Image no. SIA2014-00027] |
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- Box 1 of 14 Folder 11 Data on *Pseudemys palustris*, 1927-1928.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 12 Data on *Ialtris dorsalis*, 1928, including copy of "The Identity of Werner's *Dromicus W-Nigrum*."
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 13 Typescript and related material on "Peranema Trichophorum," M.A. Thesis for Johns Hopkins University, 1928.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 14 Data sheets from turtle experiments, 1929-1931.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 15 Material concerning "The Herpetological Collections made by Dr. Hugh M. Smith in Siam from 1923 to 1929," 1930, including photographs, bibliographic notes, notes on species, lists of specimens collected, and a reprint of the article.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 16 Data on *Leiocephalus*, c. 1933.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 17 Typescript of radio talk "Some reptiles found near the city of Washington," July 13, 1933.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 18 Typescript and announcement of speech to Kiwanis Club of Alexandria, Virginia, "Habits, distribution and economic importance of our local varieties of Snakes, Frogs, Turtles Lizards, Crocodiles and Salamanders," July 27, 1933.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 19 Typescript and material related to "Bahaman Reptiles and Amphibians collected by Dr. Paul Bartsch under the auspices of the Walter Rathbone Bacon Scholarship Fund," c. 1934.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 20 Typescript of radio talk "Frogs, Toads and Turtles," July 19, 1934.
- Box 1 of 14 Folder 21 Typescript and material related to "Herpetological Collections made in Hispaniola by the Utowana Expedition, 1934," 1934.

Box 2

- Box 2 of 14 Folder 1 Typescripts of "Expedition to Brazil," c. 1935; "Frog Collecting in Brazil," 1935; and "The Dragon Lizard of Komodo," n.d.
[Digital Content: Typescripts of "expedition to Brazil," circa 1935, "frog collecting in Brazil," 1935, and "the dragon lizard of Komodo," 1935. \[Item No. SIA_007151_B02_F01\]](#)
- Box 2 of 14 Folder 2 Material related to "New Reptiles and Amphibians collecting in Haiti by P. J. Darlington," 1935, including article reprint.
- Box 2 of 14 Folder 3 Typescript "Collecting Frogs in Brazil," c. 1935.
[Digital Content: Typescript "collecting frogs in Brazil," circa 1935. \[Item No. SIA_007151_B02_F03\]](#)
- Box 2 of 14 Folder 4 Typescript of *Paciencia, Senhora*, c. 1935.
- Box 2 of 14 Folder 5 Typescript of *Just a Minute, Miss*, c. 1935.

Box 2 of 14 Folders 6-10 Material on *The Skeletal Musculature of the Blue Crab, Callinectes Sapidus Rathbun*, Ph.D. dissertation for University of Maryland, 1935, including notes, drawings, photographs, bibliographic notes, and x-ray photographs.

Box 3

Box 3 of 14 Folders 1-10 Material on *The Skeletal Musculature of the Blue Crab, Callinectes Sapidus Rathbun*, Ph.D. dissertation for University of Maryland, 1935, including notes, drawing, photographs, bibliographic notes, and x-ray photographs.

Box 3 of 14 Folder 11 Notes and photographs on twinning in turtles, c. 1937-1940.

Box 3 of 14 Folder 12 Typescripts of "The Diamond-back Terrapin Culture: Further Studies" and "The Feeding and Care of Young Diamond-back Terrapins" by Samuel F. Hildebrand, c. 1931.

Box 3 of 14 Folder 13 Turtle recipes.

Box 3 of 14 Folder 14 Notes on Darlington collection from Museum of Comparative Zoology, 1938-1939.

Box 3 of 14 Folder 15 Review of *The Herpetology of Hispaniola*.

Box 3 of 14 Folder 16 Typescript of "The pokeweed, a national defense food" including comments regarding its publication by Leonhard Stejneger and Alexander Wetmore, 1941-1942.

Box 3 of 14 Folder 17 Typescript and notes on "Reptiles and Amphibians of the South Pacific Islands," 1944.

Box 4

Box 4 of 14 Folder 1 Number of species in living order, 1946.

Box 4 of 14 Folder 2 Notes on Dr. Adolpho Lutz's species identified as new, c. 1949; notes on specimens, n.d.

Box 4 of 14 Folder 3 Identification of frogs from P. Vanzolini, c. 1949.
[Digital Content: Typed, two page list entitled "Identification list of frogs from P. E. Vanzolini". These frogs were either collected by Vanzolini or identified by him. The list is dated 1949, but the specimens may have been collected in an earlier year. \[Field Book Registry modsi3834\]](#)

Box 4 of 14 Folder 4 Typescript and material related to "Our Friend the Turtle" and "Nature's Tank, the Turtle," 1952.

Box 4 of 14 Folder 5 Typescript of "A new subspecies of toad from Santa Catharina, Brazil," 1950.

- Box 4 of 14 Folder 6 Manuscript, typescript and photograph for "Our Snake Friends and Foes," 1954.
- Box 4 of 14 Folders 7-9 Material related to *Living Amphibians of the World* including advertisement, lists of photos and invoices, 1959-1964.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 10 Typescript and notes for "Description of a new genus and species of Frog (Leptodactylidae) from Colombia," 1961.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 11 Photographs of Colombian Frogs, 1962.
[Digital Content: 21 photographs \(some may be duplicate images\) of frogs from Colombia dated May 1962 \(date developed?\), perhaps taken during Cochran's 1962-1963 trip to South America to collect frogs and visit natural history museums. Frogs are unidentified and photos are unlabeled. \[Field Book Registry modsi3833\]](#)
[Image\(s\): Photograph of Frogs in Colombia, taken in 1962. \[Image no. SIA2012-4383\]](#)
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 12 Carbon copy of book on Colombia Frogs - incomplete, 1962.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 13 Manuscript of article on frogs for Merit Students Encyclopedia and Certificate of Appreciation, c. 1967.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 14 Book reviews by Doris M. Cochran, c. 1967-1968.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 15 Typescripts on frogs and toads; typescripts of "Beauties of Microscopic Animals and Plants," n. d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 16 Manuscript of "All About Snakes," n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 17 Bibliographic material, n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 18 Manuscript of "A Boy Scout in Brazil," n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 19 Typescript of "Discoglossid toads, Family Discoglossidae," n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 20 Typescripts of "Family Leptodactylidae," "The Frogs, Family Ranidae," n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 21 Check list for Haiti, n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 22 Notes and photos concerning herpetology and mammoth fossils, n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 23 Key to the genera and species of amphibians in Santo Domingo, n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 24 Notes on lizards, n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 25 Material concerning Bertha Lutz, n.d.

- Box 4 of 14 Folder 26 Typescripts of "The Midwife Toad, Alytes obstetricans," "Spadefoot toads, Family Scaphiopodidae, The hermit spadefoot, Scaphiopus holbrooki," n.d.
- Box 4 of 14 Folder 27 Manuscripts of "More About Snakes," n.d.
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- Box 5 of 14 Folder 1 Manuscript and typescripts of "Museum Scouts," n.d.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 2 Typescripts of "The Story of Peewee," "Some Fossil Ancestors," and a tentative outline of "Frogs' World," n.d.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 3 Typescripts of "The true toads, Family Bufonidae," "Treetoads, Family Hylidae," n.d.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 4 Notes on A. C. Younglove, n.d., including copies of portions of letters from Younglove to Spencer Baird, dated April 20, 1866, May 11, 1866, from Haiti and September 1, 1866, from Switzerland.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 5 Material concerning specimens collected by Bertha Lutz, 1935, 1941, 1945.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 6 List of specimens received from Brazilian Embassy, 1938.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 7 Lists of specimens sent to Doris M. Cochran 1938-1939, 1947-1948; photograph of specimens.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 8 Material related to shipment of specimens, 1939, 1941, 1944, 1946.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 9 Notes concerning specimens, plates, nomenclature, localities where specimens were collected and Hyla, c. 1944-1952.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 10 Exchange lists of Museum of Comparative Zoology, c. 1944.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 11 Notes on specimens received from Hermanno Niceforo-Maria, 1957, 1962, 1965.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 12 Memos with Coleman J. Goin, concerning specimens, 1958-1959.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 13 Loans from Museum of Comparative Zoology, 1958, 1960.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 14 Material concerning loans from British Museum, Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology, California Academy of Sciences, American Museum of Natural History, and Chicago Natural History Museum, c. 1958-1965.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 15 Notes on specimens received from J. R. Tamsitt, 1961.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 16 Notes on specimens received from Fred Medem, 1961-1964.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 17 Material related to shipment of specimens from Brazil, 1962-1963.

- Box 5 of 14 Folder 18 Notes on specimens received from C. J. Marinkelle, 1964.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 19 Loan of Hispaniolan specimens from Field Museum of Natural History, n.d.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 20 Notes on herpetological collections in the United States National Museum and other United States and European Museums, including notes on William More Gabb, Charles A. Fraser, Alexandre Ricord, D. F. Weinland, A. C. Younglove, Abbott Frazer, J. B. Henderson, Paul Bartsch, W. L. Abbott, Alexander Wetmore, Gerrit S. Miller, Jr., Lee H. Parish, W. M. Perrygo, Hermann Rolle, Walter J. Eyerdam, C. R. Orcutt and Hassler.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 21 Notes on West Indies herpetological collections; includes: information sheet from United States Consul in Haiti, 1926; portion of 1931 letter from A. Loveridge and notes on A. E. Vinson.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 22 Data on *Alsophis anomalus*, Haiti
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 23 Data on *Ameira*.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 24 Data on *Amphiebaena*.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 25 Data on *Anolis*, also *Audantis*.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 26 Data on *Anolis chlorocyanus*.
- Box 5 of 14 Folder 27 Data on *Anolis cybotes*.

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- Box 6 of 14 Folder 1 Data on *Anolis distichus*.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 2 Data on *Anolis ricordii*.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 3 Data on *Anolis semilineatus*.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 4 Data on *Celestus*.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 5 Data on *Crocodylus americanus*.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 6 Data on *Cyclura*.
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- Box 6 of 14 Folder 8 Data on *Gonatodes notatus*, also *Aristelliger*.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 9 Data on *Hemidactylus mabouia*, H. Brookii.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 10 Data on Hispaniola lizards.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 11 Data on *Hypsirhynchus ferox*.

- Box 6 of 14 Folder 12 Data on Leimadophis.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 13 Data on Mabuya.
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- Box 6 of 14 Folder 24 Painting of five Costa Rican frogs. (removed to box 13)
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 25 Negatives and prints of plates of frogs.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 26 Negatives and prints of frogs.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 27 Negative and print of map of Hispaniola in a Mr. Leonard's office.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 28 Negative of plates from Jiminez de Espada.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 29 Negatives and copies of Plates I, II, III in Agassiz, *Contributions to Natural History, Turtles*.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 30 Typescript, negative and print of plate II from "On a collection of Batrachians made by Professor Charles Spegazzini at Colonia Resistencia, South Chaco, Argentine Republic" by G. A. Boulenger.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 31 Photocopy of "Description of a new species of Lacerta from Persia," by G. A. Boulenger, 1908.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 32 Negative and print from Burmeister's *Fauna Brasiliens*, 1856.
- Box 6 of 14 Folder 33 Negative and print of plate XII from Mehely's "Investigations on Paraguayan Batrachians".

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Series 2: PERSONAL MATERIALS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND TRAVEL MATERIALS. c. 1891, 1900, 1907, 1919-1968.

This series contains a chronological file of personal materials including clippings, photographs and material related to Cochran's education and Smithsonian career (boxes 7-8), personal correspondence and correspondence relating to publications (box 8-11), and material concerning her travels to Europe and South America (boxes 11-12). Manuscripts and other material related to Cochran's publications are in Series 1.

Box 7

- Box 7 of 14 Folder 1 Composition book of Cochran, Grade 8A.
- Box 7 of 14 Folder 2 Material concerning Johns Hopkins University and University of Maryland, 1929-1933.
- Box 7 of 14 Folder 3 Johns Hopkins University Biology Department Alumni Letters, 1935, 1938-1942.
- Box 7 of 14 Folder 4 Personnel file of Cochran containing correspondence and forms relating to promotions, job descriptions and retirement, 1919, 1927, 1935, 1941-45, 1949-1951, 1955-1968.
- Box 7 of 14 Folder 5 Material related to evaluations of Cochran, 1954, 1958, 1965.
- Box 7 of 14 Folder 6 Letter of recommendation for Cochran, 1965.
- Box 7 of 14 Folders 7-8 Personal papers including biographical information, 1956, insurance program, clipping, awards dinner programs, 1962, 1968, press release 1963, photographs of the James A. Peters family, 1962, book reviews, 1968, obituaries, 1968.
- Box 7 of 14 Folder 9 Bibliography 1922-1965; Doris M. Cochran number of *Herpetologica*, 1953.
- Box 7 of 14 Folder 10 Card file to species named by and for Cochran and to her publications.
- Box 7 of 14 Folder 11 Clippings on Cochran and family, 1891, 1907, 1932, 1935-1938, 1947-1949, 1953-1960, 1962, also photographs c. 1934-1956 and list of Cochran's paintings exhibited at Women's City Club, 1936.
- [Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran at desk with specimens, c. 1930s. \[Image no. 96-957\]](#)
- [Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran at desk, Spring 1938. \[Image no. 96-948\]](#)
- [Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran working at desk, 1956. \[Image no. 96-953\]](#)
- [Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran at desk, c. 1930. \[Image no. 96-954\]](#)
- [Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran at desk holding frog, 1934. \[Image no. 96-955\]](#)
- [Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran holding frog, c. 1930s. \[Image no. 96-956\]](#)
- [Image\(s\): Portrait of Doris Mable Cochran \[Image no. SIA2014-00034\]](#)

- Image(s): Newspaper clipping - "Woman Curator at Smithsonian Works with Snakes and Reptiles" [Image no. SIA2014-00035]
- Image(s): Newspaper clipping on Doris M. Cochran. [Image no. SIA2014-00036]
- Image(s): Newspaper clipping - "Smithsonian Aid, Visitor Here, Tells of Scientific Tour Through Brazil," The Minneapolis Journal, July 1, 1936. [Image no. SIA2014-00037]
- Image(s): Newspaper clipping - "Capital Careers," by Margaret Child, The Evening Star, Washington, D.C., September 7, 1948. [Image no. SIA2014-00038]
- Image(s): Newspaper clipping - "Lady Expert Has Kind Word, Useful Hints For The Frogs," August 28, 1956. [Image no. SIA2014-00039]
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- Box 7 of 14 Folder 12 Clippings on Cochran and family, 1907, 1938, 1953-1959.
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- Box 8 of 14 Folder 1 Clippings on Cochran and family, 1932.
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 2 Clippings on Cochran and family, 1935, 1937, 1955-1956, 1958, also photographs c. 1954.
Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran working in the collections area with her assistant, Barry Hampton, in September 1954. [Image no. 96-949]
Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran working with collections, September 1954. [Image no. 96-950]
Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran measuring a turtle shell, 1954. [Image no. SIA2009-0711 or 96-951]
Digital Content: Doris M. Cochran with snake, 1954. [Image no. 96-952]
Image(s): Newspaper clipping - "Dr. Cochran: Curator of Curious Pets," by Elizabeth Shelton, The Washington Post and Times Herald, August 26, 1956. [Image no. SIA2014-00042]
Image(s): Doris M. Cochran article, "Frog Lady," THE AMERICAN magazine. [Image no. SIA2014-00043]
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 3 Clippings on Cochran and family, 1947, 1953, 1960, 1962.
Image(s): Newspaper clipping - "Snakes Alive! Here's Woman Who Prefers 'em That Way," by Richard Helgerson, Minneapolis Morning Tribune, November 2, 1953. [Image no. SIA2014-00044]
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 4 Certificate of Achievement from Ross Allen's Reptile Institute, 1954.
Image(s): Certificate of Achievement from Ross Allen's Reptile Institute, 1954. [Image no. SIA2014-00045]
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 5 Notes on members of museum staff in 1920s, and other colleagues including James E. Benedict, Oliver Perry Hay, his son W. Perry Hay, Howard

A. Kelly of Johns Hopkins, Maynard M. Metcalf of Johns Hopkins, Marcus Benjamin, Newton P. Scudder.

- Box 8 of 14 Folder 6 Notes of Antonio Zeno Shindler, Smithsonian artist, c. 1900.
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 7 Negatives of Dr. Adolpho Lutz taken at Nova Friburgo, May 1935 and of the Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, front view. Also list of photographs of Brazil.
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 8 Photographs from Life magazine, 1953.
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 9 Unidentified personal photographs.
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- Box 8 of 14 Folder 11 Notes on Russian language, c. 1964.
[Image\(s\): Doris Cochran's Russian Exercise \[Image no. SIA2014-00046\]](#)
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 12 Stamp notebook of Cochran.
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 13 Material related to tubular four leaf clovers, *Trifolium pratense* L., c. 1955.
- Box 8 of 14 Folders 14-15 Personal correspondence including thank you notes, Christmas greetings, wedding announcements, concerning school work at University of Maryland, and commencement at Johns Hopkins, get well notes, retirement congratulations, 1924, 1927-1935, 1940-1953, 1959-1968.
- Box 8 of 14 Folder 16 Correspondence concerning *The Skeletal Musculature of the Blue Crab, Callinectes Sapidus Rathbun*, 1929-1933.

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- Box 9 of 14 Folder 1 Correspondence concerning "Our Friend the Frog", 1931-1937.
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- Box 9 of 14 Folder 5 Correspondence concerning "Nature's Tank, the Turtle" (Our Friend the Turtle), 1949-1954, 1967.
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- Box 9 of 14 Folder 12 Correspondence concerning article on frogs for Colliers Encyclopedia Co., 1962-1963, 1967.
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- Box 9 of 14 Folder 14 Typescript and manuscript of "The Life and Adventures of Anthony Curtiss."
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- Box 11
- Box 11 of 14 Folders 1-9 Correspondence with Anthony Curtiss, 1945-1947, 1949-1960-1968.
- Box 11 of 14 Folder 10 Travel diary excerpts from Cochran trip to Brazil, 1935; and "Outfit of Dr. Doris M. Cochran to Brazil," 1934.
[Digital Content: Eight pages of typed excerpts from Cochran's travel diary during her 1935 trip to Brazil to collect frogs. \[Item No. SIA_007151_B11_F10; Field Book Registry modsi3830\]](#)
- Box 11 of 14 Folders 11-12 "Catalogue of Herpetological Specimens in The Instituto Oswaldo Cruz, Rio de Janeiro, 1935."
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[Digital Content: The 1962-1963 travelogue documents Doris Cochran's National Science Foundation funded trip to visit museums in South America and collect frog specimens, building on collections she made there in 1935. \[Item No. SIA_007151_B12_F04; Field Book Registry modsi3804\]](#)
- Box 12 of 14 Folders 5-6 Material concerning National Science Foundation trip to South America, 1962-1963.

[Digital Content: This item contains mostly receipts, notes on expenses, and travel documents from Doris Cochran's trip to various countries in South America in 1962-1963. \[Field Book Registry modsi3805\]](#)

[Digital Content: This item contains mostly to-do lists, addresses of South American contacts, personal notes, and expenses from Doris Cochran's trip to various countries in South America in 1962-1963. \[Field Book Registry modsi3806\]](#)

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Folder 7 Maps of Columbia.

[Digital Content: Six traced and printed maps of Colombia, possibly used for Cochran's 1962-1963 trip to South America to collect herpetological specimens. Also includes a list of localities corresponding with some of the maps. \[Item No. SIA_007151_B12_F07; Field Book Registry modsi3832\]](#)

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