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## Washington Augustus Roebling Papers, 1885-1926

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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

Washington Roebling (1837-1926) was a civil engineer and industrialist. He assisted and succeeded his father, John A. Roebling, in the family firm and is probably best known for his completion of the Brooklyn Bridge. Roebling was an avid collector of minerals and left his collection of over 15,000 specimens to the Smithsonian Institution on his death.

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers document Roebling's interest in mineralogy, and consist of correspondence with geologists and mineralogists including William F. Foshag, R. B. Gage, Samuel G. Gordon, William F. Hillebrand, George Frederick Kunz, Charles Palache, Samuel Lewis Penfield, Waldemar Theodore Schaller, Earl V. Shannon, Edgar Theodore Wherry, and Herbert Percy Whitlock. Most of the correspondence concerns the sale or acquisition of mineral specimens by Roebling. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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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:  
Mineralogy

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Foshag, William F. (William Frederick), 1894-1956  
Gage, R. B.  
Gordon, Samuel George, 1897-1952  
Hillebrand, W. F. (William Francis), 1853-1925  
Kunz, George Frederick, 1856-1932  
Palache, Charles, 1869-1954  
Penfield, Samuel Lewis 1856-1906  
Roebling, John A.  
Roebling, Washington Augustus, 1837-1926  
Schaller, Waldemar T. (Waldemar Theodore), 1882-  
Shannon, Earl V. (Earl Victor), 1895-  
Wherry, Edgar Theodore, 1885-  
Whitlock, Herbert P.

Geographic Names:

Brooklyn Bridge (New York, N.Y.)

## Container Listing

### Box 1

- Box 1 of 1                      Folder 1 *The American Mineralogist* - Gordon. Correspondents include: William F. Foshag, 1923-1926; R. B. Gage, 1913, 1922-1926; Samuel G. Gordon, 1919-1926.
- Box 1 of 1                      Folder 2 Hamilton - Royal Ontario Museum of Mineralogy. Correspondents include: William F. Hillebrand, 1885, 1904-1906; George Frederick Kunz, 1903, 1923, 1926; Charles Palache, 1914, 1923-1926; Samuel Lewis Penfield, 1895-1897.
- Box 1 of 1                      Folder 3 Schaller, Waldemar Theodore, 1911-1926
- Box 1 of 1                      Folder 4 Seeber - Zambonin. Correspondents include: Earl V. Shannon, 1922-1926; Edgar Theodore Wherry, 1926; Herbert Percy Whitlock, 1910.
- Box 1 of 1                      Folder 5 Unidentified correspondence