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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Barton A. Bean Papers
Identifier:	Record Unit 7224
Date:	circa 1892-1897, 1903-1908
Extent:	0.25 cu. ft. (1 half document box)
Creator::	Bean, Barton A. (Barton Appler), 1860-1947
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

Barton A. Bean (1860-1947) was born in Pennsylvania. His brother, Tarleton Hoffman Bean, the noted ichthyologist and fisheries expert, joined the staff of the United States National Museum in 1877 as Assistant Ichthyologist and later was placed in charge of the Museum's Division of Fishes. Apparently, the elder Bean obtained a position for Barton as a clerk in the Museum in 1881, and Barton eventually became Aid, 1886, and Assistant Curator, 1890, under Tarleton in the Division of Fishes. He retained the title, Assistant Curator, until his retirement in 1932.

In addition to his duties in the National Museum, Barton Bean also worked with the United States Fish Commission, later the Bureau of Fisheries. This was a common practice because of the close relationship between the Museum and the Commission, particularly during the period when Spencer F. Baird and George Brown Goode served both agencies. Bean also collaborated with Henry Weed Fowler in his work on the Philippine fishes, published as part of the *Bulletin of the United States National Museum*, Number 100, but published little else of note.

Descriptive Entry

These papers include correspondence, notes, and notebooks of Barton A. Bean concerning his work with the Fish Commission in 1892 and 1897; trips to New York, Florida, and the Bahamas, 1894, and circa 1903-1908; and daily activities in Washington, D.C., 1895-1897. There is also a personal journal, apparently kept by a member of Bean's family, 1906-1907.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Ichthyology

Types of Materials:

Field notes
Manuscripts

Names:

Bean, Barton A. (Barton Appler), 1860-1947
Bean, Tarleton H. (Tarleton Hoffman), 1846-1916
United States Fish Commission
United States National Museum. Division of Fishes

Container Listing

Series 1: NOTEBOOKS, 1892, 1894-1897, 1903, 1905-1908.

Box 1

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| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 1 Correspondence, notes, and notebooks of Barton A. Bean concerning his 1892 and 1897 trips to the Northwest United States for the United States Fish Commission. |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 2 Notebooks of Bean, containing field notes, journal entries, expense accounts, and trip itineraries for the following dates and locations: |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 3 Notebook, apparently kept by member of Bean's family, 1906-1907. |

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Series 2: MISCELLANY, 1897 AND UNDATED.

Box 1

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| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 4 Notes, lists, and measurements of fish specimens made by Bean, undated. |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 5 Sketches of caves in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 6 Map of Guadalupe Island, Lower California, 1897. |

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