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Historical Note

Franco Dino Rasetti (1901-2001) was born in Castiglione del Lago, Italy. He received his doctorate in physics from the University of Pisa, 1923, and honorary degrees from Laval University, Ph.D., 1948, and the University of Glasgow, LL.D., 1957. He came to the United States in 1947 and became a naturalized citizen in 1952. In the early 1970s he returned to Italy.

Rasetti was an Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of Florence, 1923-1926, and the University of Rome, 1927-1930. He then became Professor of Physics at Rome, 1931-1938; Laval University, 1939-1947; and Johns Hopkins University, 1947-1970.

In addition to his academic appointments, Rasetti was a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow at the California Institute of Technology, 1928-1929; a fellow at Berlin's Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, 1931-1932; a Research Associate at Columbia University, 1936; a Visiting Professor at the University of Miami, 1958-1959; a Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow, 1959; and a Consultant for the National Committee on Nuclear Research at Rome, 1959.

Although Rasetti was a nuclear physicist, his avocation was paleobiology with an emphasis on Cambrian Rockies. From 1964 to 1967, Rasetti was an Honorary Research Associate in Invertebrate Paleontology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. He was a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and the Paleontological Society and received the National Academy of Science's Walcott Medal in 1952.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of field notebooks and notes; a draft of a publication; and photographs of geologic formations.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Geology
- Paleontology

Types of Materials:
- Field notes
- Photographs

Names:
- Rasetti, Franco, 1901-

This series consists of notes and field notebooks concerning species descriptions and fossil localities in the Canadian and American Rockies and the central and southern Appalachians. Also included is a notebook containing Russian-English vocabulary words.

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Folder 1 Field Notes, Canadian Rockies, 1947-1948. Includes an itinerary, 1947, for a trip to British Columbia.

Folder 2 Field Notes, Canadian Rockies, 1948

Folder 3 Notes on United States National Museum Specimens, 1950-1951

Folder 4 Field Notes on Fossil Localities, 1950-1959. Includes notes on fossils in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia; field photographs; and maps.

Folder 5 Notes on the Section Above Ball Pass, Alberta, on Ridge of Isabelle Mountain, 1955

Folder 6 Field Notes, American and Canadian Rockies, 1955


Folder 12 Field Notes, Canadian Rockies, undated. Includes notes on Cambrian localities and photographs of geologic formations.

Folders 13-14 Field Notes, Canadian Rockies, undated

Box 2

Folder 1 Field Notes, Canadian Rockies, undated
Folder 2 Field Notes on Fossil Localities, undated. Includes notes on fossils from Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Quebec, Tennessee, Vermont, and Virginia.

Folder 3 Russian Language Notebook, undated

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This series consists of photographs of geological formations in Quebec, the Canadian Rockies, New York, and Tennessee.

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Folder 5 Photographs, Geologic Formations, Quebec, 1944

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Folder 7 Photographs, Geologic Formations, Canadian Rockies, undated

Folder 8 Photographs, Geologic Formations, Columbia County, New York, undated

Folder 9 Photographs, Geologic Formations, Tennessee, undated