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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

Louis W. Hutchins (1916-1957) was born in Washington, D.C. He was educated at Yale University, B.A., 1937 and Ph.D., 1941. Hutchins worked as a laboratory assistant at Yale from 1937 to 1938. During 1941 and 1942, he studied at Ohio State University as the recipient of the Mary S. Muellhaupt Scholarship. In 1942, he joined the staff of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution as an Assistant Marine Biologist. He was promoted to Associate Marine Biologist in 1943 and Marine Biologist in 1947. From 1949 to 1952, Hutchins served as Director of the Bermuda Biological Station for Research. In October 1957, Hutchins was drowned while on a field trip to Plummers Island in the Potomac River.

Hutchins' primary zoological interests were the studies of marine bryozoa and marine fouling. From 1943 to 1947, Hutchins served as Chief Biologist on a survey, sponsored by the United States Navy, to study the effect of marine fouling on buoys in the coastal waters of the United States. In 1945, he was engaged by the Lynn Gas and Electric Company of Lynn, Massachusetts, to investigate the fouling problem caused by mussels in their intake water tunnel. Hutchins also participated in the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution's expedition to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in 1948.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

The papers of Louis W. Hutchins document his work on marine fouling and his study of marine bryozoa, and consist of correspondence, manuscripts and reprints, field notes, and research data.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Bryozoa
- Invertebrate zoology
- Marine fouling organisms

Types of Materials:
- Black-and-white photographs
- Manuscripts

Names:
- Bermuda Biological Station for Research
- Hutchins, Louis W., 1916-1957
- Lynn Gas and Electric Company
- Ohio State University
- United States. Navy
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
- Yale University

Geographic Names:
- Plummars Island (Md.)