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Collection Overview

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Title: Samuel Hubbard Scudder Papers
Identifier: Record Unit 7249
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Historical Note

Samuel H. Scudder (1837-1911) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He studied entomology at Williams College from which he received an A.B. degree in 1857. Williams later awarded him A.M. and D.Sc. degrees in 1860 and 1890, respectively. He also received a B.S. degree in 1862 from Harvard's Lawrence Scientific School where he studied with Louis Agassiz.

Scudder remained at Harvard for two years as an assistant to Agassiz; from 1864 to 1870 he held various positions at the Boston Society of Natural History. From 1870 to 1879, Scudder held no salaried position except for the several months he spent with the Hayden Survey in 1877 in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. From 1879 to 1882 Scudder served as Assistant Librarian at Harvard University, and from 1883 to 1886 he was Editor of the magazine Science. From 1886 to 1892 Scudder was a paleontologist with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) where he specialized in fossil insects. While with the USGS he produced an index to the known fossil insects of the world. He was a leading authority on American Orthoptera.

Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of correspondence concerning the transfer of Scudder's insect collection from the Hayden Survey to the United States National Museum; notebooks of Tertiary insect drawings; and a catalog and list of fossil insects, and notes.
Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Entomologists
- Entomology
- Paleontologists

Types of Materials:
- Manuscripts
- Scientific illustrations

Names:
- Agassiz, Louis, 1807-1873
- Boston Society of Natural History
- Geological Survey (U.S.)
- Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories (U.S.)
- Harvard University
- Lawrence Scientific School
- Paleontology
- Scudder, Samuel Hubbard, 1837-1911
- United States National Museum
- Williams College
Container Listing

Series 1: General Correspondence, 1879, 1892-1895, 1898, 1902-1903.

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