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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Frank Smith Papers
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Historical Note

Frank Smith (1857-1942) was a biology professor and authority on earthworms. He was educated at Hillsdale College (Michigan), Ph.B., 1885, and Harvard University, A.M., 1893. His first teaching job was at Hillsdale College where he served as Professor of Chemistry and Biology from 1886 to 1892. In 1893, Smith was appointed Instructor in Zoology at the University of Illinois. He was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1896, Associate Professor in 1900, and Professor in 1913. He retired in 1926 and was named Professor Emeritus. Smith also served as Curator of the University Museum of Natural History from 1900 to 1917. Smith's field experience included investigations at the University of Michigan Biological Station during the summers of 1911-1914 and 1919-1922, and a collecting trip to Colorado in 1916. For many years, Smith identified specimens and worked up collections of earthworms for the United States National Museum (USNM). In 1934, he donated his collection of earthworms to the USNM.

Descriptive Entry

The papers of Frank Smith document his research on earthworms. They consist of correspondence with biologists and USNM administrators and staff, including Paul Bartsch, Nathan A. Cobb, Gordon Enoch Gates, Chancey Juday, James Arthur MacNab, John Percy Moore, Brayton Howard Ransom, Mary Jane Rathbun, Richard Rathbun, William deC. Ravenel, Waldo LaSalle Schmitt, and Paul Smith Welch; field notes; class notes kept by Smith at Harvard University, 1893; reprints; a bibliography; and research notes.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Earthworms
Invertebrate zoology

Types of Materials:

Field notes
Manuscripts
Serials (publications)

Names:

Bartsch, Paul, 1871-1960
Cobb, Nathan Augustus, 1859-1932
Gates, G. E. (Gordon Enoch), 1897-1987
Harvard University
Hillsdale College
Juday, Chancey, 1871-1944
MacNab, James Arthur
Moore, J. Percy (John Percy), 1869-
Ransom, Brayton Howard, 1879-1925
Rathbun, Mary Jane, 1860-1943
Rathbun, Richard, 1852-1918
Ravenel, W. de C. (William de Chastignier), 1859-1933
Schmitt, Waldo L. (Waldo Lasalle), 1887-1977
United States National Museum
University of Illinois
University of Michigan
Welch, Paul Smith, 1882-1959

Container Listing

Series 1: GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1895-1942 AND UNDATED. ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

This series consists of incoming and occasional outgoing correspondence of Frank Smith. Correspondents include domestic and foreign biologists and United States National Museum (USNM) administrators and staff members. The correspondence concerns the identification of specimens, the publication of monographs, and the donation of Smith's collection of earthworms to the USNM.

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- Box 1 of 3 Folder 14 Hague - Hyman. Correspondents include Theodore Roy Hansberry, 1930-1931; Robey Wentworth Harned, 1924-1925; Arthur Day Howard, 1915-1922; Leland Ossian Howard, 1917-1926; Johan Huus, 1937-1938; Joseph Louis Hyatt, 1922-1930; Libbie Henrietta Hyman, 1915, 1926.
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- Box 1 of 3 Folder 18 Kinley - Krudred. Correspondents include Charles Atwood Kofoid, 1912-1921, 1927; Walter Charles Kraatz, 1919-1920.
- Box 1 of 3 Folder 19 Larson - Lyon. Correspondents include Marcus Ward Lyon, Jr., 1928.

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- Box 2 of 3 Folder 2 MacNab, James Arthur, 1924-1939
- Box 2 of 3 Folder 3 McNair - Merriam. Correspondents include Samuel Ottmar Mast, 1915-1916.
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- Box 2 of 3 Folder 14 Ravenel, William deC., 1913-1926
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- Box 2 of 3 Folder 16 Sanborn - Sayles. Correspondents include Leonard Peter Sayles, 1924.
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- Box 2 of 3 Folder 18 Schultze - Storer. Correspondents include Benjamin Schwartz, 1929-1931; Victor Ernest Shelford, 1912-1913 and undated; Clarence R. Shoemaker, 1925-1927; Arthur A. Shurcliff, 1931-1932.
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Series 2: FIELD NOTES, CLASS NOTES, BIBLIOGRAPHY, REPRINTS, AND RESEARCH NOTES, 1893-1922 AND UNDATED.

This series consists of field notes kept by Frank Smith during research conducted at the University of Michigan Biological Station, 1914, 1919-1922 and at Tolland, Colorado, 1916; class notes kept by Smith at Harvard University, circa 1893; a copy of Smith's bibliography; reprints; and miscellaneous research notes.

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