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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

John Percy Moore (1869-1965) was a university professor and world recognized authority on leeches. He was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, B.S., 1892, and Ph.D., 1896. His teaching career began in 1890, when he was appointed Assistant Instructor of Zoology at the University of Pennsylvania. He was promoted to Instructor in 1892, Assistant Professor in 1907, and Professor in 1912. In 1939 he became Emeritus Professor. Moore was also an Assistant Curator and Corresponding Secretary for the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia from 1902 to 1939 and a member of the Board of Trustees from 1938 to 1957. In 1957 he was made an Honorary Life Trustee of the Academy.

Moore's primary zoological interest was the study of leeches and their biological control. He conducted field research in India during 1930-1931 to study the life history of Indian land leeches. His association with the United States National Museum (USNM) began in the early 1900s when he started identifying specimens in the Museum's leech collection. In recognition of his work he was appointed Honorary Collaborator in the Division of Marine Invertebrates, USNM, in 1930. On his death in 1965, Moore's collection of leeches was donated to the USNM.

Descriptive Entry

The papers of John Percy Moore document his research on leeches. They include correspondence concerning the identification of specimens, his field research on Indian land leeches, and his work on the biological control of leeches. Also included are research notes, photographs, field notes, drawings, specimen lists, and manuscripts from his study of leeches.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Invertebrate zoology
- Invertebrates
- Leeches
- Zoologists
- Zoology

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white photographs
- Field notes
- Manuscripts
- Scientific illustrations

Names:

- Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia
- Moore, J. Percy (John Percy), 1869-
- United States National Museum. Division of Marine Invertebrates
- University of Pennsylvania

Container Listing

Series 1: GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1906-1965 AND UNDATED.

This series consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence of John Percy Moore. The correspondence documents Moore's research on leeches and concerns the identification of specimens, leech control in lakes and ponds, medicinal uses of leeches, and the publication of scientific monographs. Correspondents include domestic and foreign zoologists and USNM administrators and staff. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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This series documents John Percy Moore's research on leeches, and consists of notes on the identification of specimens; field notes kept by Moore on a trip to India, 1931; pencil sketches, water color drawings, and line drawings of leeches; photographs of leeches; copies of manuscripts; and specimen lists. The material is arranged alphabetically by zoological class or order, locality of specimens, or subject.

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