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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

William Edwin Safford (1859-1926), botanist, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio. Safford graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1880, and served in the United States Navy from 1880 to 1890. He undertook postgraduate work at Yale University, 1883-1885, Harvard University, 1885, and finally received his Ph.D. from George Washington University in 1920. While serving in the Spanish-American War, Safford collected specimens for the Division of Ethnology, United States National Museum. In 1902, Safford accepted the position of assistant botanist, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and became an economic botanist for the Bureau of Plant Industry, USDA, in 1915.

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of correspondence regarding Jean Nicolas Nicolle's expedition to Minnesota in 1836, a note concerning the identification of lakes on Nicolle's map, an account of Nicolle's expeditions of 1836, 1838-1839, and of plants collected during 1839; correspondence concerning information on plants in Mexico, the Philippine Islands, and Palestine; and a manuscript translating Jean Louis Berlandier's account of botanizing at Tamaulipas, Mexico.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Botanists  
Botany  
Nicollet, J. N. (Joseph Nicolas), 1786-1843  
Spanish-American War, 1898

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Berlandier, Jean Louis, -1851  
George Washington University  
Harvard University  
Safford, William Edwin, 1859-1926  
United States National Museum. Division of Ethnology  
United States Naval Academy  
United States. Bureau of Plant Industry  
United States. Department of Agriculture  
United States. Navy  
Yale University

## Container Listing

Box 1

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Folder 1 Correspondence