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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

Charles Upham Shepard (1804-1886) was a mineralogist and authority on meteorites. Shepard was educated at Amherst College, graduating in 1824. After a short period as a school teacher in Boston, Shepard went to Yale College in 1827 as assistant to Benjamin Silliman. He remained at Yale until 1844 serving as lecturer in botany, 1830-1831; director of the Brewster Scientific Institute, 1832-1833; and lecturer in natural history, 1833-1844. In 1844, he became lecturer in natural history at Amherst College, where he remained until his retirement in 1877. From 1834 to 1869, Shepard served as professor of chemistry at the South Carolina Medical College (a position held concurrently with his lectureships at Yale and Amherst). Shepard made extensive collections of minerals and meteorites throughout his career. After his death in 1886, his meteorite collection (the largest in America at the time) was deposited in the United States National Museum (USNM) by his son, Charles Upham Shepard, Jr. The collection was officially bequeathed to the USNM in 1915.

Descriptive Entry

This collection consists primarily of correspondence with mineralogists., collectors, and museums concerning Shepard's research on meteorites and the acquisition of specimens for his collection. Also included are notebooks, scrapbooks, catalogues, and lectures of Shepard; specimen lists; and newspaper clippings collected by Shepard mostly concerning meteorites. A small amount of correspondence of Shepard's son, Charles Upham Shepard, Jr., is contained in the collection, including correspondence with Frank Wigglesworth Clarke concerning the deposit of the Shepard Meteorite Collection in the USNM in 1886.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Mineralogists
Mineralogy

Types of Materials:

Clippings
Manuscripts
Scientific illustrations
Scrapbooks

Names:

Amherst College
Clarke, Frank Wigglesworth, 1847-1931
Medical College of the State of South Carolina
Shepard Meteorite Collection
Shepard, Charles Upham, 1842-1915
Silliman, Benjamin, 1779-1864
United States National Museum
Yale College

Container Listing

Series 1: GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1830, 1842-1894, AND UNDATED. ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

This series consists mostly of incoming correspondence documenting Charles Upham Shepard's research on meteorites and the acquisition of specimens for his collection. A small amount of outgoing correspondence is included and is indicated in the folder listing. Also included is correspondence of Shepard's son, Charles Upham Shepard, Jr.

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- Box 2 of 2 Folder 10 Willcox, Joseph, 1887. The correspondence is addressed to Charles Upham Shepard, Jr.
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- Box 2 of 2 Folder 14 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings.
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 15 Miscellaneous specimen list and notes on meteorites.
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 16 Notebook containing an address by Charles Upham Shepard given at Amherst College on his appointment as instructor of natural history and chemistry, August 9, 1845. Also includes notes and drawings on meteorites.
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 17 Notebook containing a lecture on aerolites by Charles Upham Shepard, December 23, 1878.
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 18 Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, 1859-1860, mostly concerning meteorites and mineralogy. Also included are clippings concerning the slavery question and political issues.

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