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## Joseph Francis Rock Collection, 1922-1929

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <a href="mailto:osiaref@si.edu">osiaref@si.edu</a>
<b>Title:</b>	Joseph Francis Rock Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 7287
<b>Date:</b>	1922-1929
<b>Extent:</b>	2.02 cu. ft. (4 document boxes) (1 microfilm reel)
<b>Creator::</b>	Rock, Joseph Francis Charles, 1884-1962
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

Joseph Francis Rock (1884-1962) was a botanist who specialized in the flora of Hawaii and China. He directed many expeditions on which he collected zoological, ornithological, and botanical specimens.

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## Descriptive Entry

This collection consists chiefly of photographs of landscapes and plants taken by Rock on collecting trips to China and Tibet, 1922-1929. The Rock Specimen Catalog, located in the Botany Library of the National Museum of Natural History, includes a list of plants collected, 1921-1924, and identification of plants taken, 1928-1929. Also in the Botany Department are manuscript maps prepared by Rock showing his itinerary, 1925-1927.

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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
- China
- Tibet (China)

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs  
Manuscripts  
Maps

Names:

National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Department of Botany  
Rock, Joseph Francis Charles, 1884-1962

## Container Listing

### Box 1

- Box 1 of 4 Introduction to National Geographic Society Photographs
- Box 1 of 4 Index of Plants
- Box 1 of 4 Index of Negative Numbers
- Box 1 of 4 Rock with His Assistants, 1924
- Box 1 of 4 Photographs taken by Rock on his collecting trips to China and Tibet (20 folders)  
[Digital Content: Photographs taken by Rock on his collecting trips to China and Tibet](#)

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 4 Photographs taken by Rock on his collecting trips to China and Tibet (21 folders)

### Box 3

- Box 3 of 4 Photographs taken by Rock on his collecting trips to China and Tibet (17 folders)

### Box 4

- Box 4 of 4 Photographs taken by Rock on his collecting trips to China and Tibet (18 folders)
- Box 4 of 4 Miscellaneous Photographs
- Box 4 of 4 Correspondence and Notes