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## John Merton Aldrich Papers, 1916-1934

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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>	John Merton Aldrich Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	Record Unit 7305
<b>Date:</b>	1916-1934
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<b>Creator::</b>	Aldrich, John Merton, 1866-1944
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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

John Merton Aldrich (1866-1934) was born in Minnesota. After graduating from South Dakota State University, Aldrich worked briefly for the South Dakota State Agricultural Experiment Station, and then became the first Professor of Zoology at the University of Idaho in 1891. While at Idaho, he worked on many phases of economic entomology and also began work on his catalog of American Diptera, which was published in 1905. In 1913, Aldrich was appointed Entomological Assistant in the Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, and was assigned to the Cereal and Forage Crop Insects Section in Indiana. In 1919, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked in the United States National Museum as Custodian of Diptera and Associate Curator of Insects, positions he held until his death.

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## Descriptive Entry

This collection consists of correspondence between Aldrich and other dipterists and includes considerable correspondence with Leland Ossian Howard and Charles Henry Tyler Townsend.

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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:

Entomologists  
Entomology

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Aldrich, John Merton, 1866-1934  
Howard, L. O. (Leland Ossian), 1857-1950  
South Dakota State University  
Townsend, Charles Henry Tyler  
United States National Museum. Division of Insects  
United States. Bureau of Entomology  
University of Idaho

## Container Listing

### Box 1

- Box 1 of 2                      Correspondence and Memorandum, 1916-1933
- Box 1 of 2                      Correspondence and Memorandum, 1922-1923
- Box 1 of 2                      Correspondence - Collin, J. E., 1928-1933
- Box 1 of 2                      Stein Material - Enderlein Correspondence, 1932-1933
- Box 1 of 2                      Correspondence - Hall, David G., 1928-1933
- Box 1 of 2                      Correspondence - Hendel, Dr. Friedrich, 1928-1934  
[Digital Content: First page from a letter \(written in German\) to Dr. John Merton Aldrich, entomologist, at the United States National Museum \(now known as the National Museum of Natural History\) by Austrian entomologist Dr. Friedrich Hendel. \[Image no. 2006-3056\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2                      Correspondence - Hockett, H. G., 1930-1933
- Box 1 of 2                      Correspondence - Townsend, C. H. T., 1925-1933

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 2                      Correspondence, 1919-1931
- Box 2 of 2                      Correspondence, 1919-1928
- Box 2 of 2                      Correspondence - J. S. Hine, 1923-1929
- Box 2 of 2                      Correspondence, 1923-1928