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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>
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## Administrative Information

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## Historical Note

Doris Holmes (1892-1978) was born in Stoughton, Massachusetts, to a middle-class grocer and his wife. Essentially an only child (two siblings died in early childhood and infancy), her natural intelligence, stubbornness, and extremely competitive nature were well fostered by her parents, who steadily encouraged and supported her determination to excel.

Holmes left Stoughton for Boston University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1909, where she pursued studies in business and the classics, earning her A.B. in 1913. Her business skills led to her association with the Boston Psychopathic Hospital in 1913, initially as a clerk, and later as aide to Dr. Herman Adler. Her interests in science and psychology led her to an A.M. from Radcliffe College in zoology and psychology in 1917.

After a short time as a researcher at Bedford Hills Reformatory for Women, Holmes married her childhood sweetheart, botanist Sidney Fay Blake. Early in 1919, Doris Blake found work as a clerk for the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Entomology under Frank H. Chittenden, and began the entomological studies that would continue for the rest of her life.

Blake worked her way up to junior entomologist and, when Chittenden retired, continued her work under Eugene A. Schwarz at the United States National Museum. The birth in 1928 of daughter Doris Sidney (an infant son had died shortly after birth in 1927) was not a sign for her to slow down -- Blake hired a nurse to watch the baby while she continued to watch beetles. In 1933 her official employment came to an end with the institution of regulations prohibiting more than one member of a family from holding a government position (Sidney Blake was then working for the Department of Agriculture).

Although no longer on the payroll, Blake continued her taxonomic work on the family Chrysomelides for almost 45 more years, first as a collaborator and then as a research associate of the Smithsonian Institution. Shortly after her husband's death, Blake traveled to Europe in 1960 on a National Science

Foundation grant to revise the genus *Neobrotica* Jacoby. She ultimately published 97 papers in various journals (see "Doris Holmes Blake," Froeschner, Froeschner and Cartwright, *Proc. Entomol. Soc. Wash.*, 83(3), 1981, for a complete bibliography) and continued her active research until shortly before her death on December 3, 1978.

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## Introduction

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## Descriptive Entry

The Doris Holmes Blake papers consist of correspondence, diaries, photographs and related materials documenting in great detail Blake's personal life and, to a lesser degree, her professional career.

The heavy correspondence she maintained with her mother and daughter, her essays and children's books, and the 70 years' worth of daily journals all attest to her infatuation with the written word and preoccupation with her inner life. Blake's diaries and family papers stunningly illuminate the contrasts in the daily lives of herself, her mother, and her daughter.

The papers relating to her professional life are less complete. Although she spent almost 60 years (1919-1978) in association with the entomological staffs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Smithsonian Institution, published numerous professional papers, produced all of her own illustrations, and illustrated many of her husband's botanical works as well, this collection contains only a very limited amount of material documenting those activities. The papers do, however, include her extensive correspondence with fellow entomologists, both in the United States and abroad.

In the course of transferring her husband's papers to the University of Texas, some of Blake's own papers were included as well. They are presently in the collection of the Humanities Research Center of the University of Texas at Austin and include letters to her parents, 1906-1950; school and college notebooks, papers, essays and drawings; and clippings, genealogical notes, and miscellaneous family letters and papers.

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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:

Entomology

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives

Black-and-white photographs

Diaries

Manuscripts

Scientific illustrations

Names:

Blake, Doris Holmes, 1892-1978  
Blake, S. F. (Sidney Fay), 1892-1959  
Chittenden, F. H. (Frank Hurlbut), 1858-1929  
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Department of Entomology  
Schwarz, Eugene Amandus, 1844-1928  
United States National Museum. Division of Insects  
United States. Bureau of Entomology

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS, CIRCA 1918-1978, ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

This series contains correspondence and a very small amount of other materials relating to Blake's entomological activities and studies.

Correspondents include professional colleagues; private collectors; and staff members of institutions such as the California Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Agriculture of Brazil, the USDA Bureau of Entomology, and the Smithsonian.

Because Blake did not keep a collection of her own, all her taxonomic determinations were made on materials belonging to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian, or other collections. Thus, a large part of the correspondence deals with the borrowing and lending of specimens.

Other materials included here, such as fragments of research notes, notebooks, and some publications are indicated in the folder list.

#### Box 1

Box 1 of 37	Folder 1 A, general
Box 1 of 37	Folder 2 Atkinson, Thomas H., Jr., 1974-1975
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Box 1 of 37	Folder 5 Banks, Nathan, 1924-1945 and undated
Box 1 of 37	Folder 6 Barr, William F., 1951-1969
Box 1 of 37	Folder 7 Barro, Manuel, 1932-1971
Box 1 of 37	Folder 8 Bequaert, Joseph Charles, 1945-1950. Includes photographs.
Box 1 of 37	Folder 9 Berti, Nicole, 1970-1978
Box 1 of 37	Folder 10 Bi-By, general
Box 1 of 37	Folder 11 Blair, Kenneth G., 1927-1932
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Box 1 of 37	Folder 15 Bruner, Stephen Cole, 1942-1951

- Box 1 of 37 Folder 16 Bryant, G. E., 1950-1958
- Box 1 of 37 Folder 17 C, general
- Box 1 of 37 Folder 18 California Academy of Sciences, Department of Entomology 1928-1974 and undated. Includes correspondence with Frank E. Blaisdell, Sr., Alice Eastwood, David H. Kavanaugh, Edward S. Ross, E. P. Van Duzee, and Edwin C. Van Dyke.
- Box 1 of 37 Folder 19 Carr, F. S., 1929-1933
- Box 2
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 1 Chittenden, Frank Hurlburt, 1901-1929 and undated. Includes Chittenden's correspondence with August Busck, Daniel William Coquillett, Charles Popenoe, A. C. Ruggles, E. A. Schwarz; obituary; photographs; copy of "Lema Trilineata Oliv. (Coleop.) controlled by an Egg Parasite." See also United States Department of Agriculture.
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 2 Colorado State College (formerly Colorado Agricultural College), 1932-1949. Includes correspondence with Clarence Preston Gillette, Maurice T. James, George M. List, Sam McCampbell, Miriam A. Palmer.
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 3 Costa-Lima, Angelo M. da, 1952-1955
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 4 Cresson, Ezra Townsend, Jr., 1926-1944
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 5 D, general
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 6 Darlington, Philip Jackson, Jr., 1930-1950
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 7 Darlington, Philip Jackson, Jr., 1951-1971 and undated
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 8 Davis, John J., 1942-1950
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 9 Dodge, Harold Rodney, 1954-1970
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 10 Duncan, Douglas K., 1931-1943
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 11 E, general Includes photograph of Juan Esteban.
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 12 F, general
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 13 Fall, Henry Clinton, 1926-1937
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 14 Farr, Thomas H., 1961-1967
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 15 Farr, Thomas H., 1968-1977
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 16 Frost, Charles A., 1929-1955

- Box 2 of 37 Folder 17 Frost, Stuart W., 1926-1962
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 18 G, general
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 19 Gentner, Louis G., 1924-1955
- Box 2 of 37 Folder 20 H, general

Box 3

- Box 3 of 37 Folder 1 Hatch, Melville Harrison, 1931-1977 and undated
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 2 Hicks, Stanton D., 1944-1956
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 3 Hinton, Howard E., 1948-1949
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 4 Hoffrtan, William A., 1929-1939
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 5 Hopping, Ralph, 1924-1941. Includes copy of "A New Buprestid from British Columbia, with Notes on the Genus Buprestis."
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 6 Howden, Henry F., 1951-1971. Includes correspondence with Dr. Anne T. Howden.
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 7 Illinois State Natural History Survey 1930-1951. Includes correspondence with Theodore H. Frison, Carl O. Mohr, Herbert H. Ross. See also Milton W. Sanderson.
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 8 J, general
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 9 Jolivet, P., 1948-1977
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 10 K, general
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 11 Kinsey, Alfred C., 1922-1927
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 12 Kuntzen, Heinrich, 1931
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 13 L, general
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 14 Larsson, Sv. G., 1971
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 15 Leech, Hugh B., 1931-1974 and undated
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 16 Loding, S. P., 1929-1942
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 17 M, general
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 18 Mail, G. Allen, 1931-1933
- Box 3 of 37 Folder 19 Malaise, Rene, 1948-1953



Box 3 of 37 Folder 20 Maldonado Capriles, Jenaro 1962-1975

Box 3 of 37 Folder 21 Marshall, M. Y., 1940-1945

Box 3 of 37 Folder 22 Martorell, Luis F., 1934-1974

Box 3 of 37 Folder 23 Maulik, S., 1941-1950 and undated

Box 4

Box 4 of 37 Folder 1 Muntanola-Cvetkovic, Maria, 1965-1975. Includes photographs. See also Francisco de Asis and Maria Monros.

Box 4 of 37 Folder 2 Mutchler, Andrew J., 1930-1937

Box 4 of 37 Folder 3 N, general

Box 4 of 37 Folder 4 National Science Foundation (NSF). Contains correspondence, proposals, and reports relating to the two NSF grants (G 14827, 1960; GB-410, 1962) Blake received for performing a revision of the genus *Neobrotica* Jacoby.

Box 4 of 37 Folder 5 Ohio State University, 1922-1971. Includes correspondence with Sidney L. Pressey, Charles A. Triplehorn, Barry D. Valentine.

Box 4 of 37 Folder 6 Ostmark, H. Eugene, 1972-1978

Box 4 of 37 Folder 7 Otero, Angel R., 1931-1944

Box 4 of 37 Folder 8 P, general

Box 4 of 37 Folder 9 Pallister, John C., 1950-1969

Box 4 of 37 Folder 10 Pierce, W. Dwight, 1944-1956

Box 4 of 37 Folder 11 Pohl, Bruno, 1960-1964

Box 4 of 37 Folder 12 Pope, R. D., 1966-1972

Box 4 of 37 Folder 13 R, general

Box 4 of 37 Folder 14 Rozen, Jerome G., Jr., 1963-1964

Box 4 of 37 Folder 15 Ruppel, Robert F., 1960-1965 and undated

Box 4 of 37 Folder 16 Sa-Sm general. Includes photograph of Eugene Amandus Schwarz.

Box 4 of 37 Folder 17 Samuelson, G. A., 1965-1968

Box 4 of 37 Folder 18 Sanderson, Milton W., 1938-1974

- Box 4 of 37 Folder 19 Schaffer, Charles, 1924-1933 and undated
- Box 4 of 37 Folder 20 Scherer, Gerhard, 1960-1978 and undated. Includes photograph.
- Box 4 of 37 Folder 21 Scott, Hugh, 1937
- Box 4 of 37 Folder 22 Seeno, Terry N., 1975-1976
- Box 4 of 37 Folder 23 Selman, B. J., 1961-1966
- Box 4 of 37 Folder 24 Severin, Harry Charles 1930-1959
- Box 4 of 37 Folder 25 Sherman, Franklin, 1930-1942
- Box 4 of 37 Folder 26 Sherman, John D., Jr., 1933-1957 and undated.

Box 5

- Box 5 of 37 Folder 1 Shute, Sharon, 1971-1978
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 2 Smith, G. Stace, 1944-1945
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 3 Smith, Ray Fred, 1949-1966
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 4 Smithsonian Institution 1918-1978 and undated. Contains correspondence with Smithsonian Institution Press; routine office memos to and from members of the entomological department concerning sick leave, attendance, and loans of specimens. See also Series 7, Photographs.
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 5 So-Sw, general
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 6 Sommeijer, Marinus J., 1972-1973
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 7 Stehlik, Jaroslav, 1969-1972
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 8 Stirrett, George M., 1931-1945
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 9 T, general
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 10 Thompson, T. T., 1968-1972
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 11 Torre-Bueno, J. R. de la, 1930-1939
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 12 Tuxen, S. L. 1951-1976
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 13 United States Civil Service Commission, 1918-1966
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 14 United States Department of Agriculture, 1919-1935 and undated
- Box 5 of 37 Folder 15 University of Kansas, Dept. of Entomology/Entomological Museum 1926-1974. Includes correspondence with Raymond Hill Beamer, Warwick Benedict, George W. Byers, Herbert Barker Hungerford.

Box 5 of 37                      Folder 16 V, general

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Box 5 of 37                      Folder 19 Watts, J. G., 1931-1937 and undated

Box 5 of 37                      Folder 20 Werner, Floyd G., 1948-1974 and undated

Box 5 of 37                      Folder 21 White, Burdette E., 1939-1949

Box 5 of 37                      Folder 22 White, Janice C. 1973. See also Janice C. Scott.

Box 6

Box 6 of 37                      Folder 1 Wilcox, John A., 1947-1962

Box 6 of 37                      Folder 2 Wilcox, John A., 1963-1965

Box 6 of 37                      Folder 3 Wilcox, John A., 1966-1976 and undated

Box 6 of 37                      Folder 4 Wolcott, George Norton, 1941-1965

Box 6 of 37                      Folder 5 Zayas, Fernando de, 1939-1976 and undated

Box 6 of 37                      Folder 6 Zi-Zu, general

Box 6 of 37                      Folder 7 Miscellaneous research notes, primarily undated fragments.  
Includes specimen loan invoices, lists of traded specimens.

Box 6 of 37                      Folder 8 Item 1: Insect Morphology notebook, 1924; Item 2: Insect  
Morphology notebook, 1924-1925; Item 3: Insect Physiology notebook, 1925;  
and Item 4: notebook on *Trirhabda*, undated

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## Series 2: PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1905-1978.

Blake's personal correspondence spanned more than 70 years, and involved chiefly childhood friends, college classmates, and cousins. One of her closest friends was economist Elizabeth E. Hoyt, with whom she corresponded faithfully from her first year in college until her death in 1978.

Other materials included here, such as photographs, biographical sketches, clippings and obituaries are noted in the folder list.

### Box 6

- Box 6 of 37 Folder 9 A, general
- Box 6 of 37 Folder 10 Adkinson, June, 1918-1969 and undated
- Box 6 of 37 Folder 11 Adler, Herman M., 1913-1935. Includes photograph and obituary.
- Box 6 of 37 Folder 12 Ba-Be, general
- Box 6 of 37 Folder 13 Barry, Blanche, 1935-1951 and undated
- Box 6 of 37 Folder 14 Beals, Charles E. and Nellie D., 1915-1930. Includes obituary of Charles Beals.
- Box 6 of 37 Folder 15 Beals, Helen, 1909-1911
- Box 6 of 37 Folder 16 Beals, Helen, 1912-1914 and undated

### Box 7

- Box 7 of 37 Folder 1 Beals, Robert V., 1931-May 1945
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 2 Beals, Robert V., June 1945-1976 and undated. Includes photographs.
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 3 Bi-Bu, general
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 4 Bray, Madeline, 1905-1944. Includes photographs.
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 5 C, general
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 6 Chase, Mary Agnes, 1927-1940 and undated
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 7 Cochran, Doris Mable, 1951-1968. Includes photograph, obituary and clippings.
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 8 Colcord, Mabel, 1928-1953 and undated. Includes obituary.
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 9 Cutting, Maud "Auntie" L., 1930-1953 and undated. See also Series 3, Doris Sidney Blake.
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 10 D, general

- Box 7 of 37 Folder 11 Dinsmore, Elizabeth, 1916-1954 and undated
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 12 Drake, Evelyn, 1960-1975 and undated
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 13 Drake, Hazel, 1941-1968 and undated
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 14 E, general
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 15 F, general
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 16 Fowler, Helena "Lena" G., 1916-1964. See also Series 3, Arthur Lake Holmes and Lucy Wentworth Holmes.
- Box 7 of 37 Folder 17 Fowler, Helena "Lena" G., undated
- Box 8
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 1 G, general
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 2 Gardner, Julia Anna, 1926-1960 and undated. Includes obituaries and a memorial pamphlet published by the Geological Society of America, 1962. See also Series 7, Photographs.
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 3 Geoffroy, Helen, 1927-1977 and undated
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 4 Greene, Gertrude M., 1919-1933 and undated
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 5 H, general. Includes photographs of Alma Hoge and family.
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 6 Hepworth, Leonard and Prudence, 1963-1967
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 7 Hermann, Frederick Joseph, 1960-1977 and undated
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 8 Herrick, Ilga Elaine, 1916-1927
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 9 Herrick, Ilga Elaine, 1928-1948 and undated
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 10 Hoyt, Elizabeth E., 1911-1928. Includes draft of character sketch of Elizabeth Hoyt by Doris Blake.
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 11 Hoyt, Elizabeth E., 1929-1954
- Box 8 of 37 Folder 12 Hoyt, Elizabeth E., 1955-1978 and undated. Includes photographs and clippings. See also Anna Hoyt and Anna C. Mavor. See also Series 7, Photographs.
- Box 9
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 1 Hubbard, Mary L. Beals, 1927-1970. Includes photographs, clipping and obituary.

- Box 9 of 37 Folder 2 Hughes, Merritt Y., 1950-1952
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 3 I, general
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 4 Inden, Hugo, 1938-1941. Includes photographs, obituaries, clippings, exhibition and play programs, and a biographical sketch by Blake. See also Hans von Knorr. See also Series 3, Doris Sidney Blake and Series 7, Photographs.
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 5 K, general
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 6 Knorr, Hans L. von, 1941-1976. See also Hugo Inden, biographical sketch by Blake. See also Series 7, Photographs.
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 7 L, general
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 8 Lindelof, Ernest E., 1965-1967
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 9 "Little Greek Class," 1912-1961 and undated. Comprises "round robin" correspondence among the members of 1911 Greek class attended by Blake at Boston University. Also contains fragment of Blake's 1906 diary. See also William Goodwin Aurelio, John A. Larson, Ruth B. Webb, Mae G. Woollcott, Irene P. Zahn.
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 10 Longyear Foundation, 1961-1975. Correspondence with administrative personnel of the Foundation concerning the connection of Blake's mother, Lucy Wentworth Holmes, with Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist. Eddy lived with the Wentworth family in Stoughton, Mass., 1868-1870; correspondence primarily pertains to the restoration of the Wentworth house for use as a museum by the Foundation. Also includes copy of *Mary Baker Eddy and the Stoughton Years*, by Kenneth Hufford (Longyear Foundation, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1963), and correspondence with the author.
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 11 M, general
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 12 McClure, Mary M., 1927-1940 and undated
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 13 Metcalf, Mildred, 1912-1971
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 14 Metcalf, Mildred, 1972-1978 and undated
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 15 N-O, general
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 16 P, general
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 17 Parfin, Sophy, 1948-1957. Includes photographs. See also Series 3, Doris Sidney Blake.
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 18 R, general
- Box 9 of 37 Folder 19 Reynolds, Bertha C., 1918-1975 and undated. Includes clippings.

Box 9 of 37 Folder 20 Robbins, Nellie, 1930-1955 and undated

Box 9 of 37 Folder 21 Rodgers, Hattie, 1915-1974 and undated

Box 10

Box 10 of 37 Folder 1 Sa-Sk, general

Box 10 of 37 Folder 2 Schieber, Caroline C., 1931-1952 and undated

Box 10 of 37 Folder 3 Schorr, Cornelia B., 1918-1938 and undated

Box 10 of 37 Folder 4 Schussler, Hermann, Jr., 1917-1941 and undated. Includes photograph.

Box 10 of 37 Folder 5 Serbian Child Welfare Association of America, 1921-1924. Includes photograph of Nataly Kovavchevic.

Box 10 of 37 Folder 6 Seymour, Frank and Irene, 1961-1975

Box 10 of 37 Folder 7 Sm-Sw, general

Box 10 of 37 Folder 8 Sproull, Amy Leonard, 1941-1977 and undated

Box 10 of 37 Folder 9 T, general

Box 10 of 37 Folder 10 Taylor, Ethel and Jim, 1947-1977

Box 10 of 37 Folder 11 Turner, Billie L., 1974-1980. Materials largely pertain to disposition of botanical collection and papers of Dr. Sidney Blake. Also includes some correspondence between Turner and Richard Froeschner regarding the settlement of Doris H. Blake's estate, and an inventory of the Blake personal library donated to the University of Texas

Box 10 of 37 Folder 12 V-W, general

Box 10 of 37 Folder 13 Wentworth, Bertram F., 1967-1978 and undated

Box 10 of 37 Folder 14 Woolcott, Mae G., 1911-1921. See also "Little Greek Class".

Box 10 of 37 Folder 15 Zahn, Irene P., 1917-1970 and undated. Includes clipping. See also "Little Greek Class".

Box 11

Box 11 of 37 Folder 1 Unidentified correspondents

Box 11 of 37 Folder 2 Unidentified correspondents

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## Series 3: FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS, CIRCA 1899-1977. ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY.

In addition to entomological papers and correspondence, private correspondence, essays, children's books, and daily entries in her diary, Blake maintained a prodigious correspondence with members of her family. This series contains personal papers and letters to and from members of her own, her husband's, and her daughter's immediate families (see below for identification of relationships).

Blake and her parents exchanged daily (and sometimes twice-daily) letters from the time she left for school in 1910 until her father's death in 1934; she continued the daily letters to her mother until Mrs. Holmes's death in 1950. Following the family custom, Blake's daughter also produced a steady, semi-weekly flow of letters after she left home until her early death in 1974. (Correspondence from Doris Sidney Blake Ullman appears under both Blake and Ullman.)

Because Blake's husband, daughter, parents, and husband's parents predeceased her, many of her letters to them, and their letters to each other (e.g., correspondence between Blake's parents and her daughter), ultimately found their way back into her possession. (However, some family correspondence and papers, and a large part of the letters from Blake to her parents, are in the collection of the Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas.) These letters are included here, and with the inclusion of Blake's carbon copies of her own letters provide an unusual and multi-dimensional picture of family dynamics.

Also found in the series are the diaries and school papers of Blake's daughter; and materials relating to her husband's work, family, and death.

Notes on dating: Frequently the bodies of letters themselves were undated. In many such instances, postmarks, other enclosed dated material, and internal subject matter were used to establish chronological order and provide probable dates (noted on letters in brackets: [ ]).

It should also be noted that letters from Doris S. B. Ullman were sometimes misdated at the beginning of a new year (notably in 1947 and 1948).

Correspondents' relationships to Doris Holmes Blake and the types of materials included: Blake, Doris Sidney - daughter (see also Ullman): correspondence, school papers, diaries; Blake, Hattie (Harriot) E. and Walter R. - parents-in-law: correspondence; Blake, Ralph S. and Maude - brother-in-law and wife: correspondence; Blake, Sidney Fay - husband: correspondence, *Flora of Stoughton*, condolences, biographical materials; Holmes, Arthur Lake and Lucy Wentworth - parents: correspondence, other correspondence; Holmes, Lucy Wentworth - mother: correspondence; Thompson, Mary Blake - sister of father-in-law: correspondence; Ullman, Doris Sidney Blake and Jack Donald - daughter and son-in-law: correspondence, miscellaneous personal papers; Ullman, Doris Sidney Blake - daughter (post 1967): correspondence; Ullman, Jack Donald - son-in-law (post 1967): correspondence; Ullman, Marguerite - mother of son-in-law: correspondence

### Box 11

**Doris Sidney Blake** (See also Ullman. See also Series 7, Photographs.)

Box 11 of 37                      Folders 3-8 Correspondence with Doris Holmes Blake, 1928-October 1949

### Box 12

Box 12 of 37                      Folder 1 Correspondence with Doris Holmes Blake, November 1949-1951  
and undated

Box 12 of 37                      Folder 2 Other correspondence, A-H



- Box 12 of 37 Folder 3 Other correspondence, I-Z and unidentified
- Box 12 of 37 Folder 4 School papers. Includes artwork, essays, report cards, term papers, clippings.
- Box 12 of 37 Folder 5 Diaries, 1934-1937 (two volumes). Includes typescript of diary fragment dated 1-11 April 1936.
- Box 12 of 37 Folder 6 Diaries, 1940-1941 (two volumes)
- Box 12 of 37 Folder 7 Enclosures from diary, 1940
- Box 12 of 37 Folder 8 Enclosures from diary, 1941

Box 13

- Box 13 of 37 Folder 1 Diaries, 1942-1943 (two volumes)
- Box 13 of 37 Folder 2 Enclosures from diary, 1942
- Box 13 of 37 Folder 3 Enclosures from diary, 1943
- Box 13 of 37 Folder 4 Diaries, 1944-1945
- Box 13 of 37 Folder 5 Enclosures from diary, 1944
- Box 13 of 37 Folder 6 Enclosures from diary, 1945
- Hattie E. and Walter R. Blake** (See also Maude and Ralph S. Blake, 1929.)
- Box 13 of 37 Folders 7-9 Correspondence, 1918-1929, and undated

Box 14

**Maude and Ralph S. Blake**

- Box 14 of 37 Folders 1-2 Correspondence, 1947, and undated. Includes some correspondence from Hattie E. Blake on reverse of letters from Ralph S. Blake, 1929.

**Sidney Fay Blake** (See also Series 7, Photographs.)

- Box 14 of 37 Folders 3-9 Correspondence 1913-August 1951

Box 15

- Box 15 of 37 Folder 1 Correspondence Sept. 1951-1957 and undated
- Box 15 of 37 Folder 2 Correspondence pertaining to *Flora of Stoughton*, posthumous book by Sidney Fay Blake. Dated 1960-1964; arranged alphabetically.

Correspondents include personal friends and colleagues of both Doris Holmes Blake and Sidney Fay Blake.

Box 15 of 37 Folder 3 Letters of condolence upon death of Sidney Fay Blake 1959-1960.

Box 15 of 37 Folder 4 Biographical materials. Includes clippings; genealogical information; biographical sketch by Doris Holmes Blake. See also Series 2, Allen, Bell, Knoblock.

### **Arthur Lake Holmes and Lucy Wentworth Holmes**

Box 15 of 37 Folders 5-9 Correspondence, July 1899-December 1925

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Box 16 of 37 Folders 1-8 Correspondence, 1926-February 1932

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Box 17 of 37 Folders 1-8 Correspondence, March 1932-July 1934 and undated

Box 18

Box 18 of 37 Folders 1-2 Correspondence, undated

Box 18 of 37 Folder 3 Correspondence between Arthur L. and Lucy W. Holmes 1899 and undated

Box 18 of 37 Folder 4 Other correspondence, general, arranged alphabetically.

Box 18 of 37 Folders 5-8 Correspondence, Fowler, Helena "Lena" G. 1918-1949, and undated. See also Series 2.

Box 19

**Lucy Wentworth Holmes** (See also Series 2, Longyear Foundation, and Series 7, Photographs.)

Box 19 of 37 Folders 1-11 Correspondence August 1934-1941

Box 20

Box 20 of 37 Folders 1-9 Correspondence, 1942-November 1950

Box 21

Box 21 of 37 Folders 1-2 Correspondence, December 1950-September 1951

### **Mary Blake Thompson**

Box 21 of 37 Folders 3-4 Correspondence, 1921-1932, and undated

**Doris S. Blake and Jack Donald Ullman**

Box 21 of 37                      Folders 5-9 Correspondence, 1955-October 1963

Box 22

Box 22 of 37                      Folders 1-2 Correspondence, November 1963-January 1968

Box 22 of 37                      Folder 3 Miscellaneous personal papers. Includes marriage service booklet;  
birth certificates; correspondence with Alan Oster concerning Doris S. B.  
Ullman's death and estate.

**Doris S. Blake Ullman**

Box 22 of 37                      Folders 4-8 Correspondence, February 1968-1974, and undated

Jack Donald Ullman

Box 22 of 37                      Folder 9 Correspondence, 1968-1977

**Marguerite Ullman**

Box 22 of 37                      Folder 10 Correspondence, 1958-1971 and undated

Box 22 of 37                      Folder 11 Miscellaneous family correspondence

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## Series 4: DIARIES, 1901-1976.

Blake was a faithful recorder of the details of her day-to-day existence throughout her life. The diaries comprise volumes dating from 1901 to 1976 and contain almost daily entries for those 75 years. Blake used her diary as a sort of day-book as well, including school assignments, Christmas lists, first drafts of her correspondence, and annual lists of all the books she read.

An immediately apparent peculiarity of the diaries is that they were written in Old German script. Beginning in 1907, for privacy, Blake began writing isolated phrases and sentences in script; by the end of 1909 most entries were entirely in script, a practice which continued for the rest of Blake's life. Although the script is German, the language is not: except for the words "I" and "yesterday," which were rendered into the German "Ich" and "gestern," Blake wrote in English.

Included are typescripts of the diaries for the years 1915, 1917, and January through July of 1918. Blake produced the transcriptions herself in 1974 at the age of 82. She selected those particular years to transcribe because of their personal content, which she wished to share with her friend, Elsie Froeschner; but they also happen to include her experiences at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital (where she worked under Dr. Herman M. Adler), and the account of the four months she spent as a researcher at the Laboratory for Social Research in Bedford Hills, New York, prior to her marriage in May of 1918.

The physical form of the diaries varies considerably: Blake wrote upon whatever was at hand, utilizing even the backs of used stationery and scientific notes, as well as old school notebooks and tiny notepads. This sometimes created disruptions in the strict chronology of her entries; instances of overlapping dates have thus been noted in the folder list.

No attempt has been made to interleave the loose diary fragments and pages with the bound volumes; they are included in the folder list at the end of this series.

### Box 23

Box 23 of 37                      Diaries, 2 November 1901-1913 July 1912. Includes enclosures. (5 folders)

### Box 24

Box 24 of 37                      Diaries, 16 July 1912-June 1915. Includes enclosures and a typescript of the diary of January-June 1915. (7 folders)

### Box 25

Box 25 of 37                      Diaries, July 15-August 1917. Includes typescripts of diaries of July-December 1915; January-May 1917; and June- August 1917. (8 folders)

### Box 26

Box 26 of 37                      Diaries, September 1917-December 31, 1921. Includes typescripts of diaries of September-December 1917 and January-July 1918. (8 folders)

### Box 27

Box 27 of 37                      Diaries, 7 January 1922-22 January 1925. (7 folders)

### Box 28

Box 28 of 37                      Diaries, 22 January 1925-4 July 1928. Includes enclosures. (7 folders)

Box 29

Box 29 of 37                      Diaries, 15 July 1928. 11 May 1937. (11 folders)

Box 30

Box 30 of 37                      Diaries, 12 May 1937-23 April 1945. (10 folders)

Box 31

Box 31 of 37                      Diaries, 24 April 1945-31 December 1951. (7 folders)

Box 32

Box 32 of 37                      Diaries, 15 January 1952-18 July 1959. (6 folders)

Box 33

Box 33 of 37                      Diaries, 22 July 1959-26 May 1965. (6 folders)

Box 34

Box 34 of 37                      Folders 1-5 Diaries, 8 July 1966-12 June 1976.

Box 34 of 37                      Folders 6-8 Loose pages from diaries, 1909-1971.

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**Series 5: POPULAR WRITINGS.**

In addition to her entomological publications, Blake also tried her hand at several types of creative, literary productions. She wrote at least two children's books (neither of which was ever published) and produced biographical sketches of several of her friends. Her essay on entomologists Eugene A. Schwartz and Frank H. Chittenden (originally "The Two Entomologists"; later "Two Old Coleopterists") was published in *The Coleopterists' Bulletin* in 1951-1952.

This series includes editorial correspondence, and drafts and final versions of short stories and essays.

**Box 35**

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| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 1 Biographical and character sketches, general. Subjects include Alice Stone Blackwell, Sidney Fay Blake, Mrs. Lucas. See also Series 2, Julia Gardner, Hugo Inden, Elizabeth E. Hoyt. |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 2 "The Two Entomologists"  |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 3 "Two Old Coleopterists"  |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 4 Editorial correspondence, general. See also Fiction, general. For correspondence with Smithsonian Institution Press, see Series 1, Smithsonian Institution.                          |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 5 "Acri's Kith and Kin". Correspondence only, no text.   |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 6 Essays, general. Includes autobiographical material; essay contest material; fragment of sketch about Mary Baker Glover Eddy (authorship uncertain).                                 |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 7 "An Analysis of Two Hundred Cases of Delinquency" and "The Fruit of the Forbidden Tree"  |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 8 "An Analysis of Two Hundred Cases of Delinquency", research notes  |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 9 "Left-Handedness and Speech Disturbances"  |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 10 Fiction, general. Includes "Gus Lane's Wife"; "Feminine Supremacy"; "It Happened in Lafayette Square"; correspondence concerning "The Tale of the Turtle that Lost Her Ball".       |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 11 "Squaring the Cabbage; or, The Brassica Quadruplets"  |
| Box 35 of 37 | Folder 12 Unidentified notes  |

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## Series 6: MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS AND MEMORABILIA.

### Box 35

- Box 35 of 37 Folder 13 Artwork, general. Includes cartoons, Christmas card designs, pencil and pen-and-ink sketches.  
[Image\(s\): Draft of holiday card drawn by Doris Holmes Blake showing lightning bugs lighting Christmas tree. \[Image no. SIA2011-0016\]](#)
- Box 35 of 37 Folder 14 Botanical sketchbooks, 1909 and undated, four volumes.
- Box 35 of 37 Folder 15 Entomological illustrations
- Box 35 of 37 Folder 16 Mailing lists. Includes Christmas lists, alumni organization names and addresses and lists of colleagues receiving publications of Blake's articles.

### Box 36

- Box 36 of 37 Folder 1 Memorabilia. Includes driver's licenses, Smithsonian identification badge, ship passenger lists, dance program, address book, and invitations to government functions.
- Box 36 of 37 Folder 2 S. F. Blake passport (Accession 03-126)
- Box 36 of 37 Folder 3 Miscellaneous papers. Includes passports, marriage license and announcement, clippings, obituary, death certificate, draft of will, school report cards, employment applications and certificates.
- Box 36 of 37 Folder 4 Correspondence and obituary of D. H. Blake (Accession 03-126)
- Box 36 of 37 Folder 5 Miscellaneous papers, 1925-1985. Includes Blake's last will and testament and correspondence concerning her estate. (Accession 06-107)
- Box 36 of 37 Folder 6 Biographical sketch and list of publications of Blake, by Froeschner, Froeschner and Cartwright. Proc. Entomol. Soc. Wash., 83 (3), 1981, pp. 544-564.

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**Series 7: PHOTOGRAPHS, CIRCA 1905-1976.**

This series includes approximately 185 black and white, almost exclusively silver gelatin, prints in good condition. The photographs are primarily family and personal pictures, circa 1905-1976, with some group photographs of Blake's entomological colleagues. The prints are frequently dated and captioned on reverse. Some prints had been enclosed in Blake's personal correspondence; dates of letters and names of correspondents are noted on reverse in brackets [ ].

The photographs are arranged by subject (person). Major divisions in the series are Blake, Doris Holmes; Blake, Doris Sidney; Blake, Sidney Fay; Blake family groups; Entomologists; Others. Also included are two albums containing photographs of Blake's girlhood and family.

The collection also contains 27 negatives of family pictures, including wedding pictures of Blake's daughter.

**Box 36**

- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 7 Blake, Doris Holmes, circa pre-1920  
[Digital Content: Doris Holmes Blake, \(1892-1978\) an entomologist who specialized in the study of Chrysomelidae, is seated at her desk at the Smithsonian. \[Image no. SIA2010-1589\]](#)
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 8 Blake, Doris Holmes, circa pre-1920  
[Image\(s\): Doris Holmes Blake, coleopterist and research associate at the NMNH, with her pet iguana on her shoulder. \[Image no. SIA2010-1590\]](#)
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 9 Blake, Doris Holmes, circa 1920-1950
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 10 Blake, Doris Holmes, circa post-1950. Includes Ludmilla Kassianoff, the Munos family, Frances Paulsen.
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 11 Blake, Doris Holmes, circa post-1950
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 12 Blake, Doris Sidney Ullman, Doris Sidney Blake
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 13 Blake, Sidney Fay. Includes Ezra Benson, Ivan Tidestrom.
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 14 Blake family groups
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 15 Blake family groups
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 16 Entomologists, circa 1926-1976. Includes staff members of USDA Bureau of Entomology and the Smithsonian Institution.
- Box 36 of 37                      Folder 17 Others. Includes Lucy Wentworth Holmes, Carl Frederick William Ivar Tidestrom, Unidentified.

**Box 37**

- Box 37 of 37                      Folder 1 Album "Photographs". Unidentified subjects, circa pre-1910
- Box 37 of 37                      Folder 2 Album "Kodak Library". Family and vacation photographs, 1932-1939. Includes Leroy Barnard, Blake family members, Jerry Bowles,



Mr. Buzwell, Mabel Colcord, Johnnie Fell, Julia Gardner, Lucy Wentworth Holmes, Hugo Inden, Hans von Knorr, Albina Musil, Clara Pitcher, Grace Sandhouse, Maxwell Smith, Tidestrom family members, Wentworth family members.

- Box 37 of 37 Folder 3 Loose photographs from Folder 1, above.
- Box 37 of 37 Folder 4 Negatives. 27 images, includes pictures of wedding of Doris Sidney Blake to Jack Donald Ullman.
- Box 37 of 37 Folder 5 Photographs of Doris Holmes Blake (2 folders) (Accession 03-126)
- Box 37 of 37 Folder 6 Photograph of Leonhard Stejneger (Accession 03-126)
- Box 37 of 37 Folder 7 Photographs (Accession 06-107)

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