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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

Edward P. Henderson (1898-1992), a chemist specializing in meteorites, received the B.S. and M.S. in chemistry from The George Washington University. From 1920 to 1929 he served as a chemist for the United States Geological Survey. In 1929, he was appointed Curator of Physical and Chemical Geology in the Department of Geology of the United States National Museum (USNM). He was named Curator of the Division of Meteorites, Department of Mineral Sciences, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) in 1963. After his retirement in 1965, he continued his research as Curator Emeritus of the Division until 1988.

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## Descriptive Entry

These papers consist of correspondence and photographs documenting Henderson's career at the USNM and NMNH, and his research on meteorites. Most of the material dates from the 1960s and 1970s when Henderson was Curator Emeritus. Also included is an 1859 letter from an ancestor of Henderson's, Charles Henderson, to Martha M. Henderson, chronicling his trip across the Plains from St. Joseph, Missouri, to the California gold rush.

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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:

Geology  
Meteorites

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs  
Manuscripts

Names:

Geological Survey (U.S.)  
George Washington University  
Henderson, Charles  
Henderson, Edward P.  
Henderson, Martha M.  
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Department of Mineral Sciences  
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Division of Meteorites  
United States National Museum. Department of Geology

Geographic Names:

California -- Gold discoveries

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## Container Listing

### Box 1

- Box 1 of 1                      Research Notes, 1936-1937 and undated (6 folders)
- Box 1 of 1                      Australia, 1964
- Box 1 of 1                      Australia, 1963
- Box 1 of 1                      Receipts and Notes on 1965 Trip
- Box 1 of 1                      Australia Collecting Trip
- Box 1 of 1                      Biography of Charles Whitman Cross
- Box 1 of 1                      Goose Lake Meteorite
- Box 1 of 1                      Earl V. Shannon Correspondence, 1975
- Box 1 of 1                      Russian Pictures, 1937
- Box 1 of 1                      Personal Pictures
- Box 1 of 1                      Miscellaneous Correspondence (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 1                      C. P. Butler Correspondence
- Box 1 of 1                      Correspondence, A-Z (21 folders)
- Box 1 of 1                      California Gold Rush (Accession 86-122)
- Box 1 of 1                      "Meteorites," undated (Accession 16-299)
- Box 1 of 1                      "Scientific Paper Number 106, Meteorites," E. P. Henderson, undated (Accession 16-299)
- Box 1 of 1                      Pine River Meteorite, 1946-1947, undated (Accession 16-299)
- Box 1 of 1                      Depressions in Meteoritic Irons, 1945, undated (Accession 16-299)
- Box 1 of 1                      "Notes Concerning the Composition of Hexahedrites," undated (Accession 16-299)
- Box 1 of 1                      Deadwood Ridge Meteorite Notes, June 8, 1945 (Accession 16-299)
- Box 1 of 1                      Grand Rapids Meteorite, undated (Accession 16-299)
- Box 1 of 1                      Notes, undated (Accession 16-299)
- Box 1 of 1                      Weatherford Meteorite, undated (Accession 16-299)

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Farmington Notes, undated (Accession 16-299)

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Brazilianite, Correspondence, Notes, and Images, 1944-1945 (Accession 16-299)