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Jesse Walter Fewkes Notebook, circa 1886

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Jesse Walter Fewkes Notebook
Date:	circa 1886
Identifier:	Record Unit 7350
Creator::	Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930
Extent:	0.25 cu. ft. (1 half document box)
Language:	English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Jesse Walter Fewkes (1850-1930) was born in Newton, Massachusetts. His scientific work is separated into two distinct periods, the first dealing with marine zoology and the second devoted to ethnology. Fewkes received his Ph.D. in marine zoology from Harvard University in 1877 and remained at the Museum of Comparative Zoology in charge of the lower invertebrates until 1887. While in California on a collecting trip, Fewkes became interested in the Pueblo Indians and their culture. During the next few years, he visited Hopi villages and made some of the first recordings of Hopi music, beginning his lifelong study of tribal ceremonies. In 1895, Fewkes began to conduct archeological explorations for the Bureau of American Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution, and in 1918, he was appointed Chief of the Bureau. After his retirement in 1928, Fewkes continued his research as Associate Anthropologist until his death in 1930.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

This notebook consists of observations and drawings of marine invertebrates in the area of Marblehead, Massachusetts, circa 1886. Included are observations of the fission of *Astrophyton* eggs, with drawings of the divisions, and an extended series of observations on *Hanonia cara*. Less detailed accounts list location, size, species, and abundance. Illustrations with proportional instructions were used to supplement the descriptions. Fewkes used Alexander Agassiz's prior work for reference and comparison. Also included is a sketch of Marblehead harbor from the water.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Marine invertebrates

Types of Materials:

Scientific illustrations

Names:

Agassiz, Alexander, 1835-1910

Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930

Harvard University

Harvard University. Museum of Comparative Zoology

Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of American Ethnology

Places:

Marblehead (Mass.)

Container Listing

Box 1	
Box 1 of 1	<p>Notebook with observations, c. 1886.</p> <p>Digital Content: Notebook containing observations and drawings of marine invertebrates such as brittle stars in the area of North Head on Grand Manan Island (Canada) or Marblehead, Massachusetts, or both, circa 1886.</p>