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W. Andrew (William Andrew) Archer Papers, circa 1918-1973

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	W. Andrew (William Andrew) Archer Papers
Identifier:	Record Unit 7378
Date:	circa 1918-1973
Extent:	1 cu. ft. (1 record storage box)
Creator::	Archer, W. Andrew (William Andrew), 1894-1973
Language:	Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

William Andrew Archer (1894-1973) was a botanist and plant collector. After serving in France during World War I, Archer earned his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1926. Most of his professional career was spent in various positions with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), including Curator of the National Arboretum Herbarium from 1938 to 1964. After his retirement from the USDA, Archer was appointed Research Associate in the Department of Botany, National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). Archer's career was marked by extensive collecting trips to Central and South America and to Africa.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

This collection consists mostly of correspondence documenting Archer's role as a Research Associate in the Department of Botany, NMNH, 1964-1973. Most of the letters concern his work organizing the Department's archival collections. Archer's collecting work is documented by photographs and photographic data from trips to Colombia, 1931; Central and South America, 1934-1935; and Ethiopia, 1951. Also included are photographs of Archer, including several taken during his World War I service;

employment records from his USDA career; and various notes, lists, and newspaper clippings relating to his professional work.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Botany
World War, 1914-1918

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Archer, W. Andrew (William Andrew), 1894-1973
National Arboretum (U.S.)
National Museum of Natural History (U.S.). Department of Botany
United States. Department of Agriculture
University of Michigan

Container Listing

Box 1

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| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 1 Correspondence, Pre-1966
Correspondence, 1966-1971 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 2 A-C |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 3 D-G |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 4 H-L |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 5 M-R |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 6 S-Z and Miscellaneous |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 7 Archer Curricula Vitae |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 8 Archer Personal - Civil Service Application |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 9 Botanica Lecture Course, 1928-1929 |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 10 Clippings |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 11 Bay of Manati |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 12 Christmas Cards and Other Personal Correspondence |
| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 13 Spanish-English Dictionary of Botanical Terms, 1928-1929 |
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| Box 1 of 1 | Folder 17 Retirement - Newspaper Clippings |
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