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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Arthur Wilson Stelfox Papers
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Historical Note

Arthur Wilson Stelfox (1883-1972), Irish naturalist and entomologist, was born in Belfast and studied architecture in Ireland and England. While practicing that profession, Stelfox also did some work in natural history and served as secretary of the Belfast Naturalists Field Club. In 1920, he received appointment as Assistant Naturalist at the National Museum of Ireland in Dublin, where he specialized in the Hymenoptera. Following his retirement in 1948, Stelfox continued to build his collections, and donated them to the Smithsonian in 1966.

Descriptive Entry

These papers document Stelfox's work as a naturalist in Great Britain and Ireland and the development of his collection of Hymenoptera. They include diaries concerning Hymenoptera and other insects collected, 1921-1965; lists of mollusks collected, 1904-1917; correspondence, primarily with A. Clive Jewitt, G. E. J. Nixon, and R. C. L. Perkins, concerning Stelfox's study of Hymenoptera; manuscripts sent to Stelfox for comment; published papers, with extensive marginalia; illustrations; and working notes.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Entomologists
Entomology
Hymenoptera
Invertebrate Zoology
Naturalists
Zoologists

Types of Materials:

Diaries
Field notes
Manuscripts
Scientific illustrations

Names:

Belfast Naturalists' Field Club
Jewitt, A. Clive
National Museum of Ireland
Nixon, G. E. J. (Gilbert Edward James)
Perkins, R. C. L. (Robert Cyril Layton), 1866-1955
Stelfox, Arthur Wilson, 1883-1972

Container Listing

Box 1

"Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox," 1921-1965

- Box 1 of 2 Folder 1 Volume 1, Hymenoptera aculeata, and aarasitica, 1921-1926
[Digital Content: Volume 1, Hymenoptera aculeata, and aarasitica, 1921-1926. \[Item #SIA_007379_B01_F01, also Field Book Registry modsi2578\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 2 Volume 2, Daily Lists of Hymenoptera, 1926-1929
[Digital Content: Volume 2, Daily Lists of Hymenoptera, 1926-1929. \[Item #SIA_007379_B01_F02, also Field Book Registry modsi2581\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 3 Volume 3, Diary of Insects, etc., chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, 1929-1931
[Digital Content: Volume 3, Diary of Insects, etc., chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, 1929-1931. \[Item #SIA_007379_B01_F03, also Field Book Registry modsi2583\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 4 Volume 4, Diary of Insects, etc, chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, 1931-1932
[Digital Content: Volume 4, Diary of Insects, etc, chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, 1931-1932. \[Item #SIA_007379_B01_F04, also Field Book Registry modsi2584\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 5 Volume 5, Diary of Insects, etc, chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, 1932-1933
[Digital Content: Volume 5, Diary of Insects, etc, chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, 1932-1933. \[Item #SIA_007379_B01_F05, also Field Book Registry modsi2601\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 6 Volume 6, A.W. Stelfox Diary, 1934-1935
[Digital Content: Volume 6, A.W. Stelfox Diary, 1934-1935. \[Item #SIA_007379_B01_F06, also Field Book Registry modsi2602\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 7 Volume 7, A. W. Stelfox, 1935-1936
[Digital Content: Volume 7, A. W. Stelfox, 1935-1936. \[Item #SIA_007379_B01_F07, also Field Book Registry modsi2603\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 8 Volume 8, Diary of Insects, etc, chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, June 1936- July 1936, October 1936 -July 8 1937
[Digital Content: Volume 8, Diary of Insects, etc, chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, June 1936- July 1936, October 1936 -July 8 1937. \[Item #SIA_007379_B01_F08, also Field Book Registry modsi2607\]](#)
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 9 Volume 9, Diary of Insects, etc, chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, July 10th 1937- July 24 1938

- Digital Content: Volume 9, Diary of Insects, etc, chiefly hymenoptera collected by A. W. Stelfox, July 10th 1937- July 24 1938. [Item #SIA_007379_B01_F09, also Field Book Registry modsi2609]
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 10 Volume 10, A. W. Stelfox Diary, 1938-1939
Digital Content: Volume 10, A. W. Stelfox Diary, 1938-1939. [Item #SIA_007379_B01_F10, also Field Book Registry modsi2611]
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 11 Volume 11, Diary of Excursions, Captures of Insects, etc, (chiefly hymenoptera) made by A. W. Stelfox from 1st January 1940 till 13th July 1941
Digital Content: Volume 11, Diary of Excursions, Captures of Insects, etc, (chiefly hymenoptera) made by A. W. Stelfox from 1st January 1940 till 13th July 1941. [Item #SIA_007379_B01_F11, also Field Book Registry modsi2612]
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 12 Volume 12 Diary of Excursions, Captures of Insects, etc, (chiefly hymenoptera) mostly made by A. W. Stelfox from 16th January 1941 till 13th September 1942
Digital Content: Volume 12 Diary of Excursions, Captures of Insects, etc, (chiefly hymenoptera) mostly made by A. W. Stelfox from 16th January 1941 till 13th September 1942. [Item #SIA_007379_B01_F12, also Field Book Registry modsi2628]
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 13 Volume 13, Diary of Excursions, Captures of Insects, etc, (chiefly hymenoptera) mostly made by A. W. Stelfox from 16th September 1942 till 22nd September 1943
Digital Content: Volume 13, Diary of Excursions, Captures of Insects, etc, (chiefly hymenoptera) mostly made by A. W. Stelfox from 16th September 1942 till 22nd September 1943. [Item #SIA_007379_B01_F13, also Field Book Registry modsi2629]
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 14 Volume 14, Diary from 23rd September 1943 till 13th August 1944
Digital Content: Volume 14, Diary from 23rd September 1943 till 13th August 1944. [Item #SIA_007379_B01_F14, also Field Book Registry modsi2632]
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 15 Volume 15, Diary from 16th August 1944 till 8th August 1946
Digital Content: Volume 15, Diary from 16th August 1944 till 8th August 1946. [Item #SIA_007379_B01_F15, also Field Book Registry modsi2633]
- Box 2
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 1 Volume 16, Diary from 28th May 1946 till 12th May 1948
Digital Content: Volume 16, Diary from 28th May 1946 till 12th May 1948. [Item #SIA_007379_B02_F01, also Field Book Registry modsi2642]
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 2 Volume 17, Diary from 16th May 1948 till 18th September 1949
Digital Content: Volume 17, Diary from 16th May 1948 till 18th September 1949. [Item #SIA_007379_B02_F02, also Field Book Registry modsi2644]
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 3 Volume 18, Diary from 1949 to 1952

- Digital Content: [Volume 18, Diary from 1949 to 1952. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F03, also Field Book Registry modsi2646\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 4 Volume 19, Diary from 1948 to 1949
Digital Content: [Volume 19, Diary from 1948 to 1949. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F04, also Field Book Registry modsi2650\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 5 Volume 20, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, 1952-1953
Digital Content: [Volume 20, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, 1952-1953. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F05, also Field Book Registry modsi2657\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 6 Volume 21, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 23rd August 1953 until 25th July 1954
Digital Content: [Volume 21, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 23rd August 1953 until 25th July 1954. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F06, also Field Book Registry modsi2658\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 7 Volume 22, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 26th July 1954 until 2 October 1954
Digital Content: [Volume 22, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 26th July 1954 until 2 October 1954. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F07, also Field Book Registry modsi2659\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 8 Volume 23, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 7th October 1954 until 7th September 1955
Digital Content: [Volume 23, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 7th October 1954 until 7th September 1955. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F08, also Field Book Registry modsi2660\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 9 Volume 24, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 8th September 1955 until 29th June 1957
Digital Content: [Volume 24, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 8th September 1955 until 29th June 1957. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F09, also Field Book Registry modsi2664\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 10 Volume 25, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 29th June 1957 till 18th May 1958
Digital Content: [Volume 25, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 29th June 1957 till 18th May 1958. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F10, also Field Book Registry modsi2667\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 11 Volume 26, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 19th May 1958 till 18th November 1958
Digital Content: [Volume 26, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 19th May 1958 till 18th November 1958. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F11, also Field Book Registry modsi2669\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 12 Volume 27, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 19th November 1958 till 31st October 1959

- [Digital Content: Volume 27, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 19th November 1958 till 31st October 1959. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F12, also Field Book Registry modsi2672\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 13 Volume 28, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 9th June 1959 until 18th June 1960
[Digital Content: Volume 28, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 9th June 1959 until 18th June 1960. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F13, also Field Book Registry modsi2715\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 14 Volume 29, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 19th June 1960 until 16th May 1961
[Digital Content: Volume 29, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 19th June 1960 until 16th May 1961. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F14, also Field Book Registry modsi2716\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 15 Volume 30, Diary, from 21st May 1961 until 9th September 1961
[Digital Content: Volume 30, Diary, from 21st May 1961 until 9th September 1961. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F15, also Field Book Registry modsi2717\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 16 Volume 31, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 10th September 1961 until 15th April 1964
[Digital Content: Volume 31, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 10th September 1961 until 15th April 1964. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F16, also Field Book Registry modsi2720\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 17 Volume 32, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 11th April 1964 until 15th August 1965
[Digital Content: Volume 32, Diary of Hymenoptera, Other Insects, Plants, etc. seen or taken by A. W. Stelfox, from 11th April 1964 until 15th August 1965. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F17, also Field Book Registry modsi2722\]](#)
- "Lists of Land and Freshwater Mollusca and Localities found in Great Britain and Ireland by A. W. Stelfox," 1904-1917
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 18 Volume 1, Lists of Land and Freshwater Mollusca and Localities found in Great Britain and Ireland by A. W. Stelfox, 1905-1909
[Digital Content: Volume 1, Lists of Land and Freshwater Mollusca and Localities found in Great Britain and Ireland by A. W. Stelfox, 1905-1909. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F18, also Field Book Registry modsi2723\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 19 Volume 2, Lists of Land and Freshwater Mollusca found by A. W. Stelfox : including record taken by other collectors on the same excursions, journal, 1909-1911
[Digital Content: Volume 2, Lists of Land and Freshwater Mollusca found by A. W. Stelfox : including record taken by other collectors on the same excursions, journal, 1909-1911. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F19, also Field Book Registry modsi2725\]](#)
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 20 Volume 3, Lists of Land and Freshwater Mollusca found by A. W. Stelfox : including record taken by other collectors on the same excursions, journal, 1911-1917

[Digital Content: Volume 3, Lists of Land and Freshwater Mollusca found by A. W. Stelfox : including record taken by other collectors on the same excursions, journal, 1911-1917. \[Item #SIA_007379_B02_F20, also Field Book Registry modsi2726\]](#)

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Correspondence, 1932-1967. Especially prominent correspondents are A. Clive Jewitt, G. E. J. Nixon, and R. C. L. Perkins.

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Working notes of Stelfox; numerous manuscripts sent to him in draft for commentary; drawings and sketches; published papers, especially *Opuscula Ichneumonologica*, volume I, extensive marginalia and interleaved commentary.