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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Roland Wilbur Brown Papers
Identifier:	Record Unit 7395
Date:	1930-1958, with related materials, 1876-1878
Extent:	1 cu. ft. (1 record storage box)
Creator::	Brown, Roland W. (Roland Wilbur), 1893-1961
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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Roland Wilbur Brown (1893-1961), a paleobotanist, received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1926. He was appointed Geologist with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in 1928, where he remained until his retirement in 1958. Brown also served as a Research Associate in the Department of Geology, United States National Museum (USNM) from 1951 until his death. He specialized in the study of Mesozoic and Cenozoic plants.

Descriptive Entry

These papers consist mostly of incoming and outgoing correspondence documenting Brown's career with the USGS, his work at the USNM, and his paleobotanical research. The correspondence concerns the acquisition, loan, and identification of fossil plant specimens; the publication and review of scientific papers; and professional activities. Also included are notes and lists from his research; photographs of Brown, the paleobotanist David White, and collecting localities; and three incoming letters of the paleontologist William Morris Fontaine from Edward Drinker Cope, Samuel H. Scudder, and Charles Leo Lesquereux dated between 1876 and 1878.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Paleobotany

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white photographs

Manuscripts

Names:

Brown, Roland W. (Roland Wilbur), 1893-1961

Cope, E. D. (Edward Drinker), 1840-1897

Fontaine, William Morris, 1835-1913

Geological Survey (U.S.)

Johns Hopkins University

Lesquereux, Leo, 1806-1889

Scudder, Samuel Hubbard, 1837-1911

United States National Museum. Department of Geology

White, David, 1862-1935

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 1	Photos and Fontaine Letters
Box 1 of 1	Correspondence, 1947-1949
Box 1 of 1	Correspondence, c. 1935-1957
Box 1 of 1	Correspondence, 1930-1937
Box 1 of 1	Correspondence, c. 1935-1956
Box 1 of 1	Loans, 1938-1947
Box 1 of 1	Geological Mapping and Nomenclature, 1960
Box 1 of 1	Tempskya Fern Notes
Box 1 of 1	Articles
Box 1 of 1	Cactus and Succulent Journal
Box 1 of 1	Cercidiphyllum
Box 1 of 1	Rough draft, Part A (2 folders)
Box 1 of 1	Supposed Algae in Thunder-Eggs and Geodes
Box 1 of 1	Paleontology Talks, etc.
Box 1 of 1	Wood Identification
Box 1 of 1	Flora of the Puget Sound