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Reminiscences of Adrien M. Bouché, Jr.
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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title: Reminiscences of Adrien M. Bouché, Jr.
Identifier: Record Unit 9567
Date: 1992
Extent: 1 audiotape (reference copy).
Creator: Bouché, Adrien M., Jr. 1923-
Language: Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 9567, Bouché, Adrien M., Jr. 1923-, Reminiscences of Adrien M. Bouché, Jr.

Historical Note

Adrien M. Bouche (1923- ), fossil preparator and amateur naturalist, was raised in the Panama Canal Zone and worked there until 1976 in a variety of occupations. After his retirement, he became a fossil preparator at Brigham Young University in Utah. He also revived plans begun by his grandfather to found a museum documenting the history of the Panama Canal Zone.

Introduction

The Smithsonian Institution Archives began its Oral History Program in 1973. The purpose of the program is to supplement the written documentation of the Archives' record and manuscript collections with an Oral History Collection, focusing on the history of the Institution, research by its scholars, and contributions of its staff. Program staff conduct interviews with current and retired Smithsonian staff and others who have made significant contributions to the Institution. There are also reminiscences and interviews recorded by researchers or students on topics related to the history of the Smithsonian or the holdings of the Smithsonian Institution Archives.

In 1992 Adrien M. Bouche recorded his reminiscences of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in its early years and donated them to the Smithsonian Institution Archives Oral History Collection.
Descriptive Entry

These reminiscences recorded by Bouche in 1992 discuss his family history, American scientists working in Panama, the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, plans for a scientific research center in Panama, his career as a fossil preparator, his plans for a museum of the Panama Canal Zone, and colleagues such as Graham Bell Fairchild and Robert L. Dressler.

The Bouche Reminiscences consist of 1.0 hour of audio recording and 28 pages of transcript.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Paleontology
- Tropical biology

Types of Materials:
- Audiotapes
- Compact discs
- Interviews
- Oral history
- Transcripts

Names:
- Bouche, Adrien M., Jr., 1923-
- Brigham Young University
- Canal Zone
- Dressler, Robert L., 1927-
- Fairchild, G. B. (Graham Bell)
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Container Listing

Box 1

Transcript of Reminiscences

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Audio Recording of Reminiscences

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