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## Dyar Family Oral History Interviews, 1993, 1999

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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

These interviews of Dyar family members by Marc E. Epstein, Department of Entomology, National Museum of Natural History, and Pamela M. Henson, Institutional History Division, Smithsonian Institution Archives, covers their family; youth; education in Washington, D.C.; careers; collecting interests; reminiscences of their parents and grandparents, including Harrison Gray Dyar's entomological research at the Division of Insects, United States National Museum, his tunnel digging hobby, their involvement in the Baha'i faith; and the Pollock family's role in the development of Skyland resort and kindergartens in the United States. This collection consists of 4.5 hours of audiotape recordings and c. 165 pages of transcript.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Conservation of natural resources
- Education
- Entomologists
- Entomology
- Interviews
- Kindergarten -- United States -- History

Oral history  
Religion  
Stamp collectors

Types of Materials:

Audiotapes  
Transcripts

Names:

Bahai Faith  
Dyar, Harrison G. (Harrison Gray), 1866-1929  
Dyar, Lowell  
Dyar, Wallace Joshan, 1913-1999  
Dyar, Wellesca Pollock Allen  
Dyar, Zella Peabody  
Epstein, Marc E., interviewer  
Henson, Pamela M., interviewer  
Hill, Roberta  
Pollock, George Freeman, 1869-1949  
United States National Museum  
United States National Museum. Division of Insects  
United States Postal Service

Geographic Names:

Shenandoah National Park (Va.)  
Skyland (Va.)  
Washington (D.C.) -- Social life and customs

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## Container Listing

### Interviews

- Interviews                      **Interview 1: May 17, 1992**
- Interviews                      Interview of Wallace Dyar discusses his family, especially his parents and two brothers, youth, tunnels behind the Northwest Washington, D.C., house, career, reminiscences of Skyland and George Freeman Pollock, and early days visiting the United States National Museum.
- Interviews                      Transcript, pp. 1-35, of audiotape recording, 2.0 hours.
- Interviews                      Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total Recording Time: 2.0 hours  
   Note:                                      •     Original Masters: 4 7" reel-to-reel analog audiotapes  
                                        •     Reference Copies: 2 cassette audiotapes
- Interviews                      **Interview 2: August 3, 1999**
- Interviews                      Interview of Roberta Hill and Lowell Dyar discusses their meeting in the same kindergarten class, without knowing they were cousins, and their immediate and long friendship, her mother Dorothy Dyar Hill, his father, Roshan Wilfred Dyar, stories of family eccentricities, their unusual grandfather, and their own collecting interests.
- Interviews                      Transcript, pp. 1-130, of audiotape recording, 2.5 hours.
- Interviews                      Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total Recording Time: 2.5 hours  
   Note:                                      •     Original Masters: 5 7" reel-to-reel analog audiotapes  
                                        •     Reference Copies: 3 cassette audiotapes