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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Alan Stone Oral History Interviews
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Language:	English

Administrative Information

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Historical Note

Alan Stone (1904-1999), an entomologist specializing in the systematics of two-wing flies, received the B.S. in 1926 and Ph.D. in 1929 from Cornell University and taught at Dartmouth College from 1929 to 1931. In 1931, he was appointed Associate Entomologist, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, United States Department of Agriculture. He advanced to Entomologist in 1939, and remained at the United States Department of Agriculture Research Branch, Agricultural Research Service, from 1953 until his retirement in 1971. His research on the systematics of medically important Diptera was conducted at the National Entomological Collection at the National Museum of Natural History.

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.

The Alan Stone Oral History Interviews were recorded to document his contributions to the field of entomology.

Descriptive Entry

These interviews of Stone, by Smithsonian Archives historian Pamela M. Henson, cover his childhood and education, his reminiscences of entomologists at Cornell University, the staff of the National Museum of Natural History, relations between the Smithsonian Institution and United States Department of Agriculture, his involvement in the Cosmos Club and Washington Biologists' Field Club, and colleagues such as Charles P. Alexander, J. F. Gates Clarke, Herbert Friedmann, Curtis W. Sabrosky, and Alexander Wetmore.

This collection contains three interview sessions, totaling approximately 3 hours of recording. The interviews have not been transcribed.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Diptera
- Entomologists
- Entomology
- Insects as carriers of disease
- Interviews
- Oral history

Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- Transcripts

Names:

- Alexander, Charles P. (Charles Paul), 1889-1981
- Clarke, J. F. Gates (John Frederick Gates), 1905-1990
- Cornell University
- Cosmos Club (Washington, D.C.)
- Dartmouth College
- Friedmann, Herbert, 1900-1987
- Henson, Pamela M., interviewer
- National Museum of Natural History (U.S.)
- Sabrosky, Curtis W. (Curtis Williams), 1910-
- Stone, Alan, 1904-
- United States. Agricultural Research Service
- United States. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine
- United States. Department of Agriculture
- Washington Biologists' Field Club
- Wetmore, Alexander, 1886-1978

Container Listing

Interviews

Interviews **Interview 1: February 12, 1997**

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.0 hour

- Note:
- Original Masters: 2 7" reel-to-reel audiotapes
 - Reference Copies: 1 audiotape cassette

Interviews **Interview 2: February 25, 1997**

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.0 hour

- Note:
- Original Masters: 2 7" reel-to-reel audiotapes
 - Reference Copies: 1 audiotape cassette

Interviews **Interview 3: March 5, 1997**

Interviews Audio Recordings of Interviews: Total recording time: 1.0 hour

- Note:
- Original Masters: 12 7" reel-to-reel audiotapes
 - Reference Copies: 1 audiotape cassette