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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title: Alan Stone Interviews
Identifier: Record Unit 9614
Date: 1997
Extent: 3 audiotapes (reference copies).
Creator: Stone, Alan, 1904-, interviewee
Language: Language of Materials: English

Administrative Information

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Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 9614, Alan Stone Interviews

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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 U.S.D.A. 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.

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**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 U.S. Department of Agriculture, his involvement in the Cosmos Club and Washington Biologists' Field Club, and colleagues such as Charles P. Alexander, John F. G. Clarke, Herbert Friedmann, Curtis W. Sabrosky, and Alexander Wetmore.

This collection contains three interview sessions, totaling approximately 3 hours of recording. There are two generations of tape for each session: original tapes and reference tapes. In total, this collection is comprised of 3 original audio cassette tapes and 3 reference copy audio cassette tapes. The original tapes are reserved in preservation storage. The interviews have not been transcribed.

Restrictions: The interviews of Alan Stone do not have recording or transcript deed of gift forms. Researchers may submit a written request to interviewee's heirs or assigns for written permission to use the recording or 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:**
- Diptera
- Entomologists
- Entomology
- Insects as carriers of disease

**Types of Materials:**
- Audiotapes
- Interviews
- Oral history

**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.)
- New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dept. of Entomology and Section of Ecology and Systematic
- Sabrosky, Curtis W. (Curtis Williams), 1910-
- Stone, Alan, 1904-
United States. Agricultural Research Service
United States. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine
Washington Biologists' Field Club
Wetmore, Alexander, 1886-1978
Container Listing

Box 1

Audio Recordings of Interviews

Box 1 of 1  Interview 1: 12 February 1997
Box 1 of 1  Interview 2: 25 February 1997
Box 1 of 1  Interview 3: 5 March 1997