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Overview

REPOSITORY: Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History
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CALL NUMBER: IPAR.001034

CREATOR: Beecher, Charles Emerson

TITLE: Charles Emerson Beecher Archives

DATES: 1888-1904

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 10 linear feet

LANGUAGE(S): In English.

SUMMARY: The archives of Charles Emerson Beecher including illustrations, catalogs, notes and locality information encompassing his career at Yale, and focusing on his work with fossil invertebrates.

FINDING AID LINK: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, use the following address: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/ypm.ipar.001034.

Administrative Information

Cite As

Charles Emerson Beecher Archives, Invertebrate Paleontology, Yale Peabody Museum

Biographical Sketch

Charles Emerson Beecher (b. 1858, d. 1904), son of Moses and Emily (Emerson) Beecher, was born in Dunkirk, New York, on October 9, 1856. When he was a youth, his family moved to northwestern Pennsylvania and Beecher began collecting fossils from the local sandstones and shales. By the time he arrived at the University of Michigan (B.S. 1878), he had amassed a very respectable collection of fossil phyllocarids and freshwater unionids. Following his graduation from the University of Michigan, Beecher became a personal assistant to James Hall in Albany for 10 years, and then at the request of Yale’s Othniel C. Marsh, he moved to New Haven to oversee the Peabody Museum’s growing collection of invertebrate fossils. In 1891, Beecher was awarded his doctorate for his study on Brachiospongidae, an enigmatic group of Silurian sponges. Although Beecher is best known for his work on trilobites, he really didn’t specialize on any particular group of organisms. Instead, he was interested in biological systems, evolution, and the relationship between ontogeny and phylogeny. Beecher’s promotion was rapid. He ascended to Professor of Historical Geology in 1897 and, on the death of Marsh in 1899, Beecher succeeded him as Curator of the Geological Collections, the informal Director of the Peabody Museum of Natural History.
Biographical/Historical note

Description of the Material

Includes drawings, illustrations and photographs of specimens and localities. Also, some correspondence.

Arrangement

(see Physical Description)
## Collection Contents

### Series I. Drawings, Illustrations, Photographs

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<td>Photographs. Photograph of Ordovician Beecher Trilobite Bed locality, Cleveland Glen, Rome New York</td>
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<td>Specimens. Photographs, Drawings and illustrations of multiple specimens.</td>
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<td>000814</td>
<td>Drawing. Scrapbook of original drawings of fossil and Recent invertebrates by C.E. Beecher; donated by Nancy Herzig (relative of Beecher) in Sept. 2005</td>
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<td>Drawing. Original drawings, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1920: bl. &amp; wh. photographs &amp; glass negatives for papers on trilobite appendages; Triarthrus becki, Cryptolithus &amp; Acidaspis; reprints of Pl. 8 of Beecher, 1896; list of people &amp; institutions to whom Triarthrus-legged specimens were sent; total material rec'd. 20 boxes, 34 barrels, &amp; 4 small lots.</td>
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<td>Drawing. Original drawings of trilobite ontogeny (including Triarthrus) and trilobite cephalas.</td>
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<td>Photographs. Two 4x5 black and white prints and one 4x5 glass negative of the actual specimen YPM 26319, Prestwichia signata Beecher. 4x5 black and white print &amp; 4x5 negative</td>
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Access Terms

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Yale University
Connecticut
New York
USA
Pennsylvania
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