Wesley Roswell Coe Archives
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Overview

REPOSITORY: Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History
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CALL NUMBER: IZAR.001692

CREATOR: Coe, Wesley Roswell, 1869-1960

TITLE: Wesley Roswell Coe Archives

DATES: 1895-1930

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 linear feet

LANGUAGE(S): In English.

SUMMARY: The archives of Wesley Roswell Coe accumulated over his lifetime, notably including Yale teaching and research materials.

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Administrative Information

Cite As

Wesley Roswell Coe Archives, Invertebrate Zoology, Yale Peabody Museum

Biographical Sketch

A student of Addison E. Verrill, Wesley Roswell Coe (b. 1869, d. 1960) received his Ph.D. in zoology in 1895, and joined the faculty as an instructor a year later following post-graduate work in Europe. Coe's teaching career spanned 3 decades, and for 16 years he was Curator of Zoology at the Yale Peabody Museum.

Much of Coe's scientific research was devoted to the biology and taxonomy of ribbon worms (nemerteans); he wrote several important monographs on this group and described many new species. In 1899, Coe accompanied other prominent scientists to Alaska as a member of the famed Harriman Alaska Expedition. During the 2-month voyage, Coe collected a wide array of invertebrates that were later documented by himself and other zoologists (including A.E. Verrill and Katharine J. Bush, both of Yale University) in a series of large monographs.

After his retirement from Yale, Coe eventually moved to California and was affiliated with Scripps Institution of Oceanography as a research associate. For many years he continued to publish articles on a variety of topics dealing with bivalves and nemerteans. His last paper, a detailed account of bathypelagic nemerteans, was published in 1954.
Biographical/Historical note

Description of the Material

These papers include correspondence, manuscript related material, field notes, and biographical material.

Arrangement

(see Physical Description)
## Collection Contents

### Series I. Correspondence

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Access Terms

Yale Peabody Museum
Yale University
Connecticut
Alaska
USA
California
Correspondence
Field notebooks
Manuscript materials