

STORIES FROM THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION ARCHIVES

PRESENTED TO THE

**ARMA INTERNATIONAL MID-ATLANTIC
REGION CONFERENCE**

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Smithsonian Institution Archives

Smithsonian Institution Archives



Our Collection

- Institutional Records of the Smithsonian
- Personal Papers & Special Collections
- Records of Professional Societies
- Oral and Video Histories
- Approximately 40,000 cubic feet
- Collection Storage in DC and Iron Mountain
- Four-Person Archives and Information Management Team



James Smithson

Our Services – AIM Team & RM

- Appraisal and Acquisition of Permanent Records
 - ▣ Transfer of 600-1000 cubic feet per year
- Arrangement & Description/Finding Aids
- Records Center
 - ▣ Transfer of 800-1000 cubic feet per year
- Creation of Records Disposition Schedules



Smithsonian International Exchange Program

Records Management Guidance

- Records Management

<http://siarchives.si.edu/services/records-management>

- Managing Active Records

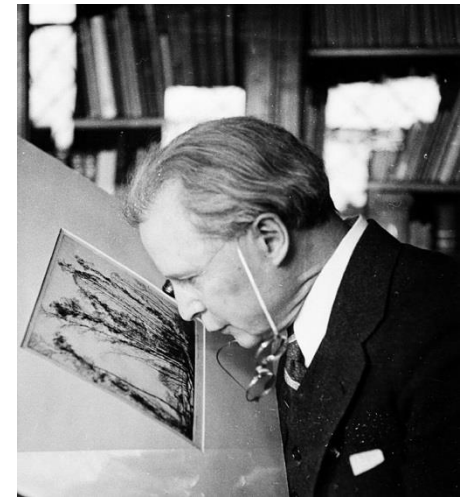
<http://siarchives.si.edu/services/managing-active-records>

- SI-wide Records Disposition Schedules (still in progress)

<http://siarchives.si.edu/services/records-disposition-schedule>

Our Services - Reference

- ❑ Three-Person Reference Team
- ❑ 600-700 personal visits per year
- ❑ 6000-7000 Emails per year
- ❑ Diverse Researcher Base
- ❑ Smithsonian Historian/Oral Historian



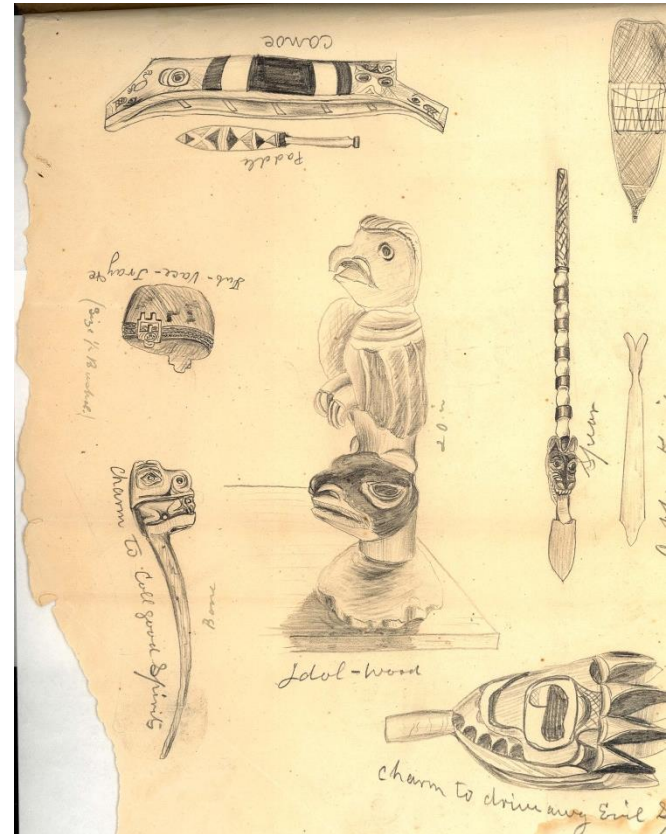
Ruel P. Tolman, Director of the National Collection of Fine Arts, now the Smithsonian American Art Museum

- ❑ Finding Aids on the Web/Collection Search:

http://www.siarchives.si.edu/search/sia_search_findingaids

Our Services – Digital Services

- Digitization of Images & Video On-Demand/for Projects
- Electronic Records Preservation
- Field Book Registry
<http://collections.si.edu/search/>
- Transcription Center
<https://transcription.si.edu/>



William Healey Dall Field Notes
from Alaska Expedition

Our Services – Collections Care

- Preservation and Conservation

- Overview on SIA Website:

<http://siarchives.si.edu/services/collections-care>





Stories from SLA

Every collection has
many stories to
tell....

Stories from SIA – The Will

at the expiration of three months after my death.
I have at divers times lent sums of money to Henry Honoré Bailly formerly my servant but now keeping the Grand Hôtel in the rue Caumartin at Paris, & for which sums of money, I have undated bills or bonds signed by him now I will and direct that if he desists it these sums of money be let remain in his hands at an interest of five per cent for five years after ~~my death~~ the date of the present will;

To Henry James Pungersford my nephew, heretofore called Henry James Dickinson, son to my late brother Lieutenant Colonel Henry Louis Dickinson, now residing with M^r Stupin at Bourg la Reine near Paris, I give and bequeath for his life the whole of the income arising from my property of every nature and kind whatever, after the payment of the above annuity, & after the death of John Fitall that annuity likewise the payments to be made to him at the time of the interest or dividends become due on the stocks or other property from which the income arises X

Turn the next leaf

Washington, under the name to the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase & diffusion of knowledge among men.

I think proper here to state that all the money ^{now} ~~that~~ will be standing in the French five per cent, at my death in the names of the father of my above mentioned nephew, Henry James Pungersford & all that in my names is the property of my said nephew, being what he inherited from his father or what I have laid up for him from the money upon his income. James Smithson.



U.S. Accepts Gift August 10, 1846

James Smithson (1765-1829)

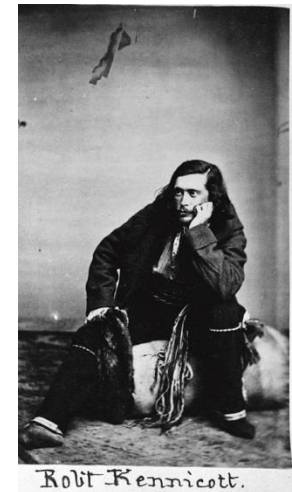
Stories from SIA – Megatherium Club



Robert Kennicott,
Henry Ulke, Henry
Bryant and William
Stimpson

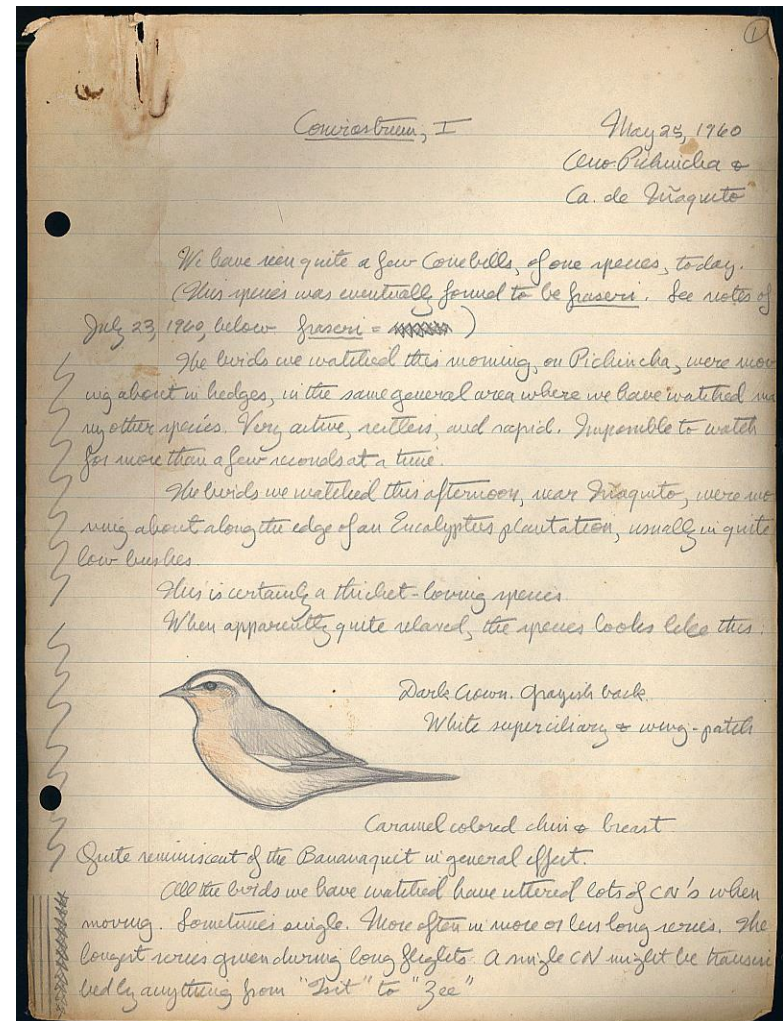


Joseph Henry Family



Stories from SIA – Moynihan (STRI)

- Martin H. Moynihan
(1928-1996)
Smithsonian Tropical
Research Center



Stories from SLA – Moonwatch/Sputnik



Fred Whipple
(1906-2004)

Whipple
Observatory,
Mt. Hopkins, AZ



Firing	E.S.T. 6 PM	Night 1 out 4.57
✓ NPL	- 7:30 PM	
✓ Terne House	8:45 (7:50 ⁴⁰)	Visual
✓ Greenhouse	9:35	Red. East or West
✓ Carnegie	- 10:00	Visual
✓ Collet	- 10:28 5:00	
Whittier	- 10:46 *	Visual
✓ Anchorage (Wash)	10:30	R
Boulder	10:30	
✓ Walnut Creek, Calif.	10:37	
✓ Stanford	10:38	
✓ NPL (Center)	12:10	R
Boston	12:10+	Signals Beginning
Colamb	12:06:21	Visual
Stanford	00:00	R
✓ NPL	12:10 1:40	Radio Stronger
Stanford	3.22	Radio

Whipple's Notes as Data from
Sputnik "Trackers" Arrive

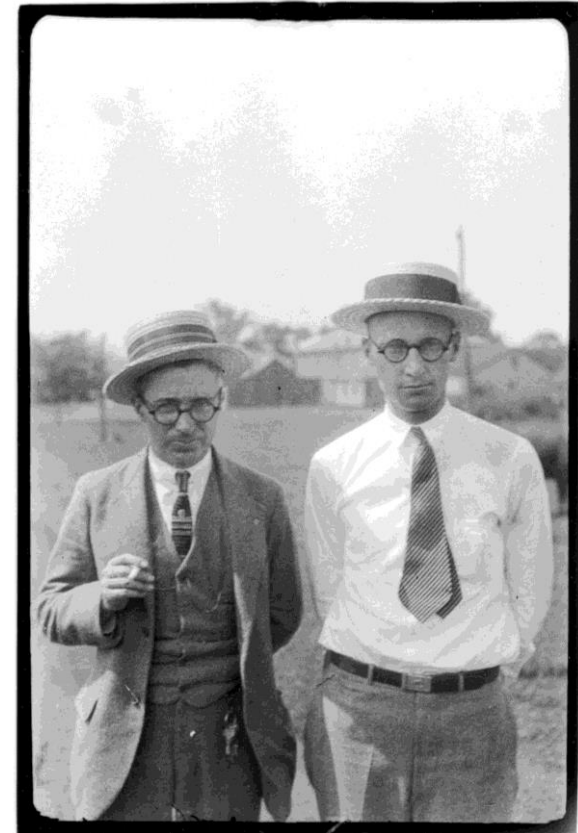
Stories from SIA – Scopes Trial

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William Jennings Bryan,
Clarence Darrow



George Washington Rappleyea,
John Thomas Scopes

Stories from SIA - Hirshhorn

Alexander
Calder
Postcard

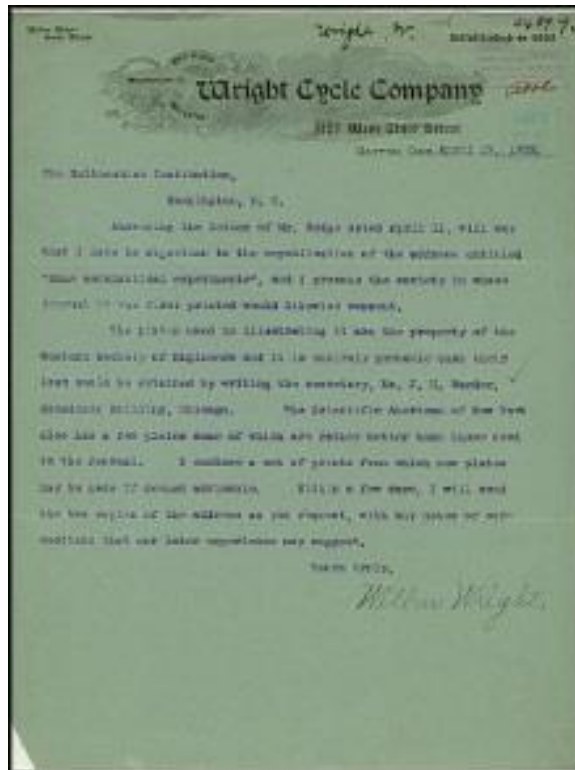


Georgia
O'Keeffe



Joan Mondale, sculptor Mark di Suvero,
Joseph Hirshhorn

Stories from SIA – Wright Brothers



Charles
Walcott,
Wilbur
Wright,
Alexander
Graham Bell,
Orville
Wright

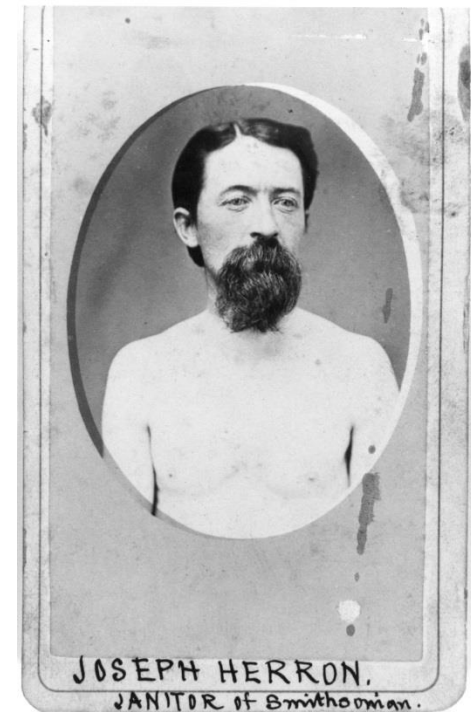


Stories from SIA – Freaks & Geeks



Francisco Lentini,
Three-Legged Boy

Clelonda,
Bi-Ped Dog



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