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**New York State Museum State Paleontologist's
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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of correspondence with scientists, legislators, state officials, State Museum staff, and private citizens. Topics include identification and classification of fossils; nomenclature; fieldwork; loans and exchange of fossils; acquisition of specimens; and funding, preparation, and distribution of State Museum publications. Some correspondence is in French or German.
Creator:	New York State Museum
Title:	State Paleontologist's correspondence files
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Arrangement

Chronological by year, then alphabetical by name.

1899-1903: Organized into two subseries: 1. Incoming Correspondence and 2. Outgoing Correspondence.

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Scope and Content Note

This correspondence is with scientists, legislators, state officials, State Museum staff, and private citizens and includes information on the following subjects: identification and classification of fossils; nomenclature; paleontological field work sponsored by the State Museum; loans and exchange of fossils between scientists and institutions; acquisition of specimens for the State Museum; funding for the paleontological work of the State Museum; and preparation and distribution of State Museum publications.

1899-1908: Correspondence of John M. Clarke. In 1904 Clarke also assumed the positions of State Museum director and state geologist. Occasional items are in German.

1908-1937: Correspondence and memoranda of Rudolf Ruedemann. Additional files concern his compilation of "Geology of North America" and an autobiographical sketch. Many letters are in German, a few in French. After Ruedemann's retirement in 1937, he stayed on at the State Museum for several years. Correspondence from this period is also included in the files.

1938-1954: Correspondence, memoranda, publication reviews, lectures and bibliographies written by Winifred Goldring. Also included is Goldring's correspondence from positions she previously held in the State Museum: assistant paleontologist (1915-1920); associate paleontologist (1920-1925, 1928-1932), paleobotanist (1925-1928), and assistant state paleontologist (1932-1937).

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Related Information

Related Material

A4208Series A4208, Incoming Correspondence of the Assistant State Paleontologist, State Paleontologist, State Geologist, and State Museum Director

B0561Series B0561, State Museum Director's, State Geologists', and State Paleontologist's Correspondence Files and

A0260Series A0260, State Museum Director's, State Geologist's and State Paleontologist's Incoming Correspondence Relating to Research on the Gaspé Peninsula, Quebec, are related series.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Access Terms

- Paleontology
- Geology
- New York (State)
- Researching
- Goldring, Winifred, 1888-1971
- New York State Museum. State Paleontologist
- University of the State of New York
- Ruedemann, Rudolf, b. 1864.
- New York (State). Education Department
- New York State Museum of Natural History. Director
- Clarke, John Mason, 1857-1925
- New York (State). State Geologist