



*New York State Archives*

**New York State Division of Science and State Museum Index  
to State Geologist's Correspondence Files B1815**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of a card file index to part of Series B0561, State Museum Director's, State Geologist's, and State Paleontologist's Correspondence Files. The cards, which provide correspondent's name, date of correspondence, and place where correspondence originated, predominantly index correspondence between James Hall and other geologists and paleontologists during Hall's lengthy career with the State Museum and other institutions. The index is incomplete and should be used with caution.
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## Arrangement

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Alphabetical by last name of correspondent.

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## Scope and Content Note

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written by Hall. Incoming correspondence addressed to other State Museum officials including John C. Smock, Frederick J. H. Merrill, and John M. Clarke is specifically identified as such.

The index is incomplete and should be used with caution. Names of some known correspondents are missing and others are only partially indexed. Certain indexed letters cannot be located in the records.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

B0561Series B0561, State Museum Director's, State Geologist's, and State Paleontologist's Correspondence Files, is partially indexed by this series.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Container list is available at the repository.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

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

## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

This index was created circa 1915 by Noah T. Clarke, for the private use of John M. Clarke in the preparation of a biographical work on James Hall. It is unclear when the index was placed in the custody of the New York State Museum. Upon transfer from the State Library to the State Archives in 1978, the index was originally accessioned as part of series B0561-78. During 2002 the index was discretely accessioned as series B1815.

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## Access Terms

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- Paleontology--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Indexing
- Card indexes
- Researching
- Geology--New York (State)
- Correspondence
- Geology--Research--New York (State)
- Museums--New York (State)
- Geological surveys--New York (State)
- New York (State). Geological and Natural History Survey
- Smock, John Conover, 1842-1926.
- Clarke, John Mason, 1857-1925
- Clarke, Noah T.
- New York (State). Education Department
- Merrill, Frederick J. H. (Frederick James Hamilton), 1861-1916.
- New York (State). Natural History Survey
- Hall, James, 1811-1898