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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History
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CALL NUMBER: IZAR.000996

CREATOR: Bush, Katharine Jeannette, 1855-1937

TITLE: Katharine Jeanette Bush Archives

DATES: 1879–1915

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet

LANGUAGE: In English.

SUMMARY: Archives of Katharine J. Bush related to her work and research at Yale University and the Peabody Museum.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/ypm.izar.000996

Administrative Information

Cite As
Katharine Jeanette Bush Archives, Invertebrate Zoology, Yale Peabody Museum

Biographical Sketch
In 1901, Katharine Jeannette Bush (b. 1855, d. 1937) became the first woman at Yale University to receive a Ph.D. in the sciences. Nearly 46 years old at the time, she had worked as assistant to Addison E. Verrill for over 20 years. Initially hired to help arrange and catalog specimens that were accumulating as a result of Verrill’s involvement with the U.S. Fish Commission, Katharine Bush eventually collaborated with him on several important reviews of shallow and deepwater Mollusca of the Atlantic coastal region.

Bush’s most significant work, which also served as her dissertation, was an important monograph on the sabellid and serpulid polychaetes collected by the Harriman Alaska Expedition of 1899, and published in 1905. Considering the Victorian era she lived in, it is not surprising that Bush was not a member of the expedition; the polychaetes she studied were collected primarily by her brother-in-law Wesley R. Coe, a faculty member at Yale. During her 30-year career, Bush published 19 research articles and monographs, an enduring scientific achievement matched by few women of her era.

Description of the Material
These archives encompass materials related to her work and research at the Peabody Museum. They include manuscript related materials, correspondence, etc.
## Collection Contents

### Series I. Manuscript Related Materials

These are materials related to manuscripts. The contain line drawings, figures, rough drafts, etc.

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<td>bivalves, mostly from collections made by the U.S. Fish Commission. The</td>
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<td>drawings all appear done by K.J. Bush, and several have annotations from A.E. Verrill. Many also have associated USNM numbers and USFC station numbers. They may have been used in various A.E. Verrill and K.J. Bush publications. Several are of type specimens that are in the USNM and possibly YPM collections. Call Number: 000999</td>
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John Percy Moore Correspondence. Correspondence from J.P. Moore to K.J. Bush. 1910
Call Number: 001699

John Percy Moore Correspondence. A letter from J.P. Moore thanking Bush for the Spirobis she had sent him. 19 Sep 1910
Call Number: 001700
**Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

**Geographic Names**

Alaska
Atlantic Ocean
Bermuda
Connecticut
USA

**Genres / Formats**

Correspondence
Manuscript materials
Record books

**Corporate Bodies**

Yale Peabody Museum
Yale University