

# Sidney Irving Smith Archives

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** IZAR.000990

**CREATOR:** Smith, Sidney Irving

**TITLE:** Sidney Irving Smith Archives

**DATES:** 1864-1906

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** Archives related to Sidney Smith and his work at Yale University and the Peabody Museum.

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## Administrative Information

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### Cite As

Sidney Irving Smith Archives, Invertebrate Zoology, Yale Peabody Museum

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## Biographical Sketch

Sidney Irving Smith (b. 1843, d. 1926) was an important contributor to late 19th century zoological study. As a young man growing up in Norway, Maine, he became an expert on the local fauna and won local praise for his skill as a collector, particularly of insects. Eventually he enrolled at Yale University, where he received formative training under his brother-in-law's tutelage. Following his education, Smith served as assistant in the Sheffield Scientific School and was appointed Professor of Comparative Anatomy at Yale in 1875, a position he maintained until his retirement in 1906.

Relatively early in his career, Smith abandoned his initial focus on insects (he served as State Entomologist in 1872 and 1873) to concentrate on various aspects of the taxonomy and biology of crustaceans, undoubtedly because of his formal association with the U.S. Fish Commission and its coastal survey program. During a career ultimately hindered by health problems, Sidney Smith produced more than 70 papers, many of which have contributed to our basic understanding of the western Atlantic crustacean fauna.

## **Description of the Material**

These archives are composed of Sidney I. Smith's correspondence, record books, manuscript and biographical materials.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Record Books, 1864-1906

Record books relating to Sidney Smith's research.

Crustacea. Record books relating to Crustacea. 000992	1864-1906
Crustacea. This record book is a listing of C.F.Hartt Expedition of 1870 crustaceans. The list is in Sidney Smith's handwriting as indicated by A.E. Verrill's note on the cover and inside of cover. 000993	1870

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**Series II: Correspondence, 1864-1906**

Edward Norton Correspondence. Correspondence from E. Norton to S.I. Smith. 001411	1868
Edward Norton Correspondence. A letter from E. Norton informing Smith he has received the box of insects in good condition and will forward them with his own package. (Unknown who the specimens are being forwarded to). See Invoice Ledger. 001412	07 Feb 1868
Edward T. Owen Correspondence. Correspondence from E.T. Owen to S.I. Smith. 001323	1877 - 1885
Edward T. Owen Correspondence. A letter from E.T. Owen sending Smith an illustration of copulating Prometheus (moth) and cocoons of Prometheus. 001324	11 Mar 1877
Edward T. Owen Correspondence. A letter from E.T. Owen informing Smith that his entomology collection will be donated to the museum upon his death. 001327	13 Sep 1885
Ernest Ingersoll Correspondence. Correspondence from E. Ingersoll to S.I. Smith. 001325	1877
Ernest Ingersoll Correspondence. A letter from E. Ingersoll informing Smith he is sending him leeches and mollusks from J.D. Putnam of Davenport, IA for possible identification. 001326	20 Feb 1877
Ezra Townsend Cresson Correspondence. Correspondence from E.T. Cresson to S.I. Smith. 001409	1867
Ezra Townsend Cresson Correspondence. A letter from E.T. Cresson informing Smith he has identified many of the Hymenoptera sent to him. He also discusses the possibility of exchanges and proposes to name a new species after him, <i>Trogus smithii</i> . See Invoice Ledger 001410	19 Feb 1867
Francis LaBaron Correspondence. Correspondence from F. LeBaron to S.I. Smith. 001481	1877
Francis LaBaron Correspondence. A letter from F. Labaron to S.I. Smith asking him to reconsider his withdrawal and reassuring him that the Woodruff Expedition should leave by October 1st. He Explains Woodruff has lowered to price to ensure enough students. 001482	24 Jul 1877
George W. Peck Correspondence. Correspondence from G.W. Peck to S.I. Smith. 001421	1866
George W. Peck Correspondence. A letter from G.W. Peck asking Smith about the possibility for further exchanges. See Invoice Ledger. 001422	03 Dec 1866
George W. Peck Correspondence. A letter from G.W. Peck including a list of specimens (Insects) sent in exchange. See YPMZ Acc. No. 130. See Invoice Ledger. 001423	05 May 1866

## 001421 George W. Peck Correspondence. Correspondence from G.W P [...] (continued)

George W. Peck Correspondence. A letter from G.W. Peck asking Smith about the possibility of another exchange. See Invoice Ledger. 001424	28 Jul 1866
H.E. Fitz Correspondence. Correspondence from H.E. Fitz to S.I. Smith. 001328	1887
H.E. Fitz Correspondence. A letter from H.E. Fitz sending a crustacea found in a Venus mercenaria to Smith for identification. The specimens were collected in Peconic, Sullfolk County, NY. 001329	29 Jan 1887
James O. Woodruff Correspondence. Correspondence from J.O. Woodruff to S.I. Smith. 001477	1877
James O. Woodruff Correspondence. A letter from J.O. Woodruff to S.I. Smith inviting him as faculty on his proposed Expedition. 001478	05 Feb 1877
Sidney Irving Smith Correspondence. Outgoing correspondence of S.I. Smith. 001330	1864-1906
Sidney Irving Smith Correspondence. Appears to be a rough copy of an outgoing letter from S.I. Smith, recipient unknown. The letter discusses the sending of Hyale specimens and amphipod taxonomy, including specimens from Kerguelen Islands. 001331	10 Feb 1876
Sidney Irving Smith Correspondence. A 1st draft of a letter from Smith to James Woodruff asking that he be released from any obligation to the Woodruff Expedition and requests Woodruff stop using his name in connection with the Expedition. 001483	21 Jul 1877
Sidney Irving Smith Correspondence. A 1st draft of a letter from Smith to Francis LeBaron, asnwering LeBaron's letter of 24 Jul. He reiterates his position of being released from the Woodruff Expedition and insists his name not be used in connection to the expedition. 001484	24 Jul 1877
Theodore L. Mead Correspondence. Correspondence from T.L. Mead to S.I. Smith. 001321	1872
Theodore L. Mead Correspondence. A letter from T.L Mead asking Smith if he would be interested in an exchange of butterflies. He encloses a list of specimens in his collection from Colorado. 001322	31 Jan 1872
William G. Farlow Correspondence. Correspondence from W.G. Farlow to S.I. Smith regarding the proposed Woodruff Expedition. 001475	1877
William G. Farlow Correspondence. 8 letters from W.G. Farlow to S.I. Smith discussing the proposed Woodruff Expedition. In the letters Farlow expresses concerns with the organizers of the Expedition and problems he is having with said organizers. Subsequently, he decides, along with Smith, to remove their names from consideration based on those concerns. 001476	04 Jul 1877 - 31 Jul 1877

William Le Baron Jenney Correspondence. Correspondence from W.L.B. Jenney to S.I. Smith. 1877  
001479

William Le Baron Jenney Correspondence. A letter from W.L.B. Jenney to S.I. Smith offering his regret that Smith and Farlow would not be joining the Woodruff Expedition, and he will ask that Woodruff keep spots open should they choose to reconsider. 17 Aug 1877  
001480

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## Series III: Research Materials, 1864-1906

Entomology. Materials relating to S.I. Smith research in Entomology. 1864-1906  
001429

Entomology. S.I. Smith notes on Insects, all appear to be from Maine, possibly 1864  
Expedition of 1864. A note in Verrill's hand reads "S.I. Smith. Norway, ME. Notes on  
Insects." See Invoice Ledger.  
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Entomology. A list of Lepidoptera. Appears to be in S.I. Smith's hand. Title says "List  
of Lepidoptera wanted to complete work." See Invoice Ledger.  
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## **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**

Connecticut  
Maine  
USA

### **Genres / Formats**

Correspondence  
Field notebooks  
Record books

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale Peabody Museum  
Yale University