

# Guide to the David Martyn Smith Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1189

**CREATOR:** Smith, David M. (David Martyn), 1921-

**TITLE:** David Martyn Smith papers

**DATES:** 1961-1963

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes, and other papers relating to the Connecticut Pesticide Investigating Committee. This committee was chaired by Anthony E. Wallace and one its members was David Martyn Smith.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by David M. Smith in 1965.

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## Biographical / Historical

David M. Smith (1921-): educator; B.S., University of Rhode Island, 1941; M.F., Yale, 1946, Ph.D., 1950; instructor, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale, 1946-1951, assistant professor 1951-1957, assistant dean, 1953-1958, associate professor, 1957-1963, professor, 1963- ; Morris K. Jesup Professor of Silviculture, 1967-.

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## Scope and Contents

These papers pertain to the Connecticut Pesticide Investigating Committee (the "Wallace Committee") appointed by Governor John Dempsey to investigate pesticide problems and legislation in 1963. David Martyn Smith was a member of this committee, which was chaired by Anthony E. Wallace. Included among the papers are letters (mainly copies of Wallace's correspondence as chairman with the governor and other officials and specialists), minutes and reports of the committee, testimony given by experts before the committee, and subject files of existing and pending legislation, printed matter, newspaper clippings, and notes pertaining to pesticide use, to Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, and to the gypsy moth problem.

These papers were donated to Yale University by David Martyn Smith in 1965. Writings and other papers of Herman Haupt Chapman have been transferred from this collection to the Herman Haupt Chapman Papers, Ms. Gr. No. 134.

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### Connecticut Pesticide Investigating Committee papers

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1962-1963 August
b. 1, f. 2	Minutes of meetings	1963 February- April
b. 1, f. 3	Testimony, memoranda, and reports	1963 February-1964 August
Subject files		
b. 1, f. 4	Existing legislation on pesticides	1956, 1962-1963
b. 1, f. 5	Legislation proposed on pesticides	1949, 1960-1963
b. 1, f. 6	Recommendations for pesticide use, Connecticut	1953-1963, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Comments on <i>Silent Spring</i>	1962-1963
b. 1, f. 8	National Wildlife Federation	1959, 1963
b. 1, f. 9	Printed materials and newspaper clippings	1961-1965, undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

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

### **Subjects**

Conservation of natural resources  
Environmental protection  
Pesticides -- Law and legislation

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Politics and government

### **Names**

Smith, David M. (David Martyn), 1921-  
Wallace, Anthony