

Guide to the William Procter Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1049

CREATOR: Procter, William, 1872-1951

TITLE: William Procter papers

DATES: 1920-1938

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Chiefly William Procter's records of laboratory and field observations of invertebrates, principally protozoa and various worms, with a notebook of mounted drawings of protozoa. Letters, newspapers clippings on non-scientific matters, and several poems are also in the papers.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of William Procter, 1951.

Conditions Governing Access

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Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

William Procter, Ph.B. 1894. Born September 8, 1872, Cincinnati, Ohio; died April 19, 1951, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Father, Harley Thomas Procter, partner Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati; son of William Procter. Mother, Mary Elizabeth (Sanford) Procter; daughter of Aaron and Flora Jane (Beardsley) Sanford. Yale relatives include: Thomas Tousey (B.A. 1707) (great-great-great-great-grandfather); William H. Sanford, '84 (uncle).

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Student The Sorbonne 1896-97; with Redmond, Kerr & Company, bankers, 1898 and Kountze Brothers 1898-1901; organizer and partner Procter & Borden, bonds, New York City, 1902-20; graduate student Columbia 1917-20; established laboratory on Mount Desert Island, Maine, 1921, and in 1926 established Biological Survey of the Mount Desert Region (president 1926-51); an authority on marine and insect life of the Region (author of many publications and contributed to curricula of universities and State biological departments); research associate in marine biology Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia; Sc.D. Montreal 1935; member advisory board zoology department Columbia 1942-47; president Bar Harbor Hospital 1923-30; member board Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology 1917-20, 1928-40; trustee American Museum of Natural History; a founder and governor Scientific Research Society of America; member Sigma Xi, Boston Society of Natural History, Academy of Natural Sciences, New York Academy of Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Microscopical Society, Ornithologists' Union, Genetic Society, New York, Brooklyn and Cambridge Entomological societies, Ray Society of London, Plymouth Marine Association, Ecologists Union, Ecological Society of America, Royal Canadian Institute; warden Bethesda-by-the-Sea Church (Episcopal), Palm Beach.

Married February 3, 1910, New York City, Emily Pearson, daughter of Frederick W. and Julia (Northhall) Bodstein. Mrs. Procter died 1949.

Death due to heart attack. Buried in Bar Harbor (Maine) Cemetery. Survived by a brother, Rodney Procter, '03 S.

(Taken from *Yale University Obituary Record*, Sheffield Scientific School, 1949-51, pp. 105-106).

Scope and Contents

The papers of William Procter consist for the most part of records of laboratory and field observations of invertebrates, principally protozoa and various worms. Included is a notebook of mounted drawings of

protozoa. There are also two letters in the collection, both from scholars, and an assortment of newspaper clippings on national financial matters and other non-scientific matters, as well as several copies of poems.

These papers were given to Yale University by William Procter in 1951.

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Scientific papers		
b. 1, f. 1	Drawings of protozoa	1920
b. 1, f. 2	Key to microscope slides of Lophius veil	1928
b. 1, f. 3	Notes on annelids	1930, undated
b. 1, f. 4	"Directions for Dissection of Arenicola" English	undated
b. 1, f. 5	"Key to the Eggs of Ithaca Anura" English	undated
b. 1, f. 6	Notes on nemertean	undated
b. 1, f. 7	Checklist of ocean organisms	undated
Letters		
b. 1, f. 8	Kirtland, John C.	1932 September 28
	Marie-Victorin, Frère	1937 January 28
b. 1, f. 9	Newspaper clippings on financial and other non-scientific subjects	1928-1938, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Poems	1920, 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

Biology
Protozoa
Science
Worms

Geographic Names

Mount Desert Island (Me.)

Occupations

Biologists

Names

Procter, William, 1872-1951