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Summary Information

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Historical Note

The Zoology and Entomology Department was created in 1860. Manly Miles was the first instructor for the department. In 1875, A. J. Cook began his tenure as a zoology instructor, becoming departmental chairman from 1876 until 1893. The department was renamed the Department of Zoology and Physiology in 1894. At that time, ornithologist Walter F. Barrows replaced Cook as chairman for the department and was also named Curator of the Museum.

In 1914, the Zoology Department began a partnership with the Cooperative Extension Service where members of the department began acting as consultants to county agricultural agents. The next year, Joseph W. Stack was hired as a new zoology professor. Stack would later become curator of the Museum. The Zoology Department became part of the Applied

Sciences Division in 1922. The following year, Harrison R. Hunt was named Chairman of the Department, following the death of Barrows. The department was renamed the Department of Zoology and Geology.

In cooperation with the Bureau of Biological Survey in Washington, D.C., a biological bird banding station was established at Michigan Agricultural College (now known as Michigan State University) in 1924, with Joseph Stack as its director. The Kellogg Bird Sanctuary (Kellogg Biological Station or KBS) was presented to Michigan State College (now known as Michigan State University) in 1928 by W. K. Kellogg. The station is located in Augusta, Michigan.

The Geology Department was separated from Zoology in 1928. In 1944, the Zoology Department was transferred to the Biological Sciences Division. The department remained there for 18 years, until transferred to the College of Natural Science in 1962.

In 2015, the department changed its name to the Department of Integrative Biology.

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Scope and Contents

The series Correspondence (1920-1928), Correspondence (1929-1934), and Correspondence (1941-1946) consist of the correspondence of Harrison R. Hunt, department chair from 1923 to 1953, and Joseph W. Stack, a professor in the department. The letters are from a wide variety of individuals and institutions. Also included are correspondence relating to special interests of Hunt and Stack.

Hunt's research focused on eugenics from 1920 to 1928. His correspondence during this time includes many exchanges with the Eugenics Committee of the United States of America, the Eugenics Record Office, and the Eugenics Research Association. California businessman C. M. Goethe, also wrote to Hunt, offering his personal views on eugenics and donating funds for research. Hunt also wrote letters of support to John T. Scopes, who was on trial for teaching evolution theory in school, and his attorney, Clarence Darrow.

Stack corresponded with many individuals and organizations interested in birds and conservation, particularly the Michigan Audubon Society, the Inland Bird Banding Association, the Izaak Walton League of America, and the Wilson Ornithological Club. Stack answered inquiries from county agents of the Cooperative Extension Services regarding birds and household farm pests. Stack also corresponded with the State of Michigan Conservation Department regarding various zoological topics. Stack was closely associated with the establishment of the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary. He corresponded with John Harvey Kellogg and W. K. Kellogg during its planning stages and later with administrators of the sanctuary.

The records also include interdepartmental correspondence from Frank Kedzie, Kenyon Butterfield, Robert Shaw, and others. The interdepartmental correspondence concerns the administration of the zoology department and the overall administration of MSU.

The Correspondence, 1941-1946 series consists of letters written by World War II enlisted servicemen (students and staff members) to Bernadette "Mac" McCarthy Henderson, a secretary in the zoology department. The series also includes greeting cards and postcards.

The Correspondence, 1941-1947 series contains additional correspondence between enlisted servicemen and Mac. She sent out news bulletins to zoology graduates until WWII censorship barred specific aspects of her newsletter in 1944, due to the revealing nature of its contents. Included within these letters are correspondence of new military placements, life after college, birth announcements, postcards from travels, as well as greeting and holiday cards. Letters from soldiers discuss memories of college life, conditions at camps and bases, wartime experiences, and opinions on the war, censorship, and wartime propaganda. Letters to Professor Stack are also included. This group of letters was found later by the department and some correspondents could overlap between the previous series.

The Correspondence, 1967-1968 series consists of one folder of correspondence concerning research interests.

The Departmental Material series contains inter-departmental documents covering topics such as the research interests of the zoology department, grant proposals, faculty salaries, and course curriculums. Some of the documents were culled from grant proposals that were removed from the collection, and include statistical information about the department, like finances, student counts, laboratory supplies, faculty salaries, et cetera. The series also contains several folders of reports: Director's Report, Undergraduate Science Education, Progress Reports, Report of Committee on Coordination of Basic and Upper Colleges, and Report of Planning Committee. Charles S. Thornton, who was a department head of the zoology department, is represented by a folder that contains a lab notebook with handwritten notes, correspondence, and other official documentation. This series also houses a copy of Key to Michigan Vertebrates Except Birds, A, by Allen C. Conger. Documents describing lab techniques implemented by the zoology department are another folder in this series. Staff meeting minutes are also a part of this series.

The Facilities series is arranged into two groupings according to building: (1) Laboratory of Experimental Zoology (Animal House) and (2) Natural Science Building. The documentation includes blueprints, correspondence, news articles, plans, and specifications.

The Miscellaneous Reports series includes reports on the Williamston Game Preserve Project, a duck survey in Saginaw Bay, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and Hunt's research notes on books.

The Annual Reports series consists of published and unpublished annual reports of the department.

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Arrangement

Organized into nine series: Correspondence, 1920-1928. Correspondence, 1929-1934. Correspondence, 1941-1946. Correspondence, 1941-1947. Correspondence, 1967-1968. Departmental Material. Facilities. Miscellaneous Reports. Annual Reports.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Eugenics
- Nature conservation
- Ornithology -- Study and teaching
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- World War, 1939-1945
- Zoology -- Study and teaching
- Annual reports
- Blueprints
- Course materials
- Letters (correspondence)
- Minutes (administrative records)
- Reports
- Henderson, Bernadette "Mac" McCarthy
- Kellogg, John Harvey, 1852-1943
- Kellogg, W. K. (Will Keith), 1860-1951
- Scopes, John Thomas
- Eugenics Record Office
- Eugenics Research Association
- Inland Bird Banding Association (U.S.)
- Izaak Walton League of America
- Michigan Audubon Society
- Michigan State University. Alumni and alumnae
- Michigan State University. Department of Zoology -- Archives
- Wilson Ornithological Club
- W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
- Michigan State University. Department of Zoology

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1920-1928

Title/Description	Instances	
A	box 1034	folder 1
B	box 1034	folder 2
C	box 1034	folder 3
D	box 1034	folder 4
E	box 1034	folder 5

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F	box 1034	folder 6
G	box 1034	folder 7
H	box 1034	folder 8
I	box 1034	folder 9
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K	box 1034	folder 11
L	box 1034	folder 12
Ma-Me	box 1034	folder 13
Mi	box 1034	folder 14
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Michigan, State of	box 1034	folder 16
Michigan State University. Cooperative Extension Service	box 1034	folder 17
Michigan State University. Interdepartmental Correspondence	box 1034	folder 18
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Correspondence, 1929-1934

Title/Description	Instances	
A	box 1034	folder 32

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B	box 1034	folder 33
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E	box 1034	folder 36
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Michigan State University. Cooperative Extension Service	box 1034	folder 47
Michigan State University. Interdepartmental Correspondence	box 1034	folder 48
N	box 1034	folder 49
O	box 1034	folder 50
P	box 1034	folder 51
Q	box 1034	folder 52
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T	box 1034	folder 55
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Correspondence, 1941-1946

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B	box 1998	folder 2
C	box 1998	folder 3
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E	box 1998	folder 5
F	box 1998	folder 6
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H	box 1998	folder 8
J	box 1998	folder 9
M	box 1998	folder 10
N	box 1998	folder 11
O	box 1998	folder 12
P	box 1998	folder 13
R	box 1998	folder 14
Sa-Ss	box 1998	folder 15
St-Sz	box 1998	folder 16
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W	box 1998	folder 19
Y	box 1998	folder 20
Unidentified	box 1998	folder 21
Address Changes	box 1998	folder 22
Department newsletter	box 1998	folder 23

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Correspondence, 1941-1947

Title/Description	Instances	
1942-1944	box 2580	folder 1
1945-1947	box 2580	folder 2
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World War II, January-June 1943	box 2580	folder 4
World War II, July-December 1943	box 2580	folder 5

World War II, 1944-1945	box 2580	folder 6
World War II, Bouwman, 1943-1945	box 2580	folder 7
World War II, Braunschneider, 1943-1945	box 2580	folder 8
World War II, Falks, 1943-1945	box 2580	folder 9
World War II, Gordinier, 1943-1945	box 2580	folder 10
World War II, Sealander, 1942-1944	box 2580	folder 11
World War II, Suttkus, 1943-1947	box 2580	folder 12
World War II, Warbach, 1942-1945	box 2580	folder 13
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Correspondence, 1967-1968

Title/Description	Instances	
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Departmental Material

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Budget, 1956-1973, Undated	box 1998	folder 26
Departmental Review Material, Corrected Copy (pt.1), 1975	box 1998	folder 27
Departmental Review Material, Corrected Copy (pt. 2), 1975	box 1998	folder 28
Director's Report, Undergraduate Science Education, 1962-1963	box 1998	folder 29

Faculty salary lists

Title/Description	Instances	
1948-1961	box 1998	folder 30
1962-1971	box 1998	folder 31
1972	box 1998	folder 32
Grant Proposals, 1957, 1965, 1968	box 1998	folder 33

Inner City Mathematics-Science Project Research Proposal, 1968	box 1998	folder 34
Key to Michigan Vertebrates Except Birds, A, by Allen C Conger, 1920	box 1998	folder 35
Lab techniques, 1956, 1958, Undated	box 1998	folder 36
National Defense Education Act Proposals, Undated	box 1998	folder 37
National Scientific Foundation's Undergraduate Research Participation, 1958-1961	box 1998	folder 38
Progress Reports, 1960-1969, Undated	box 1998	folder 39
Questionnaires, 1960-1966	box 1998	folder 40
Report of Committee on Coordination of Basic and Upper Colleges, 1959	box 1998	folder 41
Report of Planning Committee, 1960	box 1998	folder 42

Staff Meeting Minutes

Title/Description	Instances	
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Facilities

Laboratory of Experimental Zoology (Animal House)

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News articles, Undated	box 1999H	folder 3
Plans, 1940, 1953-1963, Undated	box 1999H	folder 4
Specifications - Bowd-Munson Company, Architects, No. 3, Undated	box 1999H	folder 5

Natural Science Building

Title/Description	Instances	
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Saginaw Bay Duck Survey	box 1034	folder 77
Phi Kappa Phi, MSU Chapter	box 1034	folder 78
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Alumni newsletter, 2009	box 1034	folder 81
The Scientific Method by Karl A. Stiles [UA 6367], 1949	box 1034	folder 82

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Annual Reports

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