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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Hensley, Max
Title:	Max Hensley papers
ID:	UA.17.126
Date [inclusive]:	1947-1986
Physical Description:	2 Cubic Feet
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical Note

Marvin Max Hensley was born in Keyesport, Illinois, on April 5, 1922. He earned a B.A. from Greenville College in 1946, an M.S. from the University of Illinois in 1948, and his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1951. He taught at Gettysburg College before arriving at Michigan State University as an assistant professor in Zoology in September 1956. Hensley retired from MSU in 1986.

Hensley was a member of several herpetological associations including the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, the Herpetologists League, and the American Society of Mammologists.

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Scope and Contents

The Max Hensley papers comprise 2.0 cubic feet of materials relating to his career as an herpetologist. The collection is arranged into three series: correspondence, professional associations, and general information. The correspondence series spans the dates 1947-1984. A large majority of the letters are requests for information about snakes, reptiles or amphibians or how to handle household problems with snakes. The folder headings in this series reflect Hensley's own descriptions.

The professional associations series contains journals, conference programs and some correspondence relating to Hensley's work with professional associations including the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, the Herpetologists' League, and the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles.

The final series, general information, consists of five folders. Two folders relate to National Science Foundation Grants and Fellowships awarded to Hensley. There is one folder on Gettysburg College, where Hensley taught before arriving at Michigan State University. There are also two folders relating to summer institutes in which Hensley participated.

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Custodial History

Gift of Marvin Max Hensley.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Photographs
- Serial publications
- Reptiles -- North America
- Programs (Publications)
- Amphibians -- North America
- Letters (correspondence)
- Michigan State University. Department of Zoology
- Gettysburg College
- American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists
- Herpetologists' League
- Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles
- National Science Foundation (U.S.)

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1947-1986

Title/Description	Instances	
1965-1972	box 2017	folder 1
1971-1972	box 2017	folder 2
1973 - 1974, 1976 - 1977	box 2017	folder 3
1974-1976	box 2017	folder 4
1978-1981	box 2017	folder 5
1979-1981	box 2017	folder 6
1981	box 2017	folder 7

1982-1984	box 2017	folder 8
Albino Kodochromes and photos, 1958-1971	box 2017	folder 9a
Conant, Roger (old), 1959-1966	box 2017	folder 9b
General Correspondence, 1953-1986	box 2017	folder 10
Herpetologists, 1961-1966, 1974	box 2017	folder 11
Information Service Letters, Lecture Material, Undated	box 2017	folder 12-13
Information Service Request (new), 1961-1967	box 2017	folder 14-15
Information Service Request (old), 1956-1966	box 2017	folder 16-17
Information Service Request, 1967-1970	box 2017	folder 18
Information Service Request, 1971-1972	box 2017	folder 19
Miscellaneous Herpetology Letters, 1965-1968	box 2017	folder 20
Miscellaneous Letters (old), 1947-1957 1959	box 2017	folder 21-22
Miscellaneous Letters (old #2), 1956-1961	box 2017	folder 23-25
Smith, Hobart M. (old), 1949-1967	box 2017	folder 26-27
Smith, Philip W. (old), 1953-1970	box 2017	folder 28
Whitman Publishing Company- Dorothy Haas, 1962-1963	box 2017	folder 29

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Professional Associations, 1956-1985	box 2018	folder 1-37
Title/Description	Instances	
American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists		
1961	box 2018	folder 1
1962	box 2018	folder 2
Agenda Papers, 1962	box 2018	folder 3
1963	box 2018	folder 4
1964	box 2018	folder 5
1965	box 2018	folder 6
1966	box 2018	folder 7
1967	box 2018	folder 8
1968	box 2018	folder 9
1969	box 2018	folder 10
1970	box 2018	folder 11

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1971	box 2018	folder 12
1972	box 2018	folder 13
1973	box 2018	folder 14
1977	box 2018	folder 15
Dopeia, 1956-1971	box 2018	folder 16
American Society of Zoologists, Combined Meetings- American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, Herpetologists' League and Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles , 1964	box 2018	folder 17
1983	box 2018	folder 18
1984	box 2018	folder 19
Herpetologists' League		
1967	box 2018	folder 20
Constitution, 1959-1964	box 2018	folder 21
Correspondence		
1962, 1965-1967	box 2018	folder 22
Legler, 1960-1965	box 2018	folder 23
Levition, Alan E., 1960-1962	box 2018	folder 24
Tanner, Wilmer W., 1961-1966	box 2018	folder 25
Turner, Fred, 1966	box 2018	folder 26
Vice Presidential, 1960-1963	box 2018	folder 27
Woodbury, Angus M., 1960-1962	box 2018	folder 28
Davis Meeting, 1961	box 2018	folder 29
Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, 1969	box 2018	folder 30
Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles and the Herpetologists' League		
1971	box 2018	folder 31
1972	box 2018	folder 32
1980	box 2018	folder 33
1981	box 2018	folder 34
1982	box 2018	folder 35
1985	box 2018	folder 36
Committee of Future Meeting Sites, 1972-1976	box 2018	folder 37

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General Information		
Title/Description	Instances	
	box 2018	folder 38-42
Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania	box 2018	folder 38
National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 1964-1965	box 2018	folder 39
National Science Foundation Grants, 1957	box 2018	folder 40
Summer Institute in Desert - Arizona State University, 1959	box 2018	folder 41
Summer Institute - University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 1960	box 2018	folder 42

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Photographs	
Title/Description	Instances
Animals. Frogs. Albino	box UA Photo 72
Animals. Snakes. Albino	box UA Photo 72
People. Groups	box UA Photo 72

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Oversize Photographs	
Title/Description	Instances
	drawer Oversize Drawer 13
People. Groups	

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