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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Joseph W. Stack papers
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<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

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Joseph William Stack was born in Jefferson, Ohio on February 2, 1893. His parents were Robert S. Stack, a railroad clerk, and Ann M. Murray. Graduating from Jefferson High School in 1911, he received a B.S. (1915) and an M.S. (1918) from Notre Dame University. He also attended Ohio State University for a short while in 1916.

Stack came to Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1915 as an instructor in zoology, physiology, and geology. In 1924 he began serving as the curator of the museum and was appointed director in 1941. In 1942 the Department of Zoology promoted him to professor. With his particular area of interest centering on ornithology and bird banding, Stack continued the bird banding station started in 1923. He was also involved in the Works Progress Administration Museum Project and the Committee to Reorganize the Curriculum.

Joseph Stack was married to Helen Elizabeth Dodge on September 6, 1917. They had two children, Joseph William Stack, Jr. and Helen Elizabeth Stack. Stack died in 1954. Additional biographical data and a list of university positions held and other affiliations are included in the biographical section of the collection.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Joseph W. Stack papers relate to Stack's tenure as a professor in the Department of Zoology and as curator and director of the MSU Museum. His particular areas of interest were ornithology and bird banding. Other subjects covered in Stack's papers are the university curriculum, the Inland Bird Banding Association, and Stack's work with the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Materials found in the collection include maps, bird banding records, student reports and papers, manuscripts, publications, and WKAR radio scripts.

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## Arrangement

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- Stereographs
- Letters (correspondence)
- Annual reports
- Memorandums
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Photographs
- Zoology
- Postcards
- Bird banding -- Michigan
- Publications
- Birds -- Michigan
- Manuscripts
- Zoology -- Study and teaching
- Hannah, John A., 1902-1991
- Michigan State University. Basic College
- Michigan State College. Committee for the Reorganization of the Curriculum
- Michigan State University. Department of Zoology
- Inland Bird Banding Association (U.S.)
- United States. Works Progress Administration
- Michigan State University. Museum
- Stack, Joseph W. -- Archives
- WKAR (Radio station : East Lansing, Mich.)

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## Collection Inventory

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**BIOGRAPHICAL**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Personal and miscellaneous, 1936-1954	box 1024	folder 1

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## DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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Bird banding records, 1927-1959	box 1026	folder 1
Bird notes, miscellaneous, 1933, Undated	box 1024	folder 2
Birds. Glossary of banding terms, bibliography of bird migration, bird references, 1925, 1953, Undated	box 1024	folder 3
Census reports. Ruffed Grouse, Horned Lark, Pheasant census form, 1936-1938	box 1024	folder 4
Census reports. Fall pre-season wildlife census, full Wildlife census, 1941	box 1024	folder 5
Correspondence, 1925-1952	box 1026	folder 2-6
Field list of Michigan Birds, Spring migration records, Bird breeding records Biology club speech, Model wren house plan, 1936-[Circa 1940], Undated	box 1026	folder 7
Grade books. RESTRICTED, 1923-1949	box 1024	folder 35-41
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Newspaper clippings (photocopies) on mammals, 1927, Undated	box 1024	folder 7
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Williamston Game Project. Bird banding data, field survey, expense statements, 1931	box 1024	folder 32
Zoology miscellaneous. Nature study teaching, Deer hunting information, Barrows Wildlife Sanctuary Plan, 1927-1945, Undated	box 1024	folder 33
Zoology notes and laboratory directions, 1916, Undated	box 1024	folder 34
Hannah, John A. Addresses, 1952-1953	box 1025	folder 20

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"IBBA News," Vols. 8-11, 1934-1939	box 1025	folder 6

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"Isle Royale Bird Notes," "Whitefish Point, Chippewa County Bird Notes", 1924-1925	box 1025	folder 7
"Where Birds go from Lansing," "Nesting Habits of the Black Skimmer", [Circa 1928], 1931	box 1025	folder 8
"Student Project Outline on Fish," "Animal Interrelations," "Blue Feathers", 1935, Undated	box 1025	folder 9

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"Longevity in Birds," "Attracting Winter Birds," "Duck Banding", 1934-[1949]	box 1025	folder 11

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<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
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## PUBLICATIONS -- COLLECTED

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"Agricultural Land Classification and Land Types of Michigan", 1933	box 1025	folder 24
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"Mechanics of Pheasant Hunting," Desmognathus fusca fragment, Undated	box 1025	folder 28
"Muskrat Catches by County in Michigan", 1931	box 1025	folder 22
"Nature Notes, Yellowstone National Park," "Biology Briefs", 1938	box 1025	folder 25
"Results of 1947 Grouse Survey", Technical publications by Zoology Staff Members, MSC, 1948	box 1025	folder 27
"Soil Survey of Montgomery County, MI", 1933	box 1025	folder 23
United States Government, 1921-1937, Undated	box 1025	folder 21

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"European Starling in Michigan", Undated	box 1025	folder 32
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Floor plan for [Detroit Zoo Bird House], Undated	
Table of first arrivals (Birds), Undated	
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Williamston Game Project. Map of Bath, MI, 2 maps of Williamston Township, MI, road map of Clinton County, MI, 1935, Undated	

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Animals. Birds. Nests (2 folders).

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