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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Source:	Archer, Allan F.
Creator:	Archer, Allan F.
Title:	Allan F. Archer papers
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Abstract:	Documents pertaining to the career of Dr. Allan F. Archer from 1932 to 1951 when he worked at the University of Alabama Museum of Natural History and Geological Survey of Alabama. The material primarily focuses on Dr. Archer's study of spiders, but includes crabs, mollusks, crustacean and matters of ecological and biological importance as well.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Dr. Archer worked at the University of Alabama Museum of Natural History from 1932 to 1951. He was also State Ecologist and a member of the Alabama Geological Survey.

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Scope and Contents

The Allan F. Archer Papers document the career of Dr. Archer from 1932 to 1951, during which time he worked at the University of Alabama Museum of Natural History/Geological Survey of Alabama. The collection is arranged by subject and in its original form (the material was roughly sorted into subjects). Due to the lack of dates available, the minimal correspondence, and the fact that the creator used a subject arrangement, the order was kept. The collection is arranged into the following categories: Correspondence, *Decapod Crustacea*, Ecology, Manuscripts/Publications, Maps, Marine Biology, Miscellaneous, Mollusks, Photographs, and Spiders.

The material is devoted to Dr. Archer's study of spiders, crabs, mollusks, crustacea, and matters of ecological and biological importance. A large part of the collection pertains to spiders. The field notes include specific data on various locations throughout the United States, particularly the Southeast. Dr. Archer's drawings are in both color and black and white, and show in explicit and minute detail the animals to which he devoted much of his career.

The two large maps, included in the collection, are housed with the oversized materials. They have been flattened, cleaned, de-acidified, and one has been encapsulated. The Manuscripts/Publication section, also contains a large number of items, including both originals and copies of Dr. Archer's writings.

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Provenance

Gift of Allan F. Archer

Conditions Governing Access

None

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Controlled Access Headings

- Ecology
- Maps
- Marine biology
- Spiders
- Drawings (visual works)
- Correspondence
- University of Alabama
- Science and Nature
- Alabama
- Photographs
- Manuscripts for publication
- Amite County (Miss.)
- Environment and Conservation
- Mollusks
- University of Alabama
- Archer, Allan F.
- Archer, Allan F.
- Archer, Allan F.
- Geological Survey of Alabama

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
CORRESPONDENCE	box 3072	folder 1
<i>DECAPOD CRUSTACEA</i>		
Title/Description	Instances	
Notes and drawings on various crustacea	box 3072	folder 1
Antennae	box 3072	folder 2
<i>Cancer Linnaeus</i>	box 3072	folder 3

Crabs	box 3072	folder 4
Crawfish	box 3072	folder 5
<i>Ocypodid</i>	box 3072	folder 6
<i>Oxyrhyncha</i>	box 3072	folder 7
<i>Porcellanidae</i>	box 3072	folder 8
Notes from various magazine articles	box 3072	folder 9
Notes on various locations	box 3072	folder 10
List of publications from the Geological Survey of Alabama	box 3072	folder 11

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ECOLOGY

Title/Description	Instances	
Lists of ecological communities throughout Alabama	box 3072	folder 1
Correspondence - to Dr. Walter Jones, December 17, 1941	box 3072	folder 2
Index cards listing communities	box 3072	folder 3
Two miscellaneous items	box 3072	folder 4

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MANUSCRIPTS/PUBLICATIONS

Title/Description	Instances	
Abbreviation Sheet and Style Manual	box 3072	folder 1
Publications - Ecology/Conservation	box 3072	folder 2
Publications - General	box 3072	folder 3
Publications - New Species, p.1-40, envelope with notes	box 3072	folder 4
Publications - New Species, p.41-101	box 3072	folder 5
Publications - New Species Figures, notes, and other drafts	box 3072	folder 6
Publications - Spiders	box 3072	folder 7
Publications - Spiders	box 3073	folder 8
Publications - Spiders	box 3073	folder 9
Publications - Spiders	box 3073	folder 10
Publications - Spiders	box 3073	folder 11

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MAPS

Title/Description	Instances	
Seven 8.5"x11" maps of Alabama showing countries where spiders are found	box 3073	folder 1
Charlottesville, Virginia map (with oversized materials)		
Oversized road maps of Mexico, Texas, and Mississippi/Arkansas/Louisiana and map of Amite County, Mississippi		

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MARINE BIOLOGY

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence - James Engle February 27, 1948, 2/27/48 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 2/27/48	box 3073	folder 1
Miscellaneous Annual Reports, literature list, editorial, scratch notes	box 3073	folder 2
Oysters and Shrimp	box 3073	folder 3
Reports	box 3073	folder 4

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MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS	box 3073	folder 1
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MOLLUSKS

Title/Description	Instances	
Drawings of mollusks	box 3073	folder 1
Field notes	box 3073	folder 2
Localities of mollusks	box 3073	folder 3
Map	box 3073	folder 4
Photographs	box 3073	folder 5
Snails	box 3073	folder 6

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Unidentified 8.5"x11" photograph of a group of people standing in front of a building	box 3073	folder 1
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SPIDERS

Title/Description	Instances	
<i>Argiopidae</i> , Part 1, notes/drawings	box 3074	folder 1
<i>Argiopidae</i> , Part 2	box 3074	folder 2
Classifications	box 3074	folder 3
Drawings	box 3074	folder 4
<i>Linyphiidae</i>	box 3074	folder 5
Localities of Spiders, Part 1, by species	box 3074	folder 6
Localities of Spiders, Part 2, by states	box 3074	folder 7
Localities of Spiders, Part 3	box 3074	folder 8
Localities of Spiders, Part 4	box 3074	folder 9
New Species	box 3074	folder 10
Photographs	box 3074	folder 11
<i>Theridiidae</i> and <i>Mimetidae</i>	box 3074	folder 12

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