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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Museum of Vertebrate Zoology Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Merriam, C. Hart (Clinton Hart), 1855-1942
<b>Title</b>	Clinton Hart Merriam papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1822-1939
<b>Extent</b>	1.8 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Clinton Hart Merriam papers include correspondence, manuscripts, illustrations, photographs, and reprints of articles. Materials span the years 1822-1939.

### Preferred citation

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## Biographical note

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Clinton Hart Merriam (1855-1942) was born in New York City. He studied at Yale's Sheffield Scientific School and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, in 1879. After graduating, he practiced medicine and surgery in upstate New York. However, eventually he became mainly interested in natural history and helped put into motion numerous important field expeditions. In 1891, President Benjamin Harrison appointed Merriam as Fur Seal Commissioner. Following this, he served as Chief of the U.S. Biological Survey for 25 years, doing field work in every U.S. state as well as abroad. Over the course of his lifetime, Merriam acted as president of the American Society of Naturalists, Anthropological Society, Biological Society of Washington, Linnaean Society of New York, and the American Society of Mammalogists. He was also one of original founders of the National Geographic Society, and served on its Board of Directors for 54 years. A perfectionist by nature when pursuing writing, he still managed to publish more than 400 times overall. Towards end of his life, his bird collection was acquired by the British Museum, while his mammal collection was donated to the U.S. National Museum.

### Sources Consulted:

Palmer, T.S. "In Memoriam: Clinton Hart Merriam." *The Auk*, 71, 2 (1954): 130-136. Accessed November 3, 2014. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4081567>

Talbot, Z.M. and Talbot, M.W. "C. Hart Merriam." *Science*, 95, 2474 (1942): 545-546. Accessed November 3, 2014. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1668698>

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## Scope and contents note

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This is an unprocessed collection containing correspondence, manuscripts, illustrations, photographs, and reprints of articles.

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## Arrangement note

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The arrangement of the collection is mostly in its original form. The folders are arranged in the order presented in the attached guide.

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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## Collection Inventory

Box 1 1884-1936 7.0 Folder		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
(Unpublished) North American fauna #6 1890s 1.0 Folder	1	1
Correspondence 1884-1910 1.0 Folder	1	2
Ovis dalli photos and letter 1899-1900 1.0 Folder	1	3
Photographs 1906-1936 1.0 Folder	1	4
Alaska mammals notes 1899 1.0 Folder	1	5
Scientific illustrations for publication undated 1.0 Folder	1	6
Fur seal letter to naturalists and replies 1892 1.0 Folder	1	7
		<b>Box</b>
Box 2 1855-1938 42.0 Folder		2
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Big game animals census 1926-1932 1.0 Folder	2	1
Bats 1885-1937 1.0 Folder	2	2

Big game 1891-1936 1.0 Folder	2	3
Deer 1884-1921 1.0 Folder	2	4
Elk manuscripts 1904-1927 1.0 Folder	2	5
Elk 1893-1909 1.0 Folder	2	6
Moose 1886-1917 1.0 Folder	2	7
Mountain goat 1883-1930 1.0 Folder	2	8
Mountain lion 1882-1929 1.0 Folder	2	9
Antilocapra, Lewis and Clark undated 1.0 Folder	2	10
Cougar 1889-1930 1.0 Folder	2	11
Panther 1894-1911 1.0 Folder	2	12
Manuscripts, preliminary revisions of Cougars undated 1.0 Folder	2	13
Cougar 1901-1914 1.0 Folder	2	14
Elk 1883-1932 1.0 Folder	2	15
Eutamias 1897-1907 1.0 Folder	2	16

Eutamias manuscript 1893-1937 1.0 Folder	2	17
Sciuridae 1874-1933 1.0 Folder	2	18
Squirrels 1882-1919 1.0 Folder	2	19
Canids 1909-1920 1.0 Folder	2	20
Pigs undated 1.0 Folder	2	21
Horses 1905-1906 1.0 Folder	2	22
Antilocapra 1905-1915 1.0 Folder	2	23
Buffalo undated 1.0 Folder	2	24
Coyote 1909-1924 1.0 Folder	2	25
Glories of the Tuolumne manuscript and photographs undated 1.0 Folder	2	26
Peromyscus manuscript undated 1.0 Folder	2	27
Alaska game law 1894-1918 1.0 Folder	2	28
Mammals of Alaska/Pribilof manuscripts 1899-1905 1.0 Folder	2	29
Adirondack manuscripts undated 1.0 Folder	2	30

Skunks/Raccoons 1899-1910 1.0 Folder	2	31
Lynx 1883-1903 1.0 Folder	2	32
Badger undated 1.0 Folder	2	33
Mustelids 1902-1927 1.0 Folder	2	34
Bobcats/Foxes 1899-1920 1.0 Folder	2	35
Mammals of Mount Mazama, Oregon manuscript 1896 1.0 Folder	2	36
Canids 1905-1922 1.0 Folder	2	37
Big wolves, Lewis and Clark undated 1.0 Folder	2	38
Wolves 1884-1924 1.0 Folder	2	39
Alaska game, reprints and articles 1893-1924 1.0 Folder	2	40
Mammals, type localities 1861-1938 1.0 Folder	2	41
Reprints, general taxonomy 1855-1936 1.0 Folder	2	42
Box 3 1822-1939 3.0 Folder		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>

Reprints, general taxonomy II 1822-1939 1.0 Folder	3	1
Reprints, general taxonomy III 1833-1939 1.0 Folder	3	2
Reprints, miscellaneous 1863-1933 1.0 Folder	3	3