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Collection Summary

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Abstract: Consists of field notes and journals, drafts of primarily unpublished books and articles, plus a small amount of correspondence to her father, Clinton Levi Merriam and other naturalists and ornithologists. The majority of the field notes and journals deal with the West but also cover areas in North Dakota, New York, Washington D.C., Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida and elsewhere. Of particular note are her notes on the Grand Canyon and writings about the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico and the Apache Indians of Arizona.

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog

Bailey, Florence Merriam, b. 1863--Archives

Apache Indians--Arizona

Bird watching

Birds--West (U.S.)

Ornithology

Pueblo Indians--New Mexico

Wildlife refuges--United States

Grand Canyon National Park (Ariz.)

Diaries

Field notes

Manuscripts for publication

Acquisition Information

The Florence Merriam Bailey Papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Mrs. William Penn Mott III and Dr. Lee Talbot in 1979.

Biographical Sketch

Born in Locust Grove, New York during the Civil War, Florence Merriam Bailey (1863-1948), devoted her life to the study and protection of birds. From her work in ornithology she authored over ten books, including several field guides to birds, and close to one hundred articles. Though interested in birds as a child, she gained recognition as a naturalist while at Smith College. Disgusted by the use of feathers and whole birds in fashion, she started the Smith College Audubon Society. Her later accomplishments include establishing the Washington, D. C. Audubon Society and becoming the first female associate member of the Ornithologists Union (1885). Within that organization she was the first female fellow (1929) and the first female recipient of the Brewster Medal (1931). In 1908 a variety of California Mountain Chickadee was named *Parus gambeli baileyae* in her honor.

Bailey's relations with prominent scientists augmented her own distinguished career. C. Hart Merriam, her brother, was the first chief of the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey, as well as a co-founder of the National Geographic Society. His work also led to Florence's introduction, and subsequent marriage, to fellow Bureau naturalist, Vernon Bailey. From their travels to the Western United States the Bailey's produced several works on the distinctive, and largely unexplored, flora and fauna in that region. As an amateur ornithologist Florence Bailey was at the forefront of the movement to use binoculars, rather than shotguns, to observe birds. She died in Washington, D. C. on September 22, 1948.

[From the finding aid to the Florence Merriam Bailey Papers, at the Smithsonian Institution Archives.]

Scope and Content Note

The Florence Merriam Bailey Papers, 1887-1940, consist of field notes and journals, drafts of primarily unpublished books and articles, and a small amount of correspondence with her father, Clinton Levi Merriam and with naturalists or ornithologists. The majority of the field notes and journals cover field trips in the West, but also include North Dakota, New York, Washington D. C., Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida and elsewhere. Of particular note are the materials on the Grand Canyon National Park, and her writings about the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico, and the Apaches of Arizona.

Arranged in three series: Correspondence, Field Notes and Journals, and Writings. Correspondence is arranged with letters to her father first, followed by an alphabetical listing by last name and a miscellany folder at the end. Field Notes and Journals are arranged chronologically. Writings are divided into: Books and Longer Works, Articles and Shorter Works, and Writings and Notes by Others. Books and Longer Works and Articles and Shorter Works are arranged alphabetically by first word of title ignoring articles. Writings and notes by others are arranged hierarchally.

Series 1: **Correspondence. 1888-1938**

box 1, folder 1	Merriam, Clinton Levi 1888-98
box 1, folder 2	Bryant, E. S. 1917-18
box 1, folder 3	Grater, Russell 1934-35
box 1, folder 4	Grinnell, George Bird 1917-18
box 1, folder 5	Jenks, Randolph "Pat" 1931-32
box 1, folder 6	Norton, Edith C. 1913
box 1, folder 7	Stevenson, Donald H. 1917-18
box 1, folder 8	Sun Elk 1923
box 1, folder 9	University of New Mexico 1933-34
box 1, folder 10	Miscellany, A-Z 1898-1938

Series 2: **Field Notes and Journals. 1887-1931**

box 2, folder 1-2	Locust Grove, New York 1887
oversize-folder 1 B	Locust Grove, New York, migration data 1884-90
box 2, folder 3	Louisiana Feb 1888
box 2, folder 4	Puget Sound, Washington Aug 1888
volume 4	Puget Sound field notebook
box 2, folder 5	California 1889
box 2, folder 6	San Diego County, California 1889
box 3, folder 1	Locust Grove, New York 1890-92
box 3, folder 2	Winter Park, Florida 1893
box 3, folder 3	Utah Summer 1893
box 3, folder 4	Lake Port 1893
box 3, folder 5	Arizona 1894
box 3, folder 6	New Mexico 1894
box 3, folder 7	New England 1896
box 3, folder 8	Summerville, South Carolina Jan 1898
box 3, folder 9	Mt. Shasta, California Jul 1898
box 3, folder 10	Oregon Sep 1898
box 3, folder 11	Wisconsin Sep 1898
box 3, folder 12	Washington D. C. 1898-99
box 4, folder 1	Guadalupe Mountains, New Mexico and Texas 1901
box 4, folder 2-5	New Mexico 1903-04
box 4, folder 6	Oklahoma and New Mexico 1906
box 4, folder 7	New Mexico 1906
box 4, folder 8	New Mexico, Arizona, California 1907
box 5, folder 1	Maine 1911
box 5, folder 2	Washington to North Dakota 1912
box 5, folder 3	North Dakota 1912
box 5, folder 4	Chautauqua, New York 1913
box 5, folder 5	Asheville, New York 1913
box 5, folder 6	Nebraska [1914?]
box 5, folder 7	Oregon 1914
box 5, folder 8	Peterboro, New Hampshire 1915
box 5, folder 9	Oregon 1916
box 6, folder 1-2	North Dakota 1916
box 6, folder 3-5	Glacier National Park, Montana 1917
box 6, folder 3	Field notes entry with safety-pinned plant matter (two page spread). July 26, 1917

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Additional Note

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Indexing Terms

Field notes

box 6, folder 6	Arizona 1920
box 6, folder 7	Wisconsin 1921
box 6, folder 8	Minnesota 1921

box 6, folder 9-10	Michigan 1923
box 7, folder 1	Washington D. C. 1924
box 7, folder 2	Maine 1925
box 7, folder 3	Massachusetts 1926
box 7, folder 4	San Bernardino Mountains, California 1929
box 7, folder 5	Washington D. C. to Grand Canyon 1929
box 7, folder 6-7	Mississippi River Wildlife Refuges, Wisconsin and Minnesota 1930
box 7, folder 8	Washington D. C. to California 1931
box 7, folder 9-10	Gray Squirrel notes 1909-1911

Series 3: **Writings. 1889-1940**

Subseries 3.1: **Books and Longer Works. 1889-1940**

box 8, folder 1-6	Birds of the Grand Canyon, draft 1929
box 9, folder 1	Bird Stories for the Little Ones undated
box 9, folder 2-7	By the Light of the Campfire, drafts ca. 1910
box 10, folder 1-4	By the Light of the Campfire, drafts ca. 1910
box 10, folder 5-6	Camping on Mr. Shasta, drafts undated
box 10, folder 7-8	Feathered Families, handwritten draft 1889
volume 1	Sacred Peaks of the Sun Worshipers undated
box 11, folder 1-3	Torches to Light the Way 1940
box 8, folder 7-11	Under Blue Skies, unpublished manuscript ca. 1926
volume 2	A Worn out Mining Country undated

Subseries 3.2: **Articles and Shorter Works. 1896-1919**

box 11, folder 4	"Animal Life in California" undated
box 11, folder 5	"A Ceremonial Relay Race at the Taos Pueblo" undated
box 11, folder 6	"Clark's Crow and Oregon Jays on Mt. Hood" undated
box 11, folder 7	"Cooper Club" undated
box 11, folder 8	"The Enchanted Mesa, Acoma, and Acomita" undated
box 11, folder 9	"Fiesta Days with the Jicarillas" undated
box 11, folder 10	"Grey Bunny's Black Sunday" undated
box 11, folder 11	"Habits of the Gray Squirrel" ca. 1909-1911
box 11, folder 12	"Helps for Today" undated
box 11, folder 13	"Hints of the Life of a Famous Pueblo" undated
box 11, folder 14	"How to Tame Wild Squirrels" undated
box 11, folder 15	"In the Giant Cactus Country" undated
box 11, folder 16	"In the Land of the Red Willow People" 1919
volume 3	"A Week with the Red Willow People," copybook carbon 1919
box 11, folder 17	"In the Mogollon Mountains" undated
box 11, folder 18	"The Laguna Corn Feast" undated
box 12, folder 1	"Mexican Romance, Magic, and Religion" undated
box 12, folder 2	"Mother Robiny's Brood" undated
box 12, folder 3	"Nesting Habits of Phainopepla Nitens in California" 1896
box 12, folder 4	"Notes on Some Birds of Southern California" 1896
box 12, folder 5	"Our Tug-Boat Trip to the Northwest Corner" undated
box 12, folder 6	"Plays and Dances of the Taos Indians" undated
box 12, folder 7	"A Populous Shore" 1916
box 12, folder 8	"Prose and Poetry at Laguna" undated
box 12, folder 9	"Sacred Peaks of the Sun Worshipers" undated
box 12, folder 10	"San Geronimo's Day at Taos" undated
box 12, folder 11	"Tawny Thrush's Brood" undated
box 12, folder 12	"The Water Ouzel on Mt. Shasta" undated
box 12, folder 13	"Where the Wild Turkey Roosts" undated

box 12, folder 14	"Working Days with the Santa Clara," publisher ready manuscript with two tipped in photos of Santa Clara Indians by Christian G. Kaadt undated
box 12, folder 15	Notes undated
box 12, folder 16	List of publications 1885-1938 undated

Subseries 3.3: **Writings and Notes by Others. 1893-1941**

box 12, folder 17	Vernon Bailey, notes and articles 1893-1941
box 12, folder 18-19	Clinton Levi Merriam, notes [1887-1898?]
box 12, folder 20	"From the Far West," handmade book with tipped in photographs by Anna Bailey Mills undated
box 12, folder 21	"On the Heights," handmade book with tipped in photographs by Laura E. Mills undated
box 12, folder 22	<i>A Decade of Bird Banding in America</i> by Frederick C. Lincoln, pamphlet 1933
box 12, folder 23-24	Autobiographical notes, clippings, and family history 1924-33 undated