Finding Aid to the Robert T. Hill Papers MS.649

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Abstract: This collection contains one piece of typed correspondence and one hand-drawn and colored map by Robert T. Hill, illustrating Coronado's route through Texas and Oklahoma, both dated 1930.

creator: Hill, Robert Thomas, 1858-1941

Scope and Contents

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Biographical note

Robert Thomas Hill (1858-1941) was a significant figure in the development of American geology during the late nineteenth century and in the early part of the twentieth century. As a pioneer Texas geologist, Hill discovered and named the Comanche Series of the Lower Cretaceous, and was a lifelong student of the structure and stratigraphy of the Cretaceous deposits of Central Texas and neighboring regions.

He settled in the frontier town of Comanche, Texas, located 140 km to the west of Waco, where he joined his brother, Joe, the editor of The Comanche Chief newspaper. Robert worked as a printer for the newspaper and performed various other duties including writing, bookbinding, and eventually became co-editor of the paper.

Hill began studying geology in his free time, and it soon became his main profession. In 1887, Hill published a 95-page report titled The Present Condition of Knowledge of the Geology of Texas. He later joined the United States Geological Survey, mapping the Texas and Oklahoma region.

Preferred citation


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