George Bird Grinnell Papers: Finding Aid

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Biographical Note
George Bird Grinnell (1849-1938), editor, author, explorer and conservationist, was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 20, 1849. He studied at Yale University, where he took his doctorate in 1880, and was attached to the Peabody Museum from 1874 to 1880. In 1874 he served as naturalist with General Custer's expedition to the Black Hills, and in 1875 with Ludlow's expedition to Yellowstone Park. He accompanied the Harriman Alaska Expedition in 1899 in a similar capacity. An active member in a number of scientific and special interest organizations, he was especially interested in the New York Zoological Society, the American Ornithologists Union, the Audubon Society, the National Parks Association, and was a member of the Explorers' Club, the Authors' Club, and the Boone and Crockett Club. He was editor of Forest and Stream from 1876 to 1911, author of a number of books and articles on hunting, Indians, frontier life, camping and scouting, wild life, etc., and was editor and reviewer of many other publications. Grinnell died on April 11, 1938.
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Correspondents represented by three or more letters:
• Bade, William Frederic. 3 letters
• Brooks, Allan. 5 letters
• Dellenbaugh, Frederick Samuel. 3 letters
• Grinnell, George Bird. 16 letters
• Hallock, Charles. 5 letters
• Osgood, Wilfred Hudson 3 letters
• Robinson, Anna A. 4 letters
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
- Grinnell, George Bird, 1849-1938.
- Birds -- Conservation.
- Conservation of natural resources.
- Conservationists -- United States -- Correspondence.
- National parks and reserves -- United States.
- Water resources development.
- Wildlife conservation.

Forms/Genres
- Letters (correspondence) -- United States.

Alternate Authors
- Brooks, Allan, 1869-1946.
- Dellenbaugh, Frederick Samuel, 1853-1935.
- Hallock, Charles, 1834-1917.
- Osgood, Wilfred Hudson, 1875-1947.
- Robinson, Anna A.

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