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Descriptive Summary

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Gift of George A. Clark.

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These papers were originally received as part of the David Starr Jordan Papers, which were part of the Stanford Collection. They were transferred to the Manuscripts Collection in July 1965.

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BIOGRAPHY
George A. Clark, born in Eden Prairie, Minnesota in 1864, graduated from the University of Minnesota and served as Academic Secretary of Stanford University from 1891-1918. He was Secretary of the Bering Sea Fur Seal Commission (1896-1898) and was involved in the special investigation of seal herds for the Bureau of Fisheries in 1909 and 1912. He died 27 April 1918.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
This collection consists largely of Correspondence to and from George A. Clark and David Starr Jordan. There are also a number of articles (manuscript, typescript and printed) by G. A. Clark and others on the fur seal controversy. Also included are four notebooks on seals and photographs of seals and seal islands. The bulk of the collection dates from 1892 to 1918; there is one added item dated 1969.


Box 1, Folder 1
Typescripts
1. ÔResume of Discussion at the International Fur Seal ConferenceÓ Washington, D.C. 1897.
2. ÔThe Fur Seal Islands of AlaskaÓ [1897]
4. Journal March 1, 1897
5. Journal March 4, 1897
6. Journal March 12, 1897
7. [cont. journal] n.d. beginning ÔMr. Elliot remarksÓ
8. Memorandum Regarding The Fur Seals

Box 1, Folder 2
Typescripts
1. ÔInterview with Mr. W. ElliottÓ [1897]
2. ÔInterview with Mr. Homes of the Boston HeraldÓ [1897]
3. ÔThe Future of the Alaska Fur Seal IndustryÓ [1897]
4. ÔProtocols of the International Fur Seal ConferenceÓ [1897]
5. ÔThe Scientific Expert and the Bering Sea ControversyÓ
6. ÔThe Fur Seals and Fur Seal IndustriesÓ
7. Mr. ChamberlainÔs Letter
8. Memorandum
9. ÔThe SealsÓ
10. ÔFur Seal Skins from various sources 1743-1897Ó

Box 1, Folder 3
Correspondence and Misc. Articles
1. Correspondence to Clark and David Starr Jordan 1903-1908
2. ÔSenator Shiveley and The Fur SealsÓ
3. ÔA Correction of FactÓ

Box 1, Folder 4
Correspondence and Misc. Articles
1. Correspondence Nov. 14, 1910 -Dec. 19, 1910
2. ÔMr. Henry W. Elliott and The Fur SealsÓ
3. Correspondence Dec. 11, 1910 -Sept. 26, 1911

Box 1, Folder 5
Correspondence Oct. 4, 1911 -Mar. 30, 1912

Box 1, Folder 6
Correspondence and Misc. Articles
1. ÔSuspension of land killing in 1891-93 resulted in great injury to the Seal Herd.Ó
2. Correspondence Apr. 3, 1912 -May 14, 1912
3. ÔClose season detrimental in proportion to its lengthÓ
4. "Depletion of Fur Seal Herd caused by killing female seals in the sea, not by killing surplus males on land"
5. "Die Robben und ihre Beschutzung" by Von D.S. Jordan and G.A. Clark
6. Correspondence W.O. Stillman - Clark Dec. 1909
7. "Fur Trade Review Feb. 1911"
8. Correspondence Mar. 23, 1912 -July 27, 1912
9. "Army and Navy Register" July 27, 1912
11. Science: "The Fur Seal Census" typescript ms. with corrections and published copy
12. Correspondence Aug. 14, 1912 -Nov. 1, 1912

**Correspondence and Misc. Articles**

1. "Fight to Preserve Fur Seals" Chicago Interocean Nov. 10, 1912
2. Correspondence Nov. 11, 1912 -Nov. 27, 1912
4. Correspondence Nov. 29, 1912 -Dec. 3, 1912
5. "The Truth About the Fur Seals of the Pribilof Islands" by D.S. Jordan Dec. 3, 1912
6. Correspondence Dec. 3, 1912 -Jan 3, 1913
8. Correspondence Jan 3, 1913 -Jan. 16, 1913

**Box 2, Folder 7**

1. Correspondence Aug. 14, 1912 -Nov. 1, 1912
2. "Fight to Preserve Fur Seals" Chicago Interocean Nov. 10, 1912
3. Correspondence Nov. 11, 1912 -Nov. 27, 1912
5. Correspondence Nov. 29, 1912 -Dec. 3, 1912
6. "The Truth About the Fur Seals of the Pribilof Islands" by D.S. Jordan Dec. 3, 1912
8. Correspondence Jan 3, 1913 -Jan. 16, 1913

**Box 2, Folder 8**

1. Correspondence to D.S. Jordan from Woodrow Wilson, Jan. 14, 1913
2. "Objectionable Fur Seal Legislation" from Collier's Weekly, Jan 16, 1913
3. "A Wasteful and Useless Measure" from Saturday Evening Post, Jan. 16, 1913
4. Correspondence Jan. 16, 1913 -Jan. 17, 1913
6. Membership list of the Campfire Club
7. Correspondence Jan. 25, 1913 -Feb. 16, 1913 with one from Henry Cabot Lodge on Jan. 29, one from John D. Works on Feb. 4, and three from William Kent on Feb. 1, Feb. 11, and Feb. 15.

**Box 2, Folder 9**

1. "The Truth About Russian Sealing"
2. Correspondence Feb. 17, 1913 -Feb. 24, 1913 with one from Robert M. LaFollette of Feb. 18.
3. "Repeal the Law Suspending Land Sealing"
4. Correspondence Feb. 25, 1913 -Mar. 10, 1913
5. Correspondence Aug. 9, 1908, Feb. 29, 1908, Mar. 21, 1912, Mar. 8, 1912, and Oct. 16, 1912
6. Correspondence (10) Mar. 10, 1913 with one to D.S. Jordan from Woodrow Wilson
7. "Veniaminov's remarks on the fur seal and translation of or reference to the same by others"
8. Correspondence Mar. 11, 1913 -Mar. 12, 1913
9. "Memorandum regarding Veniaminov's account of fur seals."
10. Correspondence Mar. 12, 1913

**Box 2, Folder 10**

1. Correspondence Mar. 15, 1913 -Apr. 15, 1913
3. "Amos Allen"
4. Ms. beginning "From the very opening of the" concerning seals, typescript transl. by Raphael Zon
5. Correspondence Apr. 16, 1913 -Jun. 12, 1913

**Box 2, Folder 11**

1. "The Alleged Salvators of the Fur Seals"
2. "To Comfort the conscience of the Woman who has a Sealskin"
3. Correspondence June 12, 1913 -Jun. 14, 1913
4. "The Truth About Russian Sealing"
5. First 216 pp. of typescript of "The Fur Seals of the Pribilof Islands" report of Special Investigation 1912 by G. Clark

**Box 3, Folder 12**

1. Correspondence June 14, 1913 -Jan. 19, 1914
3. "The Fur Seal Census of 1913"
5. Letter (21 pp.) to Chairman, Committee on Expenditure, from Clark, Feb. 6, 1914
7. “Dr. Jordan deliberately falsifies the Russian record in re not killing female seals”
8. Published “Investigation of Fur Seal Industry of Alaska”
10. “The Fate of the Fur Seal” by Joseph Collenson
12. “Seal and Seal Fisheries”
13. Correspondence (4) Apr. 2, 1914

Box 3, Folder 13
Correspondence and Misc. Articles
1. Correspondence Apr. 2, 1914 -Apr. 20, 1914
2. “The Fur Seal Industry of Alaska” (in shorthand) and typescript (2 copies) and printed copy
3. Correspondence Apr. 20, 1914 -Apr. 23, 1914
4. “The Fur Seal Situation”
5. Correspondence May 13, 1914 -May 28, 1914
9. Correspondence Nov. 25, 1914 -Dec. 15, 1914
10. Correspondence May 11, 1915 -June 25, 1915
12. Correspondence Aug. 28, 1915 -Feb. 21, 1916

Box 3, Folder 14
Correspondence and Misc. Articles
1. “Those Fur Seal Bones”
2. Correspondence Feb. 29, 1916 -May 29, 1916
3. Typed ms. beginning “SEAL: a term applied”
4. Clipping May 28, and June 8, 1916
5. Correspondence June 29, 1916 -Aug. 8, 1916and clipping
6. “Mismanagement and waste of public property”
9. “Fur Seal Mortality”
11. “Notes” - on seals
13. Correspondence Jan. 9, 1917 -June 5, 1917
14. “Two Fur Seal Problems and Their Solution”
16. For Nelson’s Cyclopedia “Seals” galley proof
17. “Pelagic Sealing and the Fur Seal Herd”

Box 3, Folder 15
Published Material
1. Commercial subjects in high schools. n.d.
2. The scientific expert and the Bering Sea controversy 1899
3. The Bogoslofs. 1906.
5. The vocabulary of business Correspondence. 1910.
6. Shorthand - Its educational and practical value. 1911
7. The blood of the nation by David S. Jordan, done in Pitmanic shorthand 1912.
8. The fur seal census. 1912.
9. The Katmai eruption. 1912.
11. The Administration of the fur seal service. 1913.
12. The fur seal census for 1913. 1913.
13. Recent fur seal legislation. 1913.
15. The new fur seal investigation. 1914.
17. The fur seal report for 1914, 1915.
18. The problem of the Pribilof Islands. 1915.
23. Death of George A. Clark. 1918.

Box 3, Folder 16
Seal Islands of Alaska - letter from the Secretary of Commerce (with reports by G.A. Clark), July 19, 1911.

Box 4, Folder 17
Notebooks
  1. by Clark (3) daily records from May 22 - Aug. 9, 1897 centering around the seals they were investigating
  2. (11) with notes on seals - much written in shorthand
  3. notes by Arthur J. Edwards about seals
  4. notes by A.W. Greeley about seals, 1897

Box 4, Folder 18
List of treaties possibly affecting the Aleutians and Bering Sea. 2 pp. 1969.

Box 5, Folder 1
Photographs of seal rookeries on St. Paul Island and St. George Island, 1891-1897

Box 5, Folder 2
Photographs of seal rookeries on St. Paul Island, 1892-1897

Box 5, Folder 3
Photographs of seal rookeries on St. Paul Island, 1892-1897

Box 5, Folder 4
Photographs of seal rookeries on St. Paul Island, 1892-1896

Box 5, Folder 5
Photographs of seal rookeries on St. Paul Island, 1892-1895; with images of the village of Petropaulski Kchantka, beach on Copper Island, and Canadian sealing schooner on the Bering Sea

Box 5, Folder 6
Scenes in China (interpositive images from nitrate negatives)