

## Charles Clemons Deam collection

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1896-1952; undated

24 mss boxes; 2 index card boxes

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### Biographical Note:

Charles Clemons Deam was born in Bluffton, Indiana on August 30, 1865, the son of John H. Deam, farmer, and Martha (Marsh) Deam. Charles attended Bluffton High School and later received honorary degrees from Wabash College (A.M., 1920), Depauw University (Sc.D., 1932), and Indiana University (LL.D., 1939). He married Stella Mullin of Indianapolis on June 11, 1893. They had one daughter, Roberta.

Having first worked as a druggist, Deam later started his career as a botanist when he accepted the position of state forester in 1909, advancing to chief state forester in 1919 and serving in that capacity till 1928. In 1928, he began devoting his time to forestry research, continuing to do so till his retirement in 1940. Charles Deam was the author of *Shrubs of Indiana* (1924), *Grasses of Indiana* (1929), *Trees of Indiana* (1932), and *Flora of Indiana* (1940). He was awarded the Pugsley Silver Medal for work in forestry and was also a founding member of the Indiana Academy of Science. Mr. Deam died on May 29, 1953.

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### Scope and Content:

The collection ranges from 1896-1952 and includes correspondence and personal papers from Charles Deam, as well as drafts of his manuscript, *Grasses of Indiana*.

The correspondence consists of Deam's interactions with other botanists in regard to collecting, identifying, and reproducing plants. In part, this includes correspondence and papers concerning his trips to Florida, Mexico, and Central and South America. Also included is Deam's correspondence with publishers, research assistants, and reviewers regarding his research and publications. Correspondence with county agents, businesses, and schoolteachers relates to speaking engagements and consulting work. Included, too, are correspondence and papers relating to the Indiana Academy of Science and Deam's involvement in the fight against pollution, along with his support of the state's acquisition and preservation of wilderness land. Apart from science, the collection includes personal correspondence with family members as well as his affiliation with the Democratic Party. Correspondents include, H.H. Bartlett, N.L. Britton,

Homer Capehart, Stanley Coulter, W.W. Eggleston, George W. Gilles, J.M. Greenman, G. Grossman, A.S. Hitchcock, Richard Lieber, Warren T. McCray, Kenneth M. MacKensie, Thomas Riley Marshall, Francis W. Pennell, Gene Stratton Porter, Robert Ridgeway, L. S. Sargent, and Paul Weatherwax.

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### **Collection Inventory Box and Folder Listing:**

#### Box 1. *Correspondence, 1896-1909*

##### Folder

1. Correspondence, 1896-1899
2. Correspondence, 1900
3. Correspondence, 1901-1903
4. Correspondence, 1904
5. Correspondence, 1905
6. Correspondence, 1906, Jan.-June
7. Correspondence, 1906, July-Dec.
8. Correspondence, 1907
9. Correspondence, 1908
10. Correspondence, 1909

#### Box 2. *Correspondence, 1910-1914, June*

##### Folder

1. Correspondence, 1910
2. Correspondence, 1911
3. Correspondence, 1912
4. Correspondence, 1913
5. Correspondence, 1914, Jan.-June

#### Box 3. *Correspondence, 1914, July-1917, May*

##### Folder

1. Correspondence, 1914, July-Dec.
2. Correspondence, 1915, Jan.-June
3. Correspondence, 1915, July-Dec.
4. Correspondence, 1916, Jan.-June

5. Correspondence, 1916, July-Dec.
6. Correspondence, 1917, Jan.-May

Box 4. *Correspondence*, 1917, June-1921

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1917, June-Dec.
2. Correspondence, 1918
3. Correspondence, 1919, Jan.-June
4. Correspondence, 1919, July-Dec.
5. Correspondence, 1920
6. Correspondence, 1921

Box 5. *Correspondence*, 1922-1924

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1922
1. Correspondence, 1923 Jan.-June
2. Correspondence, 1923 July-Oct.
3. Correspondence, 1923 Nov.-Dec.
4. Correspondence, 1924 Jan.-May
5. Correspondence, 1924 June-Dec.

Box 6. *Correspondence*, 1924, June-1927, May

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1924, June-Dec.
2. Correspondence, 1925, Jan.-May
3. Correspondence, 1925, June-Dec.
4. Correspondence, 1926
5. Correspondence, 1927, Jan.-May

Box 7. *Correspondence*, 1927, June-1929, July

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1927, June-Dec.
2. Correspondence, 1928, Jan.-July
3. Correspondence, 1928, Aug.-Dec.
4. Correspondence, 1929, Jan.-Mar.
5. Correspondence, 1929, Apr.-July

Box 8. *Correspondence*, 1929, Aug.-1930

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1929, Aug.-Oct.
2. Correspondence, 1929, Nov.-Dec.
3. Correspondence, 1930, Jan.-Mar.
4. Correspondence, 1930, Apr.-June
5. Correspondence, 1930, July-Sept.

6. Correspondence, 1930, Oct.-Dec.

Box 9. *Correspondence*, 1931-1932, Sept.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1931, Jan.-Mar.
2. Correspondence, 1931, Apr.-June
3. Correspondence, 1931, July-Sept.
4. Correspondence, 1931, Oct.-Dec.
5. Correspondence, 1932, Jan.-Mar.
6. Correspondence, 1932, Apr.-June
7. Correspondence, 1932, July-Sept.

Box 10. *Correspondence*, 1932, Oct.-1934, Feb.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1932, Oct.-Dec.
2. Correspondence, 1933, Jan.-Mar.
3. Correspondence, 1933-Apr.-June
4. Correspondence, 1933, July-Oct.
5. Correspondence, 1933, Nov.-Dec.
6. Correspondence, 1934, Jan.-Feb.

Box 11. *Correspondence*, 1934, Mar.-1935, Aug.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1934, Mar.-Apr.
2. Correspondence, 1934, May-Aug.
3. Correspondence, 1934, Sept.-Dec.
4. Correspondence, 1935 Jan.-Feb.
5. Correspondence, 1935, Jan.-Feb.
6. Correspondence, 1935, Mar.-Apr.
7. Correspondence, 1935, May-Aug.

Box 12. *Correspondence*, 1935, Sept.-1936, Oct.

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1. Correspondence, 1935, Sept.-Oct.
2. Correspondence, 1935, Nov.-Dec.
3. Correspondence, 1936, Jan.-Feb.
4. Correspondence, 1936, Mar.-Apr.
5. Correspondence, 1936, May-June
6. Correspondence, 1936, July-Aug.
7. Correspondence, 1936, Sept.-Oct.

Box 13. *Correspondence*, 1936, Nov.-1937

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1936, Nov.-Dec.

2. Correspondence, 1937, Jan.-Mar.
3. Correspondence, 1937, Apr.-May
4. Correspondence, 1937, June-July
5. Correspondence, 1937, Aug.-Sept.
6. Correspondence, 1937, Oct.
7. Correspondence, 1937, Nov.-Dec.

Box 14. *Correspondence*, 1938, Jan.-1939, Feb.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1938, Jan.-Apr.
2. Correspondence, 1938, May-June
3. Correspondence, 1938, July-Aug.
4. Correspondence, 1938, Sept.-Oct.
5. Correspondence, 1938, Nov.-Dec.
6. Correspondence, 1939, Jan.-Feb.

Box 15. *Correspondence*, 1939, Mar.-1940, Mar.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1939, Mar.-Apr.
2. Correspondence, 1939, May-June
3. Correspondence, 1939, July-Aug.
4. Correspondence, 1939, Sept.-Oct.
5. Correspondence, 1939, Nov.-Dec.
6. Correspondence, 1940, Jan.
7. Correspondence, 1940, Feb.-Mar.

Box 16. *Correspondence*, 1940, Apr.-1941, June

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1940, Apr.-May
2. Correspondence, 1940, June-July
3. Correspondence, 1940, Aug.-Oct.
4. Correspondence, 1940, Nov.-Dec.
5. Correspondence, 1941, Jan.-Apr.
6. Correspondence, 1941, May-June

Box 17. *Correspondence*, 1941, July-1942, Aug.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1941, July-Aug.
2. Correspondence, 1941, Sept.-Oct.
3. Correspondence, 1941, Nov.-Dec.
4. Correspondence, 1942, Jan.-Mar.
5. Correspondence, 1942, Apr.-June
6. Correspondence, 1942, July-Aug.

Box 18. *Correspondence*, 1942, Sept.-1943, Oct.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1942, Sept.-Oct.
2. Correspondence, 1942, Nov.-Dec.
3. Correspondence, 1943, Jan.-Apr.
4. Correspondence, 1943, May-July
5. Correspondence, 1943, Aug.-Oct.

Box 19. *Correspondence*, 1943, Nov.-1944

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1943, Nov.-Dec.
2. Correspondence, 1944, Jan.-Feb.
3. Correspondence, 1944, Mar.-Apr.
4. Correspondence, 1944, May-June
5. Correspondence, 1944, July-Aug.
6. Correspondence, 1944, Sept.-Oct.
7. Correspondence, 1944, Nov.-Dec.

Box 20. *Correspondence*, 1945-1946, Apr.

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1945, Jan.-Mar.
2. Correspondence, 1945, Apr.-May
3. Correspondence, 1945, June-July
4. Correspondence, 1945, Aug.-Sept.
5. Correspondence, 1945, Oct.-Dec.
6. Correspondence, 1946, Jan.-Apr.

Box 21. *Correspondence*, 1946, May-1947

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1946, May-Aug.
2. Correspondence, 1946, Sept.-Dec.
3. Correspondence, 1947, Jan.-Apr.
4. Correspondence, 1947, May-Aug.
5. Correspondence, 1947, Sept.-Dec.

Box 22. *Correspondence*, 1948-1949

Folder

1. Correspondence, 1948, Jan.-Apr.
2. Correspondence, 1948, May-July
3. Correspondence, 1948, Aug.-Oct.
4. Correspondence, 1948, Nov.-Dec.
5. Correspondence, 1949, Jan-June
6. Correspondence, 1949, July-Sept.
7. Correspondence, 1949, Oct.-Dec.

Box 23. *Correspondence, 1950-1952*

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1. Correspondence, 1950, Jan.-Apr.
2. Correspondence, 1950, May-Aug.
3. Correspondence, 1950, Sept.-Dec.
4. Correspondence, 1951, Jan.-May
5. Correspondence, 1951, June-Dec.
6. Correspondence, 1952, Jan.-July
7. Correspondence, 1952, Aug.-Dec.

Box 24. *Miscellaneous documents and manuscript drafts, 1913-1929; undated*

Folder

1. Miscellaneous, 1913
2. Grasses of Indiana Manuscript Draft, undated
3. Grasses of Indiana Manuscript Draft, undated
5. Grasses of Indiana Manuscript Draft, undated
4. Grasses of Indiana Manuscript Draft, circa 1929

Box 25. *Index cards, circa, 1896-1952*

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**Collection Information:**

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