

# **C. Hart Merriam Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** C. Hart Merriam Papers

**Span Dates:** 1864-1938

**ID No.:** MSS32698

**Creator:** Merriam, C. Hart, 1855-1942

**Extent:** 5,000 items ; 71 containers plus 1 oversize ; 28.5 linear feet ; 10 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English and native American languages.

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Naturalist, zoologist, and ethnologist. Correspondence, writings, journals, bibliographies, maps, and other papers. Includes journals of scientific expeditions and compilations of Indian vocabularies, with accompanying large-scale maps showing the distribution of all known Indian tribes in California and Nevada, as well as notes relating to the Adirondack Mountains and files pertaining to other sites and regions in the United States and abroad. Contains subject material relating to the Bering Sea Tribunal of Arbitration and the Harriman Alaska Expedition.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Merriam, C. Hart (Clinton Hart), 1855-1942.

### Organizations

American Ornithologists' Union.

Bering Sea Tribunal of Arbitration.

Harriman Alaska Expedition (1899)

United States. Bureau of Biological Survey.

United States. Division of Biological Survey.

United States. Division of Economic Ornithology and Mammalogy.

Washington Academy of Sciences (Washington, D.C.)

### Subjects

Biology--California.

Biology--Nevada.

Biology.

Ethnology--California.

Ethnology--Nevada.

Ethnology.

Indians of North America--California.

Indians of North America--Languages.

Indians of North America--Nevada.

Natural history--California.

Natural history--Nevada.

Natural history.

Sealing--Alaska--Pribilof Islands.

Zoology.

### Places

Adirondack Mountains (N.Y.)--Discovery and exploration.

Alaska--Discovery and exploration.

California--Discovery and exploration.

United States--Discovery and exploration.

West (U.S.)--Discovery and exploration.

### Occupations

Ethnologists.  
Naturalists.  
Zoologists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of C. Hart Merriam, naturalist, zoologist, and ethnologist, were given to the Library of Congress as a bequest of Merriam in 1947. Additional material was given by the National Geographic Society in 1976.

### Processing History

The C. Hart Merriam Papers were processed in 1947. Additions and revisions were made between 1976 and 1987 and again in 2002. The finding aid was revised in 2014.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of C. Hart Merriam is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

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### Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, C. Hart Merriam Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1855, Dec. 5	Born, New York, N.Y.
1872	Naturalist, Hayden Survey of the territories
1877	Published <i>A Review of the Birds of Connecticut</i> . New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse, & Taylor
1879	M.D., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1883	Surgeon, <i>Proteus</i> (Bark)
1884	Published <i>Mammals of the Adirondacks</i> . New York: L. S. Foster
1885-1910	Head, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Division of Economic Ornithology and Mammology (later the U.S. Division of Biological Survey and then the U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey)

1886	Married Virginia Elizabeth Gosnel
1889	Participated in U.S. Biological Survey to the San Francisco Mountains, Ariz.
1891	Participated in U.S. Biological Survey of Death Valley, Calif. Appointed to commission to investigate the problems of pelagic sealing in the Bering Sea
1891-1892	President, Biological Society of Washington
1898	Participated in U.S. Biological Survey of Mount Shasta, Calif.
1899	Participated in Harriman Alaska Expedition
1900-1902	President, American Ornithologists' Union
1905	Published "Indian Population of California"
1907	Published "Distribution and Classification of the Mewan Indians of California"
1910-1936	Conducted biological and ethnological investigations with California Indian tribes
1910	Published <i>Dawn of the World</i> . Cleveland: A. H. Clark
1917-1925	Chairman, U.S. Board on Geographic Names
1919-1921	President, American Society of Mammalogists
1920-1921	President, Anthropological Society of Washington
1924-1925	President, American Society of Naturalists
1928	Published <i>An-nik-a-del, the History of the Universe, as told by the Modes-se Indians of California</i> . Boston: Stratford Co.
1942, Mar. 19	Died, Berkeley, Calif.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Clinton Hart Merriam (1855-1942) span the years 1872-1938 and consist of correspondence, writings, journals, bibliographies, maps, and other papers. Especially prominent are more than a hundred journals of scientific expeditions and an extensive set of Native American vocabularies, with accompanying large-scale maps showing the distribution of Indian tribes in California and Nevada, as well as notes relating to the Adirondack Mountains and files relating to the Bering Sea Tribunal of Arbitration and the Harriman Alaska Expedition. Other topics include subject material relating to expeditions and regions and sites in the American West as well as others parts of the country and abroad.

Merriam's indexed journals form a continuous record of his accomplishments in science as well as of his personal relations and cooperation with scholars in the United States and internationally. In addition to twenty-five years of service as organizer and head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Division of Economic Ornithology and Mammology (later the U.S. Division of Biological Survey and then the U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey), and a somewhat longer period of ethnological and biological research in California and Nevada, begun in 1910 under the Harriman Fund of the Smithsonian

Institution, Merriam's many activities included a twenty-year membership on the Board on Geographic Names, of which he was chairman from 1917-1925. Also documented are his activities with the American Ornithologists' Union and the Washington Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. In 1891 he was appointed fur seal commissioner to represent the United States on a joint American and British commission to study the problems of pelagic sealing on the Pribilof Islands. In 1899 he visited Alaska as part of the Harriman Alaska Expedition and later served as editor of the publications of its scientific staff.

The Merriam Papers are organized by type of material or topic and are arranged largely as received by the Library. Indian vocabulary terms in the container list were transcribed from information extracted from files or folders in the collection.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

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