David Henry Wenrich Papers
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Summary Information

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Creator
Wenrich, David Henry, 1885-1968

Title
David Henry Wenrich Papers

Call number
UPT 50 W467

Date [inclusive]
1897-1940

Extent
1 cubic feet

Language
English

ABSTRACT
David H. Wenrich, scientist and professor of zoology, joined the University of Pennsylvania faculty as an instructor in 1915, becoming an assistant professor in 1919, and a full professor in 1928. This collection centers around Wenrich's efforts to honor Clarence Erwin McClung.

Biography/History

David Henry Wenrich, scientist and professor of zoology, was born June 29, 1885; he died January 31, 1968. A native of Lecompton, Kansas, Dr. Wenrich took his bachelor of arts degree in 1911 and his master of arts degree in 1912 at the University of Kansas. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1915.

Dr. Wenrich joined the University of Pennsylvania faculty as an instructor in 1915, becoming an assistant professor in 1919, and a full professor in 1928. He taught at Pennsylvania until his retirement in 1955. During his career Dr. Wenrich named three new genera and twelve new species of protozoa, wrote more
than one hundred and ten articles and chapters of books on chromosomes in insects, on protozoa and related subjects, and was elected to twenty-five honorary and professional societies.

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**Scope and Contents**

This collection centers around Dr. Wenrich's efforts to honor Dr. Clarence Erwin McClung. Dr. McClung (1870-1946) was head of the University of Pennsylvania's Zoology Department from 1912 until 1940. He was also the director of the University's Zoological Laboratory during these years. Famous for his work in sex discrimination and chromosomes, McClung was the managing editor of the Journal of Morphology for more than twenty years. Dr. McClung retired from the University in 1940, and throughout his career special activities were arranged in his honor by, among others, Dr. Wenrich. These activities included the publication of a special volume of the Journal of Morphology with entries submitted by former students of Dr. McClung, a luncheon and a dinner in honor of Dr. McClung, and a book of greetings. This collection traces these efforts. In addition, Dr. Wenrich wrote a biographical sketch of Dr. McClung for the Journal of Morphology, and two reprinted copies along with relevant correspondence are kept in this collection.

Also included are some items relevant to the University: laboratory directions from 1922, a scientific manual entitled "Syllabus on Vertebrata", and various "University of Pennsylvania Bulletins" 1889-1930.

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**ARRANGEMENT**

The papers are organized into one series, General File.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Access Restrictions**

Access to collections is granted in accordance with the Protocols for the University Archives and Records Centers.
PROVENANCE

Controlled Access Headings

Form/Genre(s)

- Textbooks.

Occupation(s)

- Parasitologists.

Personal Name(s)

- Cope, E. D., (Edward Drinker), 1840-1897, Date of a Work--1897.; Title of a work--Syllabus of lectures on the vertebrata.;
- McClung, Charles Erwin, 1870-1946 -- General subdivision--Biography.;

Subject(s)

- University of Pennsylvania--Curricula.
- University of Pennsylvania--Faculty.
- Zoology--Study and teaching.
# Collection Inventory

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