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# Guide to the University of Chicago Department of Geology Records 1923-1941



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.GEOLOGY
<b>Title</b>	University of Chicago. Department of Geology. Records
<b>Date</b>	1923-1941
<b>Size</b>	1 linear foot (2 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
<b>Abstract</b>	The Department of Geology was founded in 1892, and produced influential research until 1961, when it merged with the Department of Meteorology to form the Department of the Geophysical Sciences. This collection contains correspondence, departmental publications, organizational material and other administrative records of the Department of Geology.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

Open for research. No restrictions

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: University of Chicago. Department of Geology. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **Historical Note**

The Department of Geology was founded in 1892 by Thomas Chrowder Chamberlin and Rollin D. Salisbury, who also launched the *Journal of Geology* in the following year. Early research in the department focused on regional studies and surveys, but fundamental problems of geology, particularly geochemistry, were emphasized beginning in the late 1910s. It produced more Ph.D.s in the field than any other geology department in the country, and influential research in areas such as petrology, sedimentary geology and paleontology continued through the mid-twentieth century. In 1961, the department merged with the Department of Meteorology, forming the Department of the Geophysical Sciences.

### **Scope Note**

This collection contains correspondence, departmental publications, organizational material and other administrative records of the Department of Geology, spanning the early 1920s

through the early 1940s. The largest segment of the collection is a chronological correspondence file of Edson S. Bastin, who served as chair of the department from 1922 to 1944; much of this correspondence relates to administrative activities in the department. Also included is an alphabetical sequence of inquiries from prospective students, material used to organize field trips, correspondence of the Society of Economic Geologists, and other material documenting student work and administrative activities in the department.

## **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Bastin, Edson Sunderland. Papers

University of Chicago. Department of Meteorology. Records

## **Subject Headings**

- Bastin, Edson Sunderland
- Society of Economic Geologists
- University of Chicago. Department of Geology
- Geology -- United States

## **INVENTORY**

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 1**

Bastin, Edson S., silver enrichment research, correspondence and drafts, 1923-1924

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 2**

Bastin, Edson S., source bed research project, correspondence, 1926

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 3**

Bastin, Edson S., correspondence, 1923-1931

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 4**

Bastin, Edson S., correspondence, 1932-1933

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 5**

Bastin, Edson S., correspondence, 1934-1935

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 6**

Bastin, Edson S., correspondence, 1936

### **Box 1**

#### **Folder 7**

Bastin, Edson S., correspondence, 1937-1938

### **Box 1**

**Folder 8**

Bastin, Edson S., correspondence, 1939-1941

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**Folder 9-13**

Prospective students, correspondence, A-Z, 1931-1940

**Box 2**

**Folder 1**

Spring field trip, Iron Mountain, Missouri, organizational material, 1932

**Box 2**

**Folder 2**

Spring field trip, Marquette Iron Range, organizational material, 1933

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**Folder 3**

Tri-State Field Conference, organizational material, 1934-1941

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**Folder 4**

Midwest Association for Geologic Field Instruction, material for circulars, 1936

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**Folder 5**

Spring field trip, Missouri, organizational material, 1939

**Box 2**

**Folder 6**

Society of Economic Geologists, correspondence, 1923-1932

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**Folder 7**

Society of Economic Geologists, correspondence, 1933

**Box 2**

**Folder 8**

Society of Economic Geologists, correspondence, 1934-1940

**Box 2**

**Folder 9**

Departmental circulars and drafts, 1933-1934

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**Folder 10**

Departmental circulars, drafts and notes, 1937-1941

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**Folder 11**

Mailing lists, 1935-1939

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**Folder 12**

Departmental organizational chart, 1939

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**Folder 13**

Lists of undergraduates in Geology, 1923-1935