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# Guide to the W.F.E. Gurley. Papers 1861-1897



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.GURLEY
<b>Title</b>	Gurley, W.F.E. Papers
<b>Date</b>	1861-1897
<b>Size</b>	2.5 linear ft. (5 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** The collection is comprised of letters written to Gurley by amateur and professional paleontologists with whom he exchanged fossils and opinions; virtually all of the letters were written between 1869 and 1897. Several hundred individuals are represented, including some of the eminent naturalists of the time-for example, John C. Branner, Edward Drinker Cope, Thomas Davidson, Sir John William Dawson, Albert Gaudry, Franz von Hauer, Leo Lesquereux, Fielding Bradford Meek, Edward S. Morse, Charles Schuchert, Samuel H. Scudder, and Henry Shaler Williams, to name only a few.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

No restrictions

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Gurley, W.F.E. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

## **Biographical Note**

William Frank Eugene Gurley was born in Oswego, New York on June 5, 1854. His family moved to Danville, Illinois when he was ten years old, and he lived there until he came to the University of Chicago in 1900. Gurley became interested in geology in his adolescence, and spent several years learning surveying. After two years of study at Cornell University, he returned to Danville, where he remained for some years in the employ of the city as a civil engineer. From 1893 until 1897 Gurley was the State Geologist of Illinois. In 1900 he became Associate Curator of the paleontologic collections in Walker Museum, and continued as an honorary member of the Department of Geology until his death on June 27, 1943. He was a charter member of the Geological Society of America; paleontology was his principal interest, and he began his enthusiastic collecting of fossils at the age of fifteen.

## Scope Note

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The correspondence is contained in five grey manuscript boxes, and is arranged alphabetically. Following the alphabetized correspondence, in the back of Box 5, is a folder of letters written to Gurley which are of no intrinsic interest, but which have been retained for their autograph value, and a scrapbook compiled by Gurley in 1938, containing an autobiographical letter and photostats of some of the letters in the collection.

## Related Resources

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

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

R. T. Chamberlin in the Proceedings of the Geological Society of America for 1943, p. 135-140.

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- W. H. Adams, 22
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- D. Alkire, 2
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- J. F. Anderson, 1
- Clark F. Ansley, 1
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- Delos Arnold, 15
- George Ashman, 1
- Samuel Aughey, 2
- A. C. Austin, 2

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- Federico Barmeister, 1

- J. W. Barnes, 1
- S. I. Barrett, 3
- W. H. Barris, 12
- D. H. Bassett, 2
- W. H. Bates, 1
- Ernen Bayer, 1
- Charles S. Beachler, 14
- C. Beale, 1
- Charles F. Beale (Jr.), 3
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- Byron Bryan, 10
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- P. J. Farnsworth, 1
- W. A. Finkelnburg, 1
- D. G. Fischer, 1
- M. Fischer, 1
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- Fr. Johnstrup, 2
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- F. L. Kern, 2
- Charles R. Keyes, 5
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- F. M. Kinin, 1
- George Kinsley, 1
- E. Kittl, 1
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- Victor E. Phillips, 2
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- Lois L. Pope, 1
- E. A. Popenoe, 1
- Jules Poupel, 1
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- Frederick Starr, 1
- S. W. Stavage, 2
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- Chas. D. Walcott, 3
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- James Hall, 1
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- A. S. (Alpheus Spring) Packard Jr., 1
- J. W. (John Welsey) Powell, 2
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**Box 5**

Scrapbook compiled by W. F. E. Gurley, containing a letter written by him to the Secretary of the Geological Society of America, December 26, 1938, in which is given biographical information about his early years; and photostats of various letters in the collection, selected by him to attest to the serious and professional nature of his interest in paleontology