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#### INTRODUCTION

The collection contains correspondence, notes, publications, and miscellaneous material compiled by Daniel McKinley for a biography of Otto Widmann, a noted ornithologist from St. Louis, Missouri.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The Otto Widmann Collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Daniel McKinley on 11 August 1978 (Accession No. 2203).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Otto Widmann was born in Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany, on 15 June 1841, and migrated to the United States in March 1866. Educated as a pharmacist, Widmann operated a pharmacy in St. Louis, Missouri, for many years. He became a well respected ornithologist with a focus on bird migration and distribution, and published over 50 articles and books during his lifetime. Otto Widmann died on 26 November 1933 in St. Louis. See the obituaries in the collection for additional biographical information.

Daniel McKinley received his M.A. in Zoology from the University of Missouri in 1957. He taught at Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio, and the State University of New York at Albany.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Otto Widmann papers are comprised of correspondence, notes, publications, and miscellaneous material compiled by Daniel McKinley for a biography of Widmann. The correspondence is organized alphabetically by author and then chronologically. Many of the correspondents provided copies of their original correspondence with Widmann. The obituaries include extensive biographical information on Widmann's life and career. The collection also contains notes on Widmann's various scholarly publications.

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