

A Catalogue of the papers of R.A. Phillips (1866-1945) [RIA MSS 4 B 50; 4 B 51] in the Library of the Royal Irish Academy with a note of other Phillips papers held by the National Museum of Ireland and the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland / compiled by Paul T. Harding

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INTRODUCTION

Papers of the late Robert Albert Phillips are deposited in the library of the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. They comprise a large collection of letters, some notebooks, manuscripts of lectures and papers, offprints of scientific publications and a small collection of dried pressed ferns. These papers had at some time been grouped but most of the correspondence was only roughly sorted and the papers had not been catalogued.

The interest of the Phillips papers lies mainly with the correspondence; this has been catalogued in some detail under correspondents. The papers provide little information which has not already been published in scientific papers by Phillips and his collaborators. However, the correspondence may be of interest to anyone examining the study of natural history during the 1890s to 1930s, in particular for the wealth of letters from particular correspondents: A.W. Stelfox, Augustine Henry, R.L. Praeger and A.S. Kennard, for example.

The papers were sorted and partly catalogued in September 1981; the cataloguing was completed in October 1982.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The post of an itinerant company representative in southern Ireland between the 1890s and 1930s probably offered the incumbent considerable free time. Evenings and weekends spent away from home, in small country towns, could be spent in several ways — in prayer, in bars, in dalliance. It is Ireland's good fortune that one such representative chose to spend much of *his* free time studying the flora and fauna.

Robert Albert Phillips, born at Courtmacsherry in April 1866, joined the stationery company, Guy & Co. of Cork, at the age of 14. Quite when he went 'on the road' as their representative is uncertain, but between the early 1890s and the 1930s he travelled widely in the southern part of Ireland. He appears to have taken every opportunity during this time to study the natural history of his surroundings. He remained a bachelor until the age of 54, which doubtless contributed to his freedom to study natural history in the field at weekends and in the summer evenings.

Phillips died in 1945 aged 79. In his comprehensive obituary of Phillips, A.W. Stelfox (1946a) pointed out that he was unforthcoming about himself, rarely joined large organised natural history excursions or meetings and, after his marriage, contributed few papers to journals and became a less frequent

correspondent. In reality, many of Phillips' principal correspondents died when he was in his 50s and 60s.

From the fragments that are available — Phillips' publications and correspondence, and Stelfox's obituaries (1946a and b) — it is possible to build up an indistinct image of R.A. Phillips. He was an ardent field naturalist who began with an interest in flowering plants, but who later developed considerable expertise in Mollusca and went on to collect and record many other invertebrate groups. His field work was apparently limited by where his employment as a representative deposited him. He would then explore on foot in a careful and thorough manner a small area around the town where he was based; his meticulousness clearly exasperated Stelfox but resulted, inevitably, in the discovery of many apparently rare species in otherwise 'unlikely' areas. Stelfox and others seem to have benefited greatly from contact with Phillips, both in specimens and in ideas. Phillips was clearly not one to force himself on others, and benefited from these contacts mostly by reducing his inevitable feeling of working in isolation. Phillips' contribution to Irish natural history was considerable, and has probably been underrated or overlooked. This contribution was not primarily in the form of collections or herbaria, or even his publications, but was as a collaborator, particularly as a collector and observer, with other, more reductive naturalists and professional scientists such as Stelfox, Praeger, Pack Beresford, Colgan, Scully, Scharff and Henry. One wonders what he might have achieved had he not had to earn a living by selling stationery all his life.

Little of Phillips' personality or circumstances emerges from these papers, other than that his correspondents regarded him with esteem. He was clearly never a wealthy man and, as was commonly the practice at the turn of the century, he occasionally acted as a paid collector. Dissatisfaction with his work and conditions in Ireland led him to apply in 1905 for a position as representative in north and west Ireland for the stationers Hely Ltd. of Dublin, but he was not successful. In 1906 he wrote to his brother Henry suggesting that he might emigrate, but nothing came of this idea. As it was, he stayed with Guy & Co. until his death, although in later life he retired from his work as a representative and lived permanently in Cork. Increasing age and a fixed abode clearly led to reduced activity in the field. Phillips had little to correspond about to a circle of contacts which was constantly shrinking as correspondents died in the 1920s and 1930s.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE PAPERS AND CATALOGUE

The Phillips papers have been arranged and catalogued in a sequence that is intended to cause the minimum disturbance to the provenance of the papers as they were received by the Royal Irish Academy. All the correspondence has been housed in labelled envelopes. Other papers have been grouped by document types — offprints, photographs, lecture notes, etc. The scientific nomenclature used by Phillips and his correspondents has been retained throughout.

This catalogue includes related material held by the National Museum of Ireland (Appendix II) and the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland (Appendix III).

REFERENCES

STELFOX, A.W. 1946a. Obituary: Robert Albert Phillips, 1866-1945. *Irish Naturalists' Journal*, 8, 391-394.

STELFOX, A.W. 1946b. Robert Albert Phillips, 1866-1945. *Journal of Conchology*, 22.

CATALOGUE

R.A. PHILLIPS PAPERS, I, BOX 4 B 50

Correspondence: Correspondents A-R
Folder: Dried Plants
Bundle: Accounts, Bills, Receipts
Bundle: Photographs

R.A. PHILLIPS PAPERS, II, BOX 4 B 51

Correspondence: Correspondents S-Z
Bundle: Offprints
Bundle: 5 Notebooks
Bundle: 9 Annotated Plant Catalogues
Drawers: Various Manuscript Items

DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS (OTHER THAN CORRESPONDENCE)

Folder: Dried Plants

An interleaved folder in stiff covers containing dried, pressed specimens of ferns and flowering plants; some labelled with scientific and/or English names; no locality or other data.

Bundle: Accounts, Bills, Receipts

An unsorted collection of financial documents.

Bundle: Photographs

Monochrome prints grouped as follows:

1. Views, some archaeological.
2. Mollusca.
3. Mounted photographs — various topics including the following plants:
Ligustricum scoticum, *Orobancha rubra*, *Silene acaulis*, *Spiranthes romanzoffiana*.
4. Photographs by R. Welch — mainly views.
5. Plants, including: *Leucojum aestivum*, *Atropa*, *Glyceria festucaformis*, *Ranunculus pseudofluitans*, *Typha angustifolia*.

6. Trees, including *Populus canescens* 'near the bridge, Birr' and at New Ross.

Bundle: Offprints and Leaflets

Offprints and leaflets grouped as follows:

1. Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, 7 leaflets, plus 'The artificial production of vigorous trees' by Augustine Henry.
2. Vertebrates — 10 items.
3. Insecta — 10 items (8 on aphids).
4. Mollusca — 21 items.
5. Botany — 6 items (2 with annotations).

Bundle: Notebooks

Five notebooks, some containing additional items apparently related to the contents of the notebooks and therefore kept together.

1. 'Notes on the flora of Co. Cork' — carbon copies of 65 pages, dated between May 1896 and November 1900. Appears to be drafts of papers.

Also enclosed are the following: 2 letters from C. Longfield, 2 letters from R.L. Praeger, a small bundle of press-cuttings relating mainly to the Cork Naturalists' Field Club.

2. Pages 10-32 numbered, carbon copies with the following titles:

'Plants seen in Queens Co. by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen in Kings Co. by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen in Kilkenny by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen in S.E. Galway by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen in N.E. Galway by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen in N. Tipperary by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen in S. Tipperary by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen in Waterford by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen in W. Galway by R.A. Phillips, 1900', (with localities).

'Plants seen by R.A. Phillips, 1900' (localities in counties Clare, Carlow and Limerick).

'Notes on Irish Plant lists, R.A. Phillips 10/12/1900'.

'Plants collected by R.A. Phillips 1900'.

'Additions to I.T.B. [Irish Topographical Botany], R.A. Phillips, Nov. 1905'.

Also enclosed are 2 letters from R.L. Praeger concerning 'Irish Topographical Botany', a list of plants of which Praeger required records from various counties, and coloured maps of counties Kerry, Clare, Wexford, Wicklow, Dublin, Mayo and Down.

3. 'Botanical notes 1933, R.A. Phillips'.
4. Pencil notes on various topics, including Mollusca. Some expense accounts for travelling in 1929-1933.
5. 'Botany' — Lecture notes on botanical topics.

Bundle: Annotated Plant Catalogues

Eight copies of 'The London Catalogue of British Plants, Part I' annotated as follows as lists of plants:

1. For West Cork (Vice-county 3), annotated with localities, dates and frequency, up to 1900.
2. For Mid Cork (Vice-county 4), annotated with localities, dates and frequency, up to 1900.
3. For East Cork (Vice-county 5), annotated with localities, dates and frequency, up to 1899.
4. Herbarium of R.A. Phillips, up to September 1906.
5. Duplicates [presumably of specimens in the R.A. Phillips Herbarium] and a record of whether the material is from Britain, Ireland or Channel Islands.
6. For the Aran Islands, marked up by Nathaniel Colgan, up to 24th September 1908, with a covering letter by Colgan.
7. 'Desiderata of H.J. Wilkinson of York, February 1893', with the note 'marked in blue for 1896'.
8. Untitled, annotated with the status of species (native or otherwise).

'Handlist of Irish Flowering Plants and Ferns', annotated 'plants marked in pencil seen in situ by R.A. Phillips'.

Drawer: Manuscript Items

A drawer containing mainly manuscript items including the text of lectures and draft papers by Phillips:

1. Lecture on Charles Waterton — 15 sheets.
Annotated on cover page 'Albert Jeffers 29th May 1886'.
2. 'The Plants of the South of Ireland and where to find them — The Ferns of Munster I Ferns (Filices)' — apparently in 2 parts, 12 sheets.
3. 'The Plants of the South of Ireland II Orchids (Orchidacea)' — 5 sheets.
4. 'Characteristic Plants of the South of Ireland' — apparently in 2 parts, 5 sheets and 4 sheets.
5. Four sheets listing vascular plants, giving scientific names, English names, and habitats or localities.
6. 'Books as Companions' — Numbered sheets 1, 3, 4 and 11, also an un-numbered introductory sheet.
7. 'Books as Companions' — 19 sheets and a cover page with pencil notes.
8. 'Marsh and Water Plants' — 6 sheets (only 1-3 numbered).
9. Twelve sheets, mainly pencil drafts of letters, and 10 sheets, notes on rainfall, written on the back of a manuscript titled 'Notes on the Flora of Co.

- Cork, by R.A. Phillips, Cork, November 1893'. The manuscript had been crossed through.
10. Bundle of sheets concerning the Flora of County Cork, including some printed material and pencil notes.
 11. 'Collecting, identifying and preserving plants' — 11 sheets, 'Wild flowers and ferns of Cork' — 2 sheets.
 12. Printed copy of 'Rules etc. of St. Luke's Literary and Debating Society', November 1890.
Printed copy of 'Rules etc. of St. Luke's Young Men's Christian Association', November 1889.
'Church of Ireland Certificate of Creditable Answering in an examination of the Holy Scriptures etc.', presented to Albert Phillips, June 1875.
 13. An unsorted group of notes in pencil, various topics.
 14. Papers on *Margaritifera durrovensis* — drafts and related correspondence on publication.
 15. '*Paludestrina (Hydrobia) jenkinsi* and its Irish stations' — manuscript and related notes.
 16. '*Vertigo genesii* Gredler in Ireland' — proofs and one letter from J.R. le B. Tomlin.
 17. Receipt from the British Museum (Natural History) for Type shells of *Margaritifera durrovensis* and for shells of *M. margaritifera*.
 18. 'Notes on the occurrence of *Paludina vivipara* L. in Irish rivers' — draft, in pencil.
 19. Envelope containing unsorted notes, all in pencil, on small scraps of paper.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received by Phillips had been sorted, to some extent, before the present cataloguing was begun. The letters were contained in three alphabetical index files and two bundles, one of which had been labelled 'Letters to R.A. Phillips from A.W. Stelfox'. All this correspondence has been amalgamated and sorted by correspondents. Letters from each correspondent have been arranged chronologically, with any draft replies by Phillips (D.R.) inserted appropriately in the sequence. In some cases lists of species and other items were included with correspondence; these have been retained, wherever possible placed within the sequence of letters.

The total collection comprises 2,522 letters from 204 correspondents, with 219 draft replies. The largest single collection of letters is from A.W. Stelfox, itemised in greater detail in Appendix I.

A further collection of correspondence to Phillips is held in the Natural History Division of the National Museum of Ireland. The provenance of this collection is uncertain but may have been acquired by A.W. Stelfox. It comprises 144 letters from 18 correspondents, of which 86 letters are from Stelfox. This correspondence is listed in Appendix II. All but one of these letters date from before 1920.

R.A. PHILLIPS — CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondent	Period	No. of letters	Topics
Adams, L.E.	1897-1908	8	Mollusca
Allman, F.W.	1900	2	Richard Dowden
Armitage, E.	1895	1	Botany
Axford, W.G.	1896	8 (+ 1 D.R.)	Botany
Bailey, L.H.	1916	1 (+ 1 D.R.)	Supplying plant collections
Baker, C.	1907	1 + list	Botanical books
Baker, E.G.	1923-1924	2	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
Baker, J.G.	1897	1	<i>Saxifraga</i>
Beaulands, J.	1890	1	Botanical exchange
Beach, J.	N.D.	1	Society Rules
Bennett, A.	1895-1910	34 (+ 1 D.R.)	Vascular plants
Biddiscombe, N.	1892	4	Exchange of Mollusca and vascular plants
Blackburn, E.P.	1931	2	<i>Milax gracilis</i>
Bloomer, H.H.	1926-1928, 1931, 1932, 1936	25 (+ 17 D.R.)	<i>Margaritifera durrovensis</i> and <i>Anodonta</i> spp.
Bostock, E.D.	1890-1891	2	Botanical exchange
Bowell, E.W.	1908	4	<i>Vertigo</i> spp.
Boycott, A.E.	1915-1933	7	Mollusca
Bradshaw, D.B.	1912	1	Flora of Cork & Kerry
Busby, W.	1900	3	<i>Viola lactea</i>
Carpenter, G.H.	1893-1918	8	Araneae, Mollusca
Carr, J.W.	1894-1895	6 (+ 2 D.R.)	Botanical exchange
Cash, J.	1891	3	Botanical exchange
Chambers, T.B.	1913-1914	3	Mollusca
Charman, H.	1892	1	Botanical exchange
Chaster, G.W.	1892-1894	17	Mollusca
Christy, M.	1923	3 (+ 2 D.R.) + 1 photograph of Wistman's Wood	Woodland. Primroses.
Clark, C.E.	1901-1902	3	<i>Listera cordata</i>
Clarke, J.H.	1908	1	<i>Trichoniscus</i> sp. <i>Nesticus cellulanus</i>
Coles, C.S.	1908	2	Mollusca (exchange)
Colgan, N.	1896-1917	78 (+ 7 D.R.)	Botany
Collier, E.	1895-1916	13 (+ 2 D.R.)	Mollusca
Collinge, E.	1893	2	Mollusca
Collins, J.	1891	2	Botanical exchange
Cooper, J.E.	1909-1925, 1931	34	Mollusca, mainly <i>Pisidium</i>
Copeman, J.L.	1898-1908	7	Cork Naturalists' Field Club
Copineau, C.	1889-1891	7 (+ 1 D.R.)	Botanical exchange
Coyne, W.P.	1902	4 (+ 1 D.R.)	Publication of a Flora of Cork
Crawford, F.C.	1900-1901	3	Botanical exchange
Crosse, J.H.	N.D.	1	Natural History magazines

Crawley, N.C.	1923	1	<i>Stenammina</i> sp.
Day, R.	1894	1	Criticism of a paper
Dawber, M.	1895-1896	7	Botanical exchange
Dod, A.H. Wolley	1899-1900	3	Botanical exchange
Donisthorpe, H.	1915, 1921, 1935	5 (+ 1 D.R.)	Formicidae
Druce, G.C.	N.D.	1	Botanical Exchange Club
Ellis, A.E.	1931	2 (+ 1 D.R.)	<i>Milax gracilis</i>
Elwes, J.H.	1908-1910	5 (+ 2 D.R.)	<i>Populus nigra</i> , Cork oak
Farrington, T.	1903-1909	2 + 1 plan	Displays
Fawcett, G.T.G.	N.D.	1	Meeting
Fisher, H.	1889-1891	11 (+ 1 D.R.)	Botanical exchange
Fogarty, G.	1905-1914	28	Vascular plants
Fogarty, H.	1906-1915	5	Mainly botany
Foster, N.H.	1909, 1913	5 + 1 list	Terrestrial Isopoda
Fulton, H.	1903	1 + price list	Mollusca
Gerhardt, U.	1934	1	Slugs
Grierson, P.H.	1902, 1904	5	Mollusca
Griffin, J.	1906, 1913	2	Vascular plants
Goode, G.	1890-1908	8	Botanical exchange
Grove, M.B.	1926	1	<i>Cochleria anglica</i>
Groves, J.	1894-1916	50 (+ 4 D.R.)	Vascular plants & Mollusca
Hadden, N.G.	1915-1917	9	Mollusca exchange
Halbert, J.N.	1906-1914	5	<i>Acridium aegypticum</i> , <i>Julus sabulosus</i> , Coleoptera Lep: <i>Pygaera leucephala</i>
Hanbury, T.J.	1897	1	<i>Saxifraga umbrosa</i>
Hargreaves, J.A.	1899, 1908- 1910	7	Mollusca exchange
Hartley, A.	1898, 1912	7	Mollusca exchange
Hayes, T.	1932	2	History of Co. Clare
Helsby, J.	1932	1	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>
Hely's Ltd.	1905	2 (+ 1 D.R.)	Employment
Henry, A.	1905-1929	194 (+ 2 D.R.)	Irish trees, General botany
Henry, A.H.	1913, 1925	2	Visit, Formicidae
Higgins, R.C.	1915-1920	46	Mollusca
Hirake, Y.	N.D.	1	Purchase of Mollusca specimens from Japan
Hobson, J.	1905-1906	5	Employment with Guy & Co.
Holland, M.	1917	1	Cork Naturalists' Field Club
Holmes, E.M.	1919	1	<i>Cicuta virosa</i>
Horwood, A.R.	1908, 1910	4 (+ 2 offprints)	Cryptograms, Vascular plants
Hume, A.O.	1904-1907	13 (+ lists of Desiderata)	Botanical exchange
Hunnybun, G.H.	1918	1	'Plants'
Hunter, D.	1894-1896, 1904-1907	17 (+ 1 D.R.)	Botany

Jackson, A.	1913-1914	2	<i>Thymus</i> spp.
Jackson, W.F.	1906, 1908, 1916, 1917	6	Mollusca
Jeanpert	1896	5	Botanical exchange
Jeffers family	1896, 1909, 1910, 1927	4	Family correspondence
Johnson, T.	1902	2	Flora of Cork
Johnson, W.F.	1909	1	<i>Halyzia 22-punctata</i>
Johnston, S.H.	1897	1 (+ D.R.)	<i>Geraneum sanguineum</i>
Jolliffe, J.E.A.	1909, 1912	4	Mollusca exchange
Keilin, D.	1936	1 (+ D.R.)	Diptera - Parasite of <i>Vertigo genesii</i>
Kennard, A.S.	1907-1937	118 (incl. some identification slips)	Mollusca
Keogh, J.N.D.	1889-1890	3 (+ 2 D.R.)	Botanical exchange
Kevan, D.K.	1930-1935	8 (+ 1 D.R.)	Mollusca
Kew, H.W.	1913	2	Pseudoscorpiones
Kieran, J.	1908	1	'Insect'
Knowles, M.C.	1905-1932	56	Vascular & Cryptogamic Botany
Lett, H.W.	1907, 1909	3	Bryophytes
Levinge, H.C.	1894	8	Vascular plants
Linton, E.F.	1900-1914	24	Vascular plants
Lloyd-James, W.F.	1931	4	<i>Purpura lapillus</i>
Lomax, A.E.	1900	3	<i>Polypodium hybernicum</i>
Long, A. & R.J.	1898, N.D.	2	Insect. <i>Arbutus</i> .
Longfield, C.	1893, 1896	3	<i>Lepidium ruderales</i>
Lowry, H.N.	1893	1	Botanical exchange
McArdle, D.	1900	2	Bryophytes
McCarthy, D.	1900	1	Stationery
McDonald, J.M.	1914	1	Business
Manning, N.	1908	1	Transport
Marshall, E.S.	1904-1910	6	Vascular plants
Martin, H.A.	1889-1904	27	Vascular plants
Mason, G.W.E.	1899, 1902	3	Mollusca
Masterman, H.	1891	1	Botanical exchange
Massey, H.	1901	2	<i>Polyommatus icarus</i>
Mawley, E.	1895	2	Phenology
Meagher, F.G.	1927, 1943	2	Vascular plants
Meldrum, R.H.	1891	1	Botanical exchange
Milne, J.N.	1898, 1905	3	<i>P. jenkinsii</i>
Modell, H.	1929	1 (+ 1 D.R.)	<i>Margaritifera durrovensis</i>
Moffat, C.B.	1923-1924	4	Publications
More, A.G.	1893-1894	16 (+ 2 D.R.)	Vascular plants
Moss, W.	1908-1911	25	Mollusca
Neale, F.	1898	1	Limerick Field Club
Nichols, A.R.	1916	1	<i>Pisidia</i>

Noonan, J.	1897, 1912, 1915	3	Vascular plants, Cork Naturalists' Field Club
North, I.P.	1908	1	J.L. Copeman
O'Brien, R.D.	1905-1910	13 (+1 D.R.)	Vascular plants, Mollusca
O'Connor, P.	1933, 1945	5 (+ 4 D.R.)	Botany, mainly Orchids
O'Leary, E.	1901	2	Vascular plants
Oldham, C.	1913-1935	56 (+ 5 D.R.)	Mollusca
O'Mahony, E.	1931	3 (+ 1 D.R.)	<i>Panagaeus crux-major</i>
O'Neill, E.	1908	1	A dog collar!
Overton, H.	1916, 1917	2	<i>Pisidium</i> spp.
Pack Beresford, D.R.	1909-1937	39 (+ 41 identification slips)	Spiders, Woodlice, Harvestmen
Palliser, T.C.	1908	1	Printing
Peyton, T.	1907	2	Loan of book
Phillips, E. (Mother)	1914-1916	13	Domestic
Phillips, H. (Brother)	N.D.? (1905/1906), 1916	1 (+ 2 D.R.)	Domestic
Phillips, J.D. (Sister-in-law)	1923	3 (+ 2 D.R.)	Death of Henry Phillips
Pim, H.	1922-1929	8	Mollusca, Vascular plants
Praeger, R.L.	1894-1918, 1931-1934, 1945	131 (+ 16 D.R.)	Some spp. lists, Vascular plants
Pugsley, H.W.	1932	2 (+ 1 D.R.)	Daffodils
Quick, H.E.	1933-1935	14 + 7	<i>Succinea</i> spp. + draft paper
Robson, J.	1918	1 + 1	Domestic
Robson, J. ?	1920	1	<i>P. jenkinsi</i>
Roebuck, W.D.	1904-1913	35 (+ 2 D.R.)	Mollusca + identification slip
Rogers, W. Moyle	1896-1915	32 (+ 1 D.R.)	Vascular plants (mainly identification)
Rosenberg, W.F.	1898	1	Sale of shells
Ross, H.	1905	2	Domestic
Roycroft, J.R.	1897	2	Books
Salisbury, A.E.	1927-1928	4 (+ 2 D.R. + 2 lists)	<i>Margaritifera</i> spp.
Salmon, C.E.	1896, 1898	3	Botanical exchange
Scharff, R.F.	1893-1933	83 (+ 6 D.R.)	Various, many Mollusca
Schlesch, H.	1921	1	Mollusca
Scully, R.W.	1896-1934	66 (+ 11 D.R.)	Mainly botany
Shaw, W.H.	1896-1899	7	Botany
Sikes, J.H.	1908	3	Mollusca
Simpson, J.	1931	3 (+ 1 D.R. + 1 list)	Mollusca
Smith, A.E.	1910	2	<i>Vertigo</i> spp.
Smith, W.J.	1906	1	Letter to Welch on Mollusca
Somerville, A.	1892-1901	13	Botanical exchange

Standen, R.	1907-1916	21 (+ 6 D.R.)	Mollusca
Stapf, O.	1921	2	<i>Spiranthes romanzoffiana</i>
Stelfox, A.W.	1910-1942	446 (+ 29 D.R. + 66 species lists)	Mollusca, insects
Step, E.	1894	1	Fungi
Stephens, J.	1918-1919	3	Mollusca and sponges
Stow, J.C.	1897	2	Botanical exchange
Sullivan, M.	1905	2	Debts of late Mr. Fogarty
Sutton, W.D.	1894	6 (+ 1 D.R. + 1 list)	Mollusca exchange
Taylor, F.	1909, 1917	2	Mollusca
Taylor, J.K.	1910	1	Mollusca exchange
Taylor, J.W.	1894-1918	22 (+ 4 D.R.)	Mollusca
Theobald, F.V.	1924	1	Aphidae
Thompson, F.P.	1889	1 (+ 1 D.R.)	Botanical exchange
Thompson, R.O.	1892	1	Photographs
Toby, F.	1903-4	5	Mainly business matters
Tomlin, J.R. Le B.	1908, 1915- 1918, 1928, 1933	22 (+ 2 D.R.)	Mollusca
Townsend, F.	1897	2	<i>Euphrasia occidentalis</i>
Tylie, W.B.	1897	1	Flora of Co. Cork
Ussher, R.J.	1893	2	Printers' proofs
Waddell, C.M.	1905-1910, 1918	11 (+ 4 lists)	Botanical exchange
Waters, A.H.	1890	2	Botanical exchange
Waters, R.M. & M.E.	1900, 1905	2	Deaths of friends
Waterston, R.	1931	6 (+ 2 D.R.)	Mollusca
Watson, H.	1929-1939	47 (+ 25 D.R.)	Mollusca
		Manuscripts	Mainly <i>Milax gracilis</i>
Wear, S.	1919	1	Books
Webb, W.F.	1933	3 newsletters + 2 lists	Mollusca
Webb, W.M.	1905	2	Centipedes and Millipedes
Wedgewood, M.S.	1924-25	7 (+ 3 D.R.)	Botany
Welch, R.J.	1895-1910, 1922-1932	76 (+ 6 D.R.)	Mainly Mollusca
Welply, J.T.	1900	2	Botany
Wheldon, J.A.	1890-1892	3	Botanical and Mollusca exchange
Wilkinson, H.J.	1892-1897, 1917	28	Botany
Williams, J.W.	1892	2	Mollusca

Wilmott, A.J.	1926	3 (+ 2 D.R.)	Botany, mainly <i>Cochlearia anglica</i>
Wilsher, Family	1905 + N.D.	6	Personal
Winckworth, R.	1928	4 (+ 1 D.R.)	Mollusca
Wolfe, J.	1896-1905	14	Botany
Wood, R.	1889-1890	3	Botanical exchange
Woods, M.	1898	1 (+ 2 D.R.)	Application by Phillips for job
Woodward, B.B.	1908-1916, 1926-1928	34 (+ 17 D.R.)	Mollusca
Woolward, F.H.	1907-1908	22	<i>Populus</i> and Mollusca
Wright, E.P.	1900	1	Postcard to Praeger
Wright, J.	1895	4	Boulder clay

Unknown Correspondents

	Period	No. of letters	Topics
1	1908	1	<i>Vertigo</i>
2	1896	1	Botanical exchange
3	1892	1	Personal

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Addenda

Correspondent	Period	No. of letters	Topics
Geyer, D.	1929	1 (+ 1 D.R.)	Mollusca
Haas, F.	1929	3 (+ 4 D.R.)	<i>Milax</i>
Jackson, J.W.	1929, 1931	2	Mollusca
Madell, H.	1929	1 (+ 1 D.R.)	<i>Margaritifera</i>

APPENDIX I

CORRESPONDENCE FROM A.W. STELFOX

Year	No. of letters	Topics
1910	2	Mollusca
1911	16	Mollusca
1912	7	Mollusca
1913	8	Mollusca
1914	4 (+ 1 D.R.)	Census of aquatic Mollusca in drainage basins, including draft lists
1915	2	Mollusca
1916	5 (+ 1 list)	Mollusca
1917 (January-June)	27 (+ 3 D.R.)	Notes and descriptions of <i>Pisidium</i> spp.
1917 (July-December)	24 (+ 3 D.R.)	Mollusca

1918	39	Mollusca
1919	24	Mollusca
1920	35	Mollusca
1921	43	Mollusca, Formicidae
1922	18	Mollusca, miscellaneous invertebrates
1923	15	Mollusca, Philately
1924	28	Mollusca, insects including <i>Thecla betulae</i> and Coccinellidae
1925	28 (+ 19 species lists)	Mollusca, identification of insects, especially Hymenoptera and Coleoptera
1926	22 (+ 20 species lists)	Mollusca, identification of insects, especially Hymenoptera and Coleoptera
1927	17 (+ 7 species lists)	Mollusca, identification of insects, especially Hymenoptera and Coleoptera
1928	14 (+ 2 D.R. + 1 species list)	Mollusca, identification of insects, especially Hymenoptera and Coleoptera
1929	22 (+ 3 D.R. + 9 species lists)	Mollusca, identification of insects, especially Hymenoptera and Coleoptera; Key to Irish <i>Bombus</i> species
1930	17 (+ 3 D.R. + 9 species lists)	Mollusca, insects
1931	8 (+ 3 D.R.)	Mollusca
1932	5 (+ 5 D.R.)	Mollusca
1935	5 (+ 1 D.R.)	Mollusca
1936	6 (+ 4 D.R.)	Mollusca and <i>Rosa stylosa</i>
1937	4	Hymenoptera
1942	1 (+ D.R.)	<i>Trichoniscus viridus</i>

APPENDIX II

R.A. PHILLIPS — CORRESPONDENCE, ETC. HELD IN NATURAL HISTORY DIVISION, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND

Correspondent	Period	No. of letters	Topics
Adams, ?	1934	1	Letter to Fr. O'Shea concerning <i>Tsetse</i>
Bedford, E.J.	1912	1 (+ 2 photographs)	<i>Habernaria intacta</i>
Bennett, A.	1904	2	Vascular plants
Clark, J.E.	1913	1	Royal Meteorological Society phenological observations
Collinge, W.E.	1893-1894	5	Mollusca
Fogarty, G.	1912-1913 + N.D.	18	Vascular plants
Huggins, H.C.	1918	4	Mollusca
Hunnybun, G.H.	1918	2	Vascular plants
Jeffers, B.R.	1911	1	Plant collection from Straw Island, Galway

Kennard, A.S.	1918	1	Mollusca
Mason, G.E.	1918	1	<i>Arion ater</i>
Morse, E.W.	1910	1	<i>Bembidion argenteolum</i> and <i>Cryphalus tiliae</i>
Oldham, C.	1918	4	Mollusca
Roebuck, W.D.	1918	1	<i>Pisidium</i> spp.
Rogers, T.	1892-1898	9	Mollusca
Scharff, R.F.	1913	1	Royal Dublin Society
Schlesch, H.	1917-1918	5	<i>Pisidium</i> spp.
Stelfox, A.W.	1909-1917	86	Vascular plants and Mollusca, especially <i>Pisidium</i> spp.

Other items:

Two acknowledgement certificates from the British Museum (Natural History) for donations in 1908 of 'Ten specimens of *Vitrina pyrenaica* from Collon, Co. Louth' and in 1910 of 'A fine series of specimens of *Vertigo moulinsiana* and *Paludestrina confusa* from Ireland'.

APPENDIX III

MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL RELATING TO R.A. PHILLIPS, CURRENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF DR. M.P. KERNEY, CONCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The above items are currently in the possession of Dr. M.P. Kerney, Department of Geology, Imperial College, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 5BD [1983]. They are held by him on behalf of the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland having previously been in the possession of A.W. Stelfox.

1. Booklet of letters to R.J. Welch:

A bound loose-leaf booklet of letters titled 'Natural History Museum, Dublin — Letters — Irish Mollusca — Lists'. The letters to Welch contain information towards a vice-county list of Irish land and freshwater molluscs and include letters from R.A. Phillips.

(This booklet was given by Stelfox to Dr. Kerney and will eventually be deposited in the British Museum (Natural History).)

2. Register of *Pisidium* of the British Isles (1918-1939):

'A register of shells of the genus *Pisidium* upon which records have been founded by A.W. Stelfox and R.A. Phillips at the request of the Council of the Conchological Society. Commenced in November 1918'. Also a card index, arranged by vice-counties.

(These are in the possession of the Conchological Society on permanent loan from the British Museum (Natural History). The voucher collection of *Pisidium* specimens to go with this Register is deposited in the British Museum (Natural History).)

3. Field notebooks of R.A. Phillips:

Four small notebooks (approx. 4½" x 2¾")

- (a) Purple notebook — faded and rubbed, thin lined paper some pages badly smudged, writing in pencil. Covers dates between 15 July 1896 and 14 October 1906, but with gaps. Most entries in the form of a date, a locality name and a list of species. The entries are apparently all of botanical records.
- (b) Purple notebook — thin squared paper, generally clear writing in pencil, a few pages smudges. Covers dates between 19 January 1907 and 18 March 1910. Most entries in the form of a date, a locality name and a list of species. The entries are a mixture of botanical and mollusc records with some of other groups, e.g. butterflies and woodlice. Many records of *Populus* spp. and *Leucojum aestivum*.
- (c) Black notebook — clear notes in pencil on lined paper. Covers dates between 6 September 1931 and 14 November 1937. Entries as above, mainly of botanical and mollusc records.
- (d) 'Lest I Forget' notebook — rather worn but generally in fairly clear pencil on unlined paper. Unstructured notes on various topics, including some locality lists (botany and molluscs) between 1912 and 1917. Extensive notes on *Pisidium* spp. identification guides with notes.

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