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Cupp, Easter Ellen 1904-1999

Easter Ellen Cupp Papers, 1899-1965

Bulk Dates: 1925-1946

Physical Description: 9 mss; oversize

Description: Abstract: The collection consists of papers of biological oceanographer Easter Ellen Cupp and largely documents her work at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and her study of plankton during the period 1925-1946. The papers include memoranda and correspondence, files on diatoms and phytoplankton, Cupp's student notes and laboratory notebooks, a large collection of photographic prints, original drawings and a few photographic negatives. Many of the photographs and all of the negatives were taken personally by Cupp and illustrate her research, her friends, and her homes. The collection includes correspondence, drawings, and the original manuscript for Cupp's dissertation, *A Critical Study of Certain Distinguishing Characters in Three Closely Allied Plankton Species of the Diatom Genus Nitzschia and their relationship to certain Environmental conditions*, and her 1943 UC press monograph, *Marine Plankton Diatoms of the West Coast of North America*. Easter Ellen Cupp was the first American woman to receive a doctorate in oceanography. The collection includes only a small amount of documentation on her personal life, and no information on her career as a school teacher at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in San Diego from 1946 until her retirement in 1967, where she taught science and English.

The collection also includes Cupp's prints of photographs taken by Eugene LaFond which depict Scripps and its staff, 1934-1936. Scripps Archives holds LaFond's papers including his original prints and negatives of his photographs in accession 86-07.

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**Correspondence 1929-1980**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	1	Calling cards n.d.
1	2	Correspondence n.d.
1	3	n.d.-1929
1	4	1930-1935
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1	7	1938-1939
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1	35	1964-1965
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1	37	1967
1	38	1971
1	39	1979-1980
1	40	1968

### **Cupp Family Correspondence 1899-1946**

#### **Subjects 1905-1941**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
9	1	Consolidated Aircraft Corporation 1943
2	1	Diplomas 1905-1934
2	2	Directions for Plankton Hauls and Laboratory Procedures 1935
2	3	Drawings and negatives n.d.
2	4	Drawings and notes on diatoms n.d.
2	5	Drawings and notes, diatoms c1927
2	6	Fouling organisms 1941-1943
2	7	Fouling organisms 1941-1943
2	8	Fouling organisms 1941-1943
2	9	Notes n.d.
2	10	Notes n.d.
2	11	Notes n.d.
2	12	Notes n.d.
2	13	Notes n.d.
2	14	1926

2	15	January 2, 1931
2	16	Diatom key, culture media 1928-1941
2	17	Notes from Dr. Mann's Laboratory n.d.
2	18	Nitzschia seriata (etc.) n.d.
2	19	Easter Cupp, Plankton Hauls Data 1933-1936
2	20	Tube Worms 1934-1937
2	21	Notebook 1933-1935
3	1	1934
3	2	1950
3	3	Memoranda 1937
3	4	Nannoplankton Seminar March 27, 1936
3	5	Typed Papers, Harvey, Gross, Etc. 1929-1940
3	6	Methods of diatom study, Mann, etc. 1921
3	7	Mounting, fixing, staining, sectioning methods, Dr. G. Dallas Hanna Lectures, California Academy of Sciences 1933
3	8	Notes n.d.
3	9	Miscellaneous drawings, silicoflagellates, dinoflagellates, etc. 1938
3	10	Limiting factors in phytoplankton growth n.d.

### **Student Notes 1925-1943**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
3	11	Ornithology, San Diego State University, Summer Session 1940
3	12	Bacteriology n.d.
3	13	Biology n.d.
3	14	Biology n.d.
3	15	Biology 12 Invertebrates n.d.
3	16	Botany, San Diego State University 1939-1940
3	17	Botany, San Diego State University 1939019401939
4	1	Comparative Anatomy, Biology 123 n.d.
4	2	Descriptive Geometry, University of California Engineering Science Management War Training, San Diego September 10, 1943
4	3	Domestic Science n.d.

4	4	Economic Vertebrate Zoology 116, University of California, Dr. Grinnel December 15, 1927
4	5	Embryology, Biology 104 June 3, 1925
4	6	Histology, Biology 123 n.d.
4	7	Laboratory Exercises n.d.
4	8	Laboratory Manual 1922
5	1	Nutrition and Diet, UC Extension 1940-1941
5	2	Ornithology, San Diego State University 1940
9	2	Ornithology, San Diego State University 1940-1941
5	3	Parasitology, Zoology 111 n.d.
5	4	Protozoology June 3, 1926
5	5	Psychology 1946
5	6	Reading notes n.d.
5	7	Laboratory Manual 1939

### **Photographs, Chronological 1930-1942**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
5	8	Lantern Slides n.d.
5	9	Photographs, original negatives of figures from Easter Cupp Thesis n.d.

### **Photographs, By Subject n.d.**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
6	1	Animals n.d. Objects n.d.
6	2	Cats n.d.
6	4	Specimens n.d.
6	5	Specimens n.d.
6	6	Specimens 1942
6	7	Fouling organisms n.d.
6	8	People n.d.
6	9	Scripps Institution of Oceanography n.d.

## People A-Z

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
6	10	Allen, Winfred Emory n.d.
6	11	Anderson, David Quentin n.d.
6	12	Baker, Fred n.d.
6	13	Barnhart, Percy Spencer n.d.
6	14	Bjerknes, Vilhelm n.d.
6	15	Bostwick, LaPlace n.d.
6	16	Bostwick, LaPlace and Cultured Pearls n.d.
6	17	Buch, Kurt n.d.
6	18	Chambers, Stanley W. n.d.
6	19	Coe, Wesley n.d.
6	20	Coe, W.S. n.d.
6	21	Cupp, Easter Ellen n.d.
6	22	Cupp, Easter Ellen n.d.
6	23	Cupp, Easter Ellen and Family n.d.
6	24	Dietz, Robert S. n.d.
6	25	Doudoroff, Peter n.d.
6	26	Feltham, Catherine B. n.d.
6	27	Fiorini, L. n.d.
7	1	Fleming, Richard H. n.d.
7	2	Fox, Denis n.d.
7	3	Genter, Tillie n.d.
7	4	Gran, H.H. n.d.
7	5	Hanzawa n.d.
7	6	Harper, Jacob n.d.
7	6	Helland-Hansen, Bjorn n.d.
7	8	Jacobs, Woodrow Cooper n.d.
7	9	Johnson, Carl n.d.
7	10	Johnson, Martin W. n.d.
7	11	Johnson, Thelma n.d.
7	12	LaFond, Eugene n.d.

7	13	LaFond, Katherine Gehring n.d.
7	14	McEwen, George Francis n.d.
7	15	McKitrick, Ruth n.d.
7	16	Maler, Oliver n.d.
7	17	Marks n.d.
7	18	Marshall, L.C. n.d.
7	19	Maury, Matthew Fontaine n.d.
7	20	Moberg, Erik n.d.
7	21	Palmer, C.W. n.d.
7	22	Ragan, Ruth n.d.
7	23	Revelle, Roger n.d.
7	24	Rosenbury, Dorothy n.d.
7	25	Ross, James n.d.
7	26	Ross, Murdock G. n.d.
7	27	Schott, G. n.d.
7	28	Scripps, E.W. n.d.
7	29	Scripps, Robert Paine n.d.
7	30	Shepard, Francis P. n.d.
7	31	Simmons n.d.
7	32	Sproul, Robert Gordon n.d.
7	33	Sumner, Francis B. n.d.
7	34	Sverdrup, Harald U. n.d.
7	35	Teeter, Charles n.d.
7	36	Thorp, Eldon Marion n.d.
7	37	Vaughan, Carolyn n.d.
7	38	Wilson n.d.
7	39	Wilt n.d.
7	40	Yamasaki, N. n.d.
7	41	Young, R.T. n.d.
7	42	ZoBell, Claude n.d.

**Group Photographs n.d.**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
7	43	Scripps Institution of Oceanography n.d.

7	44	Mr. Elmhurst. T. Wayland Vaughan, Dr. Marshall, Dr. Orr, Millport, Isle of Cambrae (off Scotland) 1936
7	45	Scripps Institution of Oceanography August 30, 1936
7	46	Candid images of work on Scripps Institution of Oceanography ships n.d.
7	47	Unidentified Places n.d.
9	3	Unidentified Places n.d.
7	48	Places, A-Z, Post cards n.d.
7	49	Donner Pass Plaque n.d.
7	50	Laboratory Interiors n.d.
7	51	Hoover Dam n.d.
7	52	Old Globe Theatre, San Diego n.d.
7	53	Scripps Institution of Oceanography n.d.
7	54	Scripps Institution of Oceanography n.d.
7	55	Photographs by Erickson, The Flying Photographer 1933 0.01 Cubic feet1 folder
7	56	Torrey Pines Park? n.d.
7	57	Tuolumne, California 1930
7	58	Easter Cupp's home, San Diego n.d.
7	59	Washington, D.C. n.d.
9	4	Washington, D.C. n.d.
<b>Oversize Volume</b>		<b>Title</b>
1	1	Trip to Washington, D.C., Photograph Album 1931
7	60	Ships, n.d.
8	1	R/V E.W. Scripps n.d.
8	2	R/V Scripps n.d.
8	3	Wreck of R/V Scripps, by Eugene LaFond 1936

## Writings 1934-1937

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Title</b>
8	4	Easter Cupp, "Structural Variation in a Marine Plankton Diatom" n.d.
8	5	Easter Cupp, "Variations in Nitzschia seriata" n.d.
8	6	Easter Cupp, "A Critical Study of Certain Distinguishing Characteristics in Three closely allied species of the Diatom Genus Nitzschia and their Relationships to Certain Conditions," Dissertation, University of California, Berkeley 1934
8	7	Easter Cupp, "A Critical Study of Certain Distinguishing Characteristics in Three closely allied species of the Diatom Genus Nitzschia and their Relationships to Certain Conditions," Dissertation, University of California, Berkeley 1934
8	8	Woodrow Wilson Junior High School n.d.

**Oversize Folder Title**  
2 Marine Plankton Diatoms of the West Coast of North America, Drawings n.d.

**Oversize Folder Title**  
3 Sirotrichonympha polygyra Sp. Nov. from Neotermes simplicicornis banks, Drawings n.d.

**Oversize Folder Title**  
4 Plankton Diatoms of the Gulf of California obtained by Allan Hancock Pacific Expedition, Drawings 1937

**Oversize Folder Title**  
5 Map of Central America and Figures 2-36 n.d.

**Oversize Folder Title**  
6 "1474-UC Press-Oceanog. 5:1-CUPP," Original Galleys n.d.

## Objects n.d.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Title</b>
9		Microscope Slides n.d.
9	1	Film Rolls (2) n.d.
9	2	Rock Samples (3) n.d. 3 rock samples in box