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Winifred Goldring Papers

1899-1971

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Biographical Note

Winifred Goldring was born February 1, 1888 in Kenwood (near Albany, NY). Her father, Frederick Goldring, came from England in 1879. He maintained the orchid collections at the Erastus Corning estate near Albany. Her mother, Mary Gray, taught school until her marriage to Frederick in 1881. The couple had seven girls: Esther; Marjorie; Winifred; Grace; Katharine; Joyce; and Janet, and one boy, Frederick, Jr.

In 1890, the Goldring family moved to Slingerlands, NY, and established their own floral business. Winifred lived there for 81 years. She began her education at Slingerlands District School. She then attended the Milne School and graduated valedictorian in the class of 1905. She earned her B.A., with honors, from Wellesley College in 1909, and her M.A. in 1912. At Wellesley, she was assistant in geology and geography (1909-1912) and took graduate work at Harvard under William Morris Davis. She remained at Wellesley, as Instructor in Geology and as Assistant Instructor in the Teacher's School of Science in Boston, from 1912-1914. She spent the summer of 1913 at Columbia University studying under Amadeus Grabau. Her graduate work concluded in 1921 at The Johns Hopkins University studying under Professor Edward W. Berry.

In 1914, at the age of 26, Ms. Goldring was hired by Director John M. Clarke as Scientific Expert in Paleontology at the New York State Museum. Successively, she served as Assistant Paleontologist (1915-1920), Associate Paleontologist (1920-1925; 1928-1932), Paleobotanist (1925-1928), Associate Paleontologist (1932-1938), Provisional State paleontologist (1938-1939), and State Paleontologist (1939-1954). She retired in July 1954. For her accomplishments and contributions to the science of paleontology, she was awarded the honorary D.Sc. degrees from Russell Sage College (1937) and Smith College (1957), and honorary membership in Sigma Delta Epsilon.

Winifred Goldring was very dedicated to the State Museum, its organization, collections, exhibits, and personnel. Museum exhibits were her forte. She devoted considerable planning and preparation time to these visual forms of education during her Museum tenure. One fine example is the restoration of the oldest known Devonian forest from Gilboa, New York, in the State Education Building. Constructed under Ms. Goldring's direction by George and Henry Merchand, this famous diorama became her signature exhibition.

Winifred Goldring's work was widely published. A life-long love of things botanical is mirrored in her paleontological research subjects: fossil trees; fossil algae; and "sea lillies." Her bibliography includes forty-four titles ranging from Pleistocene salinities to Devonian stratigraphy to Cambrian algae.

She was involved with a number of professional organizations. Dr. Goldring was a Fellow of The Geological Society of America (elected in 1921 and a Vice-president in 1950). The Paleontological Society honored her by electing her its first woman President in 1949. She was also affiliated with The Paleobotanical Society, the Paleontological Research Institution, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Association of American Museums, American Geophysical Union, New York Academy of Sciences, New York Historical Association, Phi Beta Kappa, and Sigma Xi.

- from *Memorial to Winifred Goldring 1888-1971* by Donald W. Fisher

Scope and content

The Winifred Goldring Papers, 1899-1971 includes correspondence, clippings, diplomas and certificates, photographs and negatives, and publications relating to Winifred Goldring's personal life and her scientific career.

The Biographical Material series (1899-1971) includes a memorial pamphlet dedicated to Ms. Goldring written by Donald W. Fisher; biographical outlines and lists of publications; newspaper and magazine clippings; and diplomas and certificates.

The Correspondence series (1902-1939) consists of personal and professional correspondence. correspondents include Dr. Huntington Williams, Douglas Johnson, and others offering their congratulation upon Ms. Goldring's appointment as New York State Paleontologist and greetings from her relatives in England. Also included in this series are invitations.

The Photograph series (c. 1909-1930) consists of 44 photographs and 2 negatives. Most of the photographs are family oriented. Several show the interior and exterior of her father's greenhouses. The majority of the photographs are unidentified and undated. The negatives are of a personalized bookplate designed for Winifred Goldring.

The Publications series (1920-1954) is composed of the writings of Winifred Goldring.

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WINIFRED GOLDRING PAPERS, 1899-1971

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1	1	<i>Memorial to Winifred Goldring, 1888-1971</i> by Donald W. Fisher, 1971.
	2	Biographical information.
	3	Miscellaneous clippings, 1938-1971 and undated.
	4	Correspondence, 1902-1939 and undated.
	5	Diplomas and certificates, 1899-1920.
	6	44 photographs, c.1909-1930 and undated.
	7	Negatives for personalized bookplate.
	8	<i>Memorial to David H. Newland</i> by Rudolf Ruedemann and Winifred Goldring, April, 1944.
	9	Winifred Goldring's review of <i>The Crinoidea Flexibilia</i> by Frank Springer, 1920.
2		"Devonian Crinoids: New and Old, II" by Winifred Goldring [New York State Museum Circular 37, Feb. 1954].
		"A New Species of the Genus <i>Craterocrinus</i> Goldring" by Winifred Goldring [New York State Museum Circular No. 27, Apr. 1951].
		"Devonian Crinoids: New and Old" by Winifred Goldring [from <i>Bulletin of the Wagner Free Institute of Science</i> , Vol. 25, No. 4, Nov. 1950].
		<i>The Cornell Plantations</i> , Vol. VI, No. 4, Summer 1950. Contains "The Fossil Forests of Gilboa" by Winifred Goldring, pp. 61-64.
		"Status of ' <i>Homocrinus</i> ' <i>Cylindricus</i> Hall" by Winifred Goldring [from <i>Bulletin of the Wagner Free Institute of Science</i> , Vol. 23, No. 4, Nov. 1948].

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"Occurrence of *Genneaeocrinus Kentuckiensis* (Shumard) in Pennsylvania" by Winifred Goldring [from *Bulletin of the Wagner Free Institute of Science*, Vol. 23, No. 1, Feb. 1948].

"A New Lower Chemung Crinoid" by Winifred Goldring [from *Bulletins of American Paleontology*, Vol. 31, No. 119, Aug. 13, 1946].

"Notes on *Thamnocrinus Springeri* Goldring and Other Hamilton Crinoids" by Winifred Goldring [from *American Journal of Science*, Vol. 243, Feb. 1945, pp. 57-65].

"Restudy of the Schoharie and Esopus Formations in New York State" by Winifred Goldring and Rousseau H. Flower [from *American Journal of Science*, Vol. 240, Oct. 1942, pp. 673-694].

"Crown of *Ancyrocrinus Bulbosus* Hall" by Winifred Goldring [Reprinted from *Bulletin of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences*, Vol. XVII, No. 3, Mar. 1942].

"*Linobrachiocrinus*, New Name for *Linocrinus* Goldring, 1938, Not Kirk, 1938" by Winifred Goldring [from *Journal of Paleontology*, Vol 13, No. 3, p. 354, May, 1939].

"Report on Geological Mapping of Sedimentary Rocks (Exclusive of Grenville) and Glacial Areas in New York State" by Winifred Goldring, 1939 [from *New York State Museum Bulletin* 317, pp. 119-37 One Hundred First Annual Report of the New York State Museum].

"A Summary of the Accomplishments and Functions of the New York State Museum During the Past Century, 1836-1936" by Members of the Museum Staff, 1939 [from *New York State Museum Bulletin* 317, pp. 69-118 One Hundred First Annual Report of the New York State Museum].

"Devonian Crinoids from the Mackenzie River Basin, N.W.T., Canada" by Winifred Goldring [from *Bulletins of American Paleontology*, Vol. 24, No. 8, Aug. 15, 1938].

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University of the State of New York Bulletin, No. 1143, July 1, 1938, The One Hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Division of Science and State Museum - Proceedings of the Seventy-third Convocation of The University of the State of New York, Albany, N.Y., Oct. 15, 1937.

"An Upper Devonian Species of *Aorocrinus*" by Winifred Goldring, 1938 [from *Annals of the Carnegie Museum*, Vol. XXVII, 1938].

"2 Additional Notes on Previously Described Devonian Crinoids" by Winifred Goldring [from *New York State Museum Bulletin* 315, 1938].

"On the Origin of the Saratoga Mineral Waters", contains "Cryptozoon: Plant Nature and Distribution" by Dr. Winifred Goldring [Reprinted from *Science*, Dec. 10, 1937, Vol. 86, No. 2241, pp. 530-533].

"A Chronological Sketch of the History of the New York State Museum" by Members of the Staff [from *New York State Museum Bulletin* 313, pp. 85-121 Thirty-first Report of the Director].

"Some Hamilton (Devonian) Crinoids from New York State" by Winifred Goldring [Reprinted for private circulation from the *Journal of Paleontology*, Vol. 10, No. 1, Jan. 1936].

La excursion de Nueva York-Organizada por el Congreso de Geologia de Washington, EE. UU., sesion de 1933 por Carlos A. Marelli, 1936 [references to Winifred Goldring].

"Geology of the Berne Quadrangle" by Winifred Goldring [from the *New York State Museum Bulletin*, No. 303, Aug. 1935].

Natur und Volk, Band 65, Heft 4, April 1935. Contains "Der alteste versteinerte Wald aus der Devon-Zeit von New York" by Winifred Goldring, pp. 151-155.

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"Tully Formation of New York" by G. Arthur Cooper and J. Stewart Williams [with contributions by Winifred Goldring], 1935 [from *Bulletin of the Geological Society of America*, Vol. 46, pp. 781-868].

"Some Upper Devonian Crinoids From New York" by Winifred Goldring [Reprinted from the *Annals of the Carnegie Museum*, Vol. XXIV, p. 337-348, 1935].

"New and Previously Known Middle Devonian Crinoids of New York" by Winifred Goldring [Reprinted from the *Annals of the Carnegie Museum*, Vol. XXIV, p. 349-368, 1935].

"Some Hamilton Crinoids of New York and Canada" by Winifred Goldring [from *Bulletin of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences*, Vol. XV, No. 3, 1934]

"A New Species of Crinoid From the Devonian (Oriskany) of Maine" by Winifred Goldring [from *Proceedings of the Portland Society of Natural History*, Vol. IV, 1933].

"The Paleozoic Stratigraphy of New York" prepared under the direction of D.H. Newland [International Geological Congress, XVI session, United States, 1933, Guidebook 4: Excursion A-4]. Contains "Albany to Binghamton" by Winifred Goldring, pp. 24-38.

"Guide to the Fossil Exhibits of the New York State Museum" by Rudolf Ruedemann [New York State Museum, Albany, N.Y. Circular 9, Nov. 1932].

"Some Museum Methods Developed in the New York State Museum" by Rudolf Ruedemann and Winifred Goldring, 1931 [from *New York State Bulletin* 288, pp. 71-83 Twenty-fourth Report of the Director].

American Forests and Forest Life, Vol. 36, No. 8, August, 1930. Contains "The Oldest Known Petrified Forest" by Winifred Goldring.

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New York State Education, Vol. XVII, No. 8, April 1930.
Contains "The Oldest Known Fossil Forest" by Winifred Goldring, pp. 704-707.

"The New York State Museum and Its Activities" by Members of the Museum Staff [Reprinted from *New York State Education*, Vol. 17, 1929-1930]. Contains "The Oldest Known Fossil Forest" by Winifred Goldring, pp. 704-707.

"The Oldest Known Petrified Forest" by Winifred Goldring, 1929 [from *The Smithsonian Report* for 1928, pp. 315-324].

"Making Fossils Popular in the New York State Museum" by Rudolf Ruedemann and Winifred Goldring, 1929 [from *New York State Museum Bulletin* 279 Twenty-second Report of the Director].

"The Oldest Known Petrified Forest" by Winifred Goldring [Reprinted from *The Scientific Monthly*, June, 1927, Vol. XXIV, pp. 514-529].

"New Museum Exhibits-New Upper Devonian Plant Material-New Species of Hamilton Crinoids" by Winifred Goldring, 1926 [from *New York State Museum Bulletin*, 267 Twenty-first Report of the Director, 1925].

"A Hemiaspidan Crustacean from the New York Silurian Waterlimes-A Colossal Devonian Glass Sponge-The Geological Age of the Bonaventure Formation [with diagrams by W. Goldring]-Rosetted Trails of the Paleozoic" by John M. Clarke, 1924 [from *New York State Museum Bulletin* 251-Eighteenth Report of the Director, 1922].

"The Upper Devonian Forest of Seed Ferns in Eastern New York" by Winifred Goldring, 1924 [from *New York State Museum Bulletin* 251-Eighteenth Report of the Director, 1922].

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"The Champlain Sea" by Winifred Goldring, 1922 [from *New York State Museum Bulletin* 239, 240-Seventeenth Report of the Director, 1920-1921].

"Annual Rings of Growth in Carboniferous Wood" by Winifred Goldring [Reprinted for private circulation from *The Botanical Gazette*, Vol. LXXII, No. 5, Nov. 1921].

"Decreasing Salinity of the Pleistocene Champlain Sea Going Southward, As Shown by the Character of the Fauna, With a Brief Discussion of the Pleistocene Fauna of the Hudson Valley and its Significance" by Winifred Goldring (abstract) [Reprinted from *Bulletin of the Geological Society of America*, Vol. 32, pp. 119-156, Mar. 31, 1921].

"Petrified Sea Gardens, Saratoga Springs, New York" by Winifred Goldring. Includes 2 postcards of the natural rock formation "Old Man Saratoga" at the Petrified Gardens.