

Sir Charles James Fox Bunbury papers, 1845-1852
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Summary Information

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Abstract	There are botanical notebooks which concern Bunbury's study of fossil plants in general, with special studies on the fossil plants in the Geological Society in Richmond, Virginia, and at Aix-la-Chapelle, Cape Breton Island, and Pennsylvania. There is also a historical sketch of eminent English naturalists.

Background note

Sir Charles Bunbury worked as an English botanist and paleobotanist.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Provenance

Acquisition Information

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Indexing Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- Geological Society (Richmond, Va.). Museum.

Genre(s)

- Manuscript Essays
- Notebooks
- Notebooks.
- Scientific Data
- Sketchbooks

Geographic Name(s)

- Naturalists - England

Subject(s)

- Fossil fuels -- Pennsylvania.

- Mineralogy
- Natural History
- Paleobotany -- Germany -- Aachen.
- Paleobotany -- Nova Scotia -- Cape Breton Island.
- Paleobotany -- Pennsylvania.
- Science and Technology

Other Descriptive Information

The Charles Bunbury Collection contains a wealth of information on fossils. Sir Charles Bunbury was a nineteenth century geologist and paleontologist. The majority of the documents in collection are Bunbury's own notes on the subject of fossils. These very detailed notes contain a wealth of information on fossil finds and can provide insight into the prevailing ideas and debates about fossil remains. The collection includes a range of material, including a draft of an essay on algae, reports and analysis of important fossil finds, and reviews and notes on recent publications. The collection also includes a number of Bunbury's private notebooks in which he describes fossils he has seen or read about in great detail, thus giving modern researchers access to information on remains that may no longer be in existence.

These notebooks range from general notes on geology, mineralogy, and botany to notebooks on specific fossils and places. One of his notebooks, for instance, details fossils found in the Geological Society Museum, recounting where it was discovered and what it looks like. Other notebooks describe fossilized plants from Richmond, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Sydney, Cape Breton, fossilized ferns from Aix-la-Chapelle, and miscellaneous finds from other places such as Portage County, Ohio.

Although Bunbury was interested in geology and fossils in general, the bulk of this collection and his own work focused on fossilized flora.