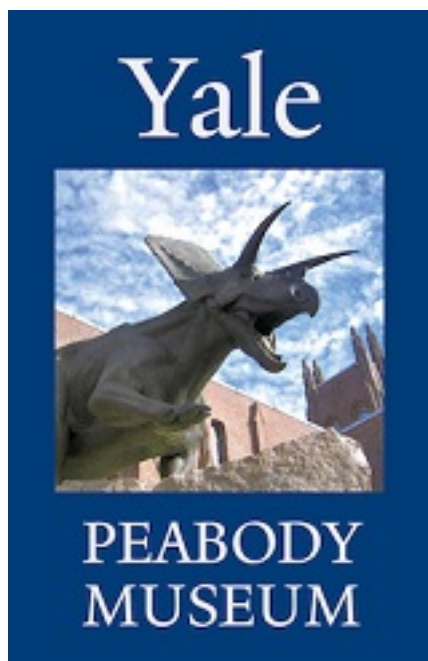


# Katharine Jeanette Bush Archives

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** IZAR.000996

**CREATOR:** Bush, Katharine Jeannette, 1855-1937

**TITLE:** Katharine Jeanette Bush Archives

**DATES:** 1879-1915

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** Archives of Katharine J. Bush related to her work and reasearch at Yale Univeristy and the Peabody Museum.

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## Administrative Information

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### Cite As

Katharine Jeanette Bush Archives, Invertebrate Zoology, Yale Peabody Museum

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## Biographical Sketch

In 1901, Katharine Jeannette Bush (b. 1855, d. 1937) became the first woman at Yale University to receive a Ph.D. in the sciences. Nearly 46 years old at the time, she had worked as assistant to Addison E. Verrill for over 20 years. Initially hired to help arrange and catalog specimens that were accumulating as a result of Verrill's involvement with the U.S. Fish Commission, Katharine Bush eventually collaborated with him on several important reviews of shallow and deepwater Mollusca of the Atlantic coastal region.

Bush's most significant work, which also served as her dissertation, was an important monograph on the sabellid and serpulid polychaetes collected by the Harriman Alaska Expedition of 1899, and published in 1905. Considering the Victorian era she lived in, it is not surprising that Bush was not a member of the expedition; the polychaetes she studied were collected primarily by her brother-in-law Wesley R. Coe, a faculty member at Yale. During her 30-year career, Bush published 19 research articles and monographs, an enduring scientific achievement matched by few women of her era.

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## Description of the Material

These archives encompass materials related to her work and research at the Peabody Museum. They include manuscript related materials, correspondence, etc.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Manuscript Related Materials, 1879-1914

These are materials related to manuscripts. The contain line drawings, figures, rough drafts, etc.

Miscellaneous. Miscellaneous archives related to Bush manuscripts. 001544	1879-1914
Miscellaneous. Lists of Mollusca, Cnidaria, etc. Some appear to deal with Bermuda specimens. Possibly used in Verrill and Bush paper on Bermuda. 001545	1879-1914
Miscellaneous. Numerous, figures, notes, lists, etc. Found bound together. 001561	1879-1914
Mollusca. Manuscript materials related to Mollusca. 000998	1879-1914
Mollusca. These are line drawings and figures of various gastropods and bivalves, mostly from collections made by the U.S. Fish Commission. The drawings all appear done by K.J. Bush, and several have annotations from A.E. Verrill. Many also have associated USNM numbers and USFC station numbers. They may have been used in various A.E. Verrill and K.J. Bush publications. Several are of type specimens that are in the USNM and possibly YPM collections. 000999	1880-1900
Mollusca. 2 figures. One of Bela incisula and the other Bela pleurotomaria. Both used in Bush, K.J. 1883. Proc. USNM. 6: 236-247. pl.9. They are fig. 7 & 10. 001570	1880-1900
Mollusca. Figures of Mollusca, such as Cylichna, Actaeon, etc. 001641	1880-1900
Mollusca. 13 figures. Used in Bush, K.J. 1883. Proc. U.S.N.M. 6: 236-247, pl 9. They include Fig. 1, 1a, 2-5, 5a, 6, 9, 11-14. 001647	1883
Mollusca. 13 figures. Used in Bush, K.J. 1897. Trans. Conn. Acad. Arts Sci. 10: 97-144. Includes in text Fig. 1, 2, 3a-c, 4, 5, 5a, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. 001646	1897

## Series II: Correspondence, 1879-1914

Correspondence of K.J. Bush.

John Percy Moore Correspondence. Correspondence from J.P. Moore to K.J. Bush. 1910  
001699

John Percy Moore Correspondence. A letter from J.P. Moore thanking Bush for the 19 Sep 1910  
Spirobis she had sent him.  
001700

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Alaska  
Atlantic Ocean  
Bermuda  
Connecticut  
USA

### **Genres / Formats**

Correspondence  
Manuscript materials  
Record books

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale Peabody Museum  
Yale University