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Biographical Sketch: The Ridgway Ornithological Club was created in Chicago in honor of American ornithologist Robert Ridgway. The club was founded in 1883 with J.W. Velie serving as president, George F. Morcom serving as vice president and treasurer, H.K. Coale serving as secretary, Joseph L. Hancock serving as curator, and F.L. Rice serving as librarian. The club was incorporated in 1884, and was active

until 1890. The club held meetings once a month and collected publications about ornithology. Robert Ridgway was an honorary member of the club.

Scope and Content: The materials found within this collection are part of the institutional records of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Content includes publications that were collected by the Ridgway Ornithological Club. These publications include works written by Robert Ridgway, works published by the Nuttall Ornithological club, a copy of the "Constitution and By-Laws of the State Natural History Society of Illinois"; German and French publications; and a record of specimens kept by the club members.

Related Resources: There is a catalog of the Ridgway Ornithological Club's library in the Benjamin T. Gault manuscript collection.

Container List:

Box 1 (Affiliated Societies, Box 6)

Series 1: Ridgway Ornithological Club – Printed Materials (Papers/Reprints) (1876-1884)

Box 3: (Affiliated Societies, Oversize Box 1)

Series 1: Ridgway Ornithological Club – Record of Specimens Vol. 1 (1883-1887)