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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Record Group 15 contains records of the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Division of Game and Fish. Commissioners' outgoing correspondence in the form of six letter books covers the period of 1892 to June, 1897. These books include letters of Commissioners D.G. Godwin and T.F.P. Allison. One book also contains a list of Governor Peter Turney's appointees to the Farmers' National Congress (B 2, V 1). Two series of crop reports round out the Commissioners' records. These volumes begin in 1884 and continue through 1898.

Beginning in 1928 and continuing through March, 1933, records of the Division of Game and Fish consist primarily of directors' correspondence. Additional information is found in agreements, reports, and newspaper articles. Correspondence dealing with legislation and administrative changes has been retained, as has routine correspondence. Early stages of the fight for a commission form for the Division of Game and Fish is documented here. The development of wildlife breeding and importation programs is reflected in correspondence.

For further information on the Game and Fish Department, see Department of Conservation records (RG. 20) and Game and Fish Commission Records (RG. 10).

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2 November, 1892-March, 1893  
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3 March, 1893-February, 1894

#### Box 2

- 1 February, 1894-November, 1894  
2 November, 1894-March, 1896

#### Box 3

- 1 March, 1896-June, 1897

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##### Agreements:

- 1 Farris Hardwood Lumber Co. Game Sanctuary  
2 Marion County Game Sanctuary  
3 Maury County Game Sanctuary

##### Analysis:

- 4 Shell Tax

##### Bulletins:

- 5 Alabama Game & Fish Department  
6 American Game Association  
7 Bass  
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- 11 George R. Calhoun, A-Z  
12 Howell Buntin, A-C

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- 1 Howell Buntin, D-R  
2 Howell Buntin, S-Z  
3 Damon Haddon, A-Z

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- 4 Alabama Game & Fish Department
- 5 American Game Association
- 6 American Game Protective Association
- 7 American Wild Fowlers Association
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- 9 Bureau of Biological Survey
- 10 Burdick, J.C.
- 11 Ducks
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