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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

JAN 21 1943

ACCESSION MEMORANDUM

Department of Geology Division of Vert. Pal.

January 20, 1943

Please enter as an accession from Mrs. Lula Chronister,

(Address) Glen Allen,

Missouri.

the following object (collected with/without the aid of a Museum outfit):

One reptile specimen consisting of 14 caudal vertebrae

from the Upper Cretaceous of Bollinger County, Missouri.

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Papers appended all \$50. (164163)

(The Assistant Secretary directs that ALL letters in the possession of the Curator or his assistants, which relate to this accession, be attached to this memorandum and forwarded with it to the Division of Correspondence.)

~~Gift, exchange, loan, deposit, transfer, bequest, collected for the Museum, purchase,~~
~~made in the Museum.~~

C. W. Gilmore

Curator.

R. P. B.

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January 16, 1943.

Dr. Bassler:

The accompanying specimen was received from a Miss
Lula Chronister, Glen Allen, Missouri apparently for identifica-
tion and report. No letter has been received.

Erwin M. Wade.

From Lula Chronister
Glen Allen Mo

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This number must accompany
all specimens in the collection

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To Smithsonian Institution
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

This is an additional bone
of a specimen previously purchased
by the U.S. Nat. Mus.

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C. V. Glinou

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R. S. B.

Dec. 31, 1942

Mrs. Lula Chronister,
Glen Allen, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Chronister:

No doubt you have by this time received the check in payment for the fossil material purchased from you early in December. I am advised by the Treasury Department that it was mailed to you on the 14th instant.

Will you please forward to us as promptly as possible the bone belonging to this animal still in your possession and advise me if you have heard anything from the holders of the portions of the skeleton, who reside in California.

Very truly yours,

A. Wetmore,
Assistant Secretary.

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Dec 14 1942

Check
mailed
from
Treasury
Dept -

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December 3, 1942.

Mrs. Lula Chronister,
Glen Allen, Missouri.

My dear Mrs. Chronister:

Referring to previous correspondence and particularly to your letter of November 21, you have no doubt received the voucher in the amount of \$50.00 covering the purchase of the fossil material referred to which was mailed to you on the 30th of November. Please sign this voucher at the point indicated and return it to us promptly. Upon its receipt a check for the amount will be mailed to you.

It is understood, of course, that the bone still in your possession will be forwarded to us and that you will make every effort to secure the return of the specimen in California forming part of the same discovery.

Very truly yours,

A. Wetmore,
Assistant Secretary.

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Respectfully referred to

Dr T Bassler
Requisition for
\$50 now in order
if this is O.K.
J. C. A. \$

Mr. Gilmore

Requisition to cover
is attached herewith.

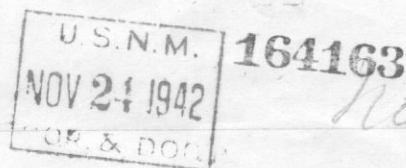
It should be made
clear to Mrs. Chronister
that the bone in her
possession should also
come to the National
Museum.

The principal part of
the specimen is already
in our hands.

C. W. Gilmore

M. R. P. B.

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NOV 11-21-42

Glen Allen Mo

Mr. A. Wetmore

Dear Sir in reply to your
Letter of Nov 5-42 About The
Bones That Dr. G. Arthur Cooper
who visited me will accept

The \$50.00 Dollars. for same and
I will write a Letter for the
bone for Cal. I have one

bone in my Possession that

you can tell me the disposition

of Bone so you will or can do as

you please

Yours

Lula Chomicki

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November 5, 1942

Mrs. Lula Chronister,
Glen Allen, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Chronister:

Dr. G. Arthur Cooper, who visited you in connection with the fossil material which has been forwarded to us on your behalf, has informed me that you would accept an offer of \$50.00 for the material.

The National Museum is willing to pay this sum with the understanding that you will send to the Museum the additional bone now in your possession and that you will endeavor to secure the other bone held by someone in California at the present time, I believe, and forward it to us.

If this offer meets with your approval, kindly advise me promptly and the matter can be definitely settled.

Very truly yours,

HSB:grb

A. Wetmore
Assistant Secretary

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November 4, 1942

MEMORANDUM TO MRS. WEIRICK:

Dr. Wetmore has authorized a payment of \$10.00 to Mrs. Billings, Racine, Wisconsin, to cover the purchase of an old solar camera and an old sewing machine.

We are also offering \$50.00 to Mrs. Lula Chronister, Glen Allen, Missouri, in payment for specimens of dinosaur bones already in our possession but the offer not yet accepted.

Very truly yours,

HSB:grb

H. S. Bryant, Chief,
CORRESPONDENCE & DOCUMENTS.

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D. C. N. M.

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Respectfully referred to

Dr. T. Bassler

To note
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Mr. Gilmore

Dr. Cooper is back.
and you can call him.

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Cape Girardeau, Mo.
September 20, 1942.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

A. WETMORE
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My dear Dr. Wetmore:

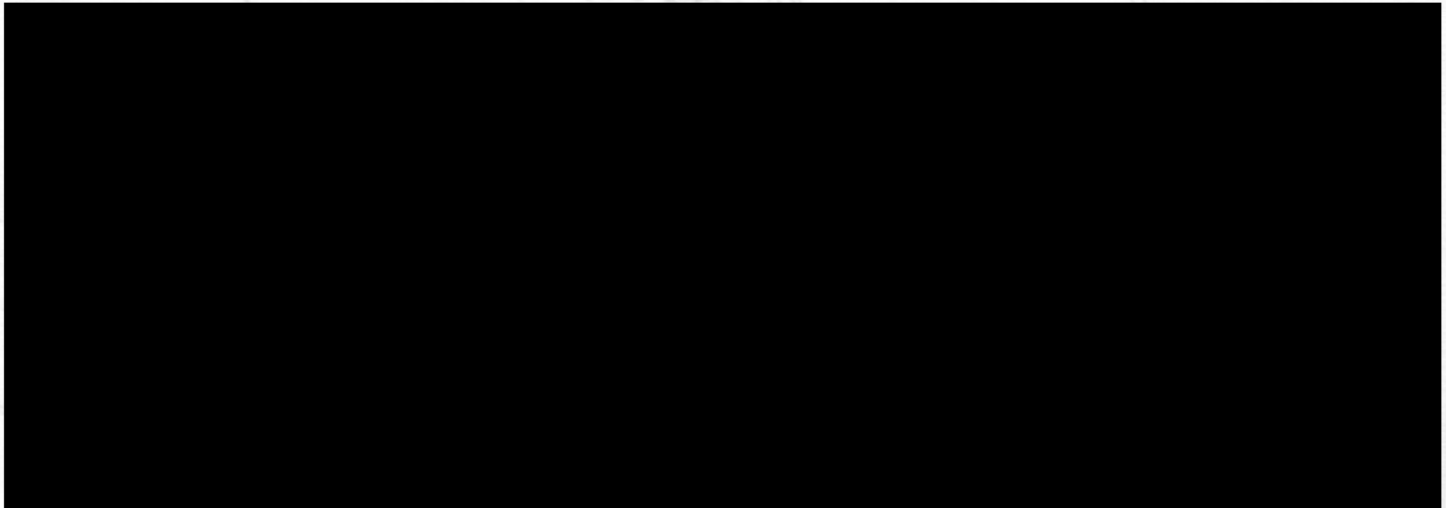
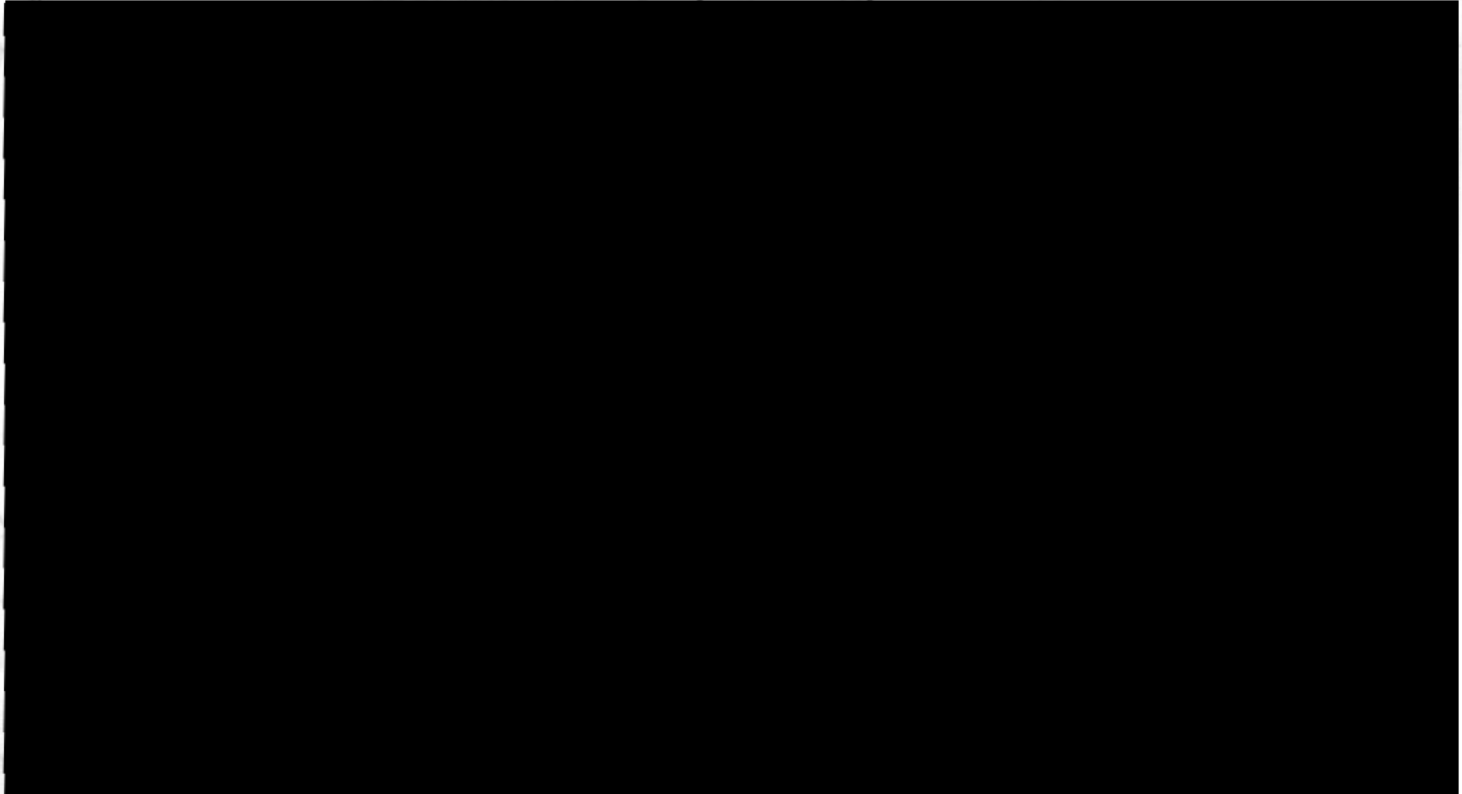
Today I visited the Chromisters at Glen Allen and spent about 3 hours at their place. As you might have already suspected they are quite poor and are very anxious for the fortuitous discovery of a dinosaur to help recoup their dwindling finances. Mr. C. is a quite old man, who in a moment of unexpected frankness, told me that he should never have married and to such a young woman. They have 3 young boys who intensify their economic problems.

I am sorry to report that they would not accept an offer of \$25 for the bones. They think they are worth more than our offer and Mrs. C. regards \$50 as nearer their proper value. I told her that the Museum would consider that sum and let her know

The decision later on. Neither she nor her husband write well and would prefer to make the next move.

Incidentally they have one more bone at the house. This, with the absent specimen in California is the total catch.

The following remarks will familiarize you in a rough way with the occurrence of the bones. Evidently they occur in an



[REDACTED]

It is not certain that more bones are present. The Chronisters claim to have taken all seen. However, I should imagine more are there.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

no trace of the spinous processes and the

Chronisters stoutly claim none were present when they took out the bones.

I asked the Chronisters to state what conditions they would require if excavation proved possible but they were unable to answer as they were quite unprepared on the subject.

Several others have interested themselves in the site and several offers of purchase have been made. Naturally this competition has whetted the Chronister appetite for more cash.

I have appended a crude sketch which will give you some idea of the lay-out and the definite extent of the clay. I hope this note will help in lieu of a more detailed report which I will submit on my return.

While at Anna we failed to get diagnostic fossils from one formation. Now that I am again in close proximity to this place I intend to make another effort to get these fossils. I shall therefore crack up a large part of the Alto formation

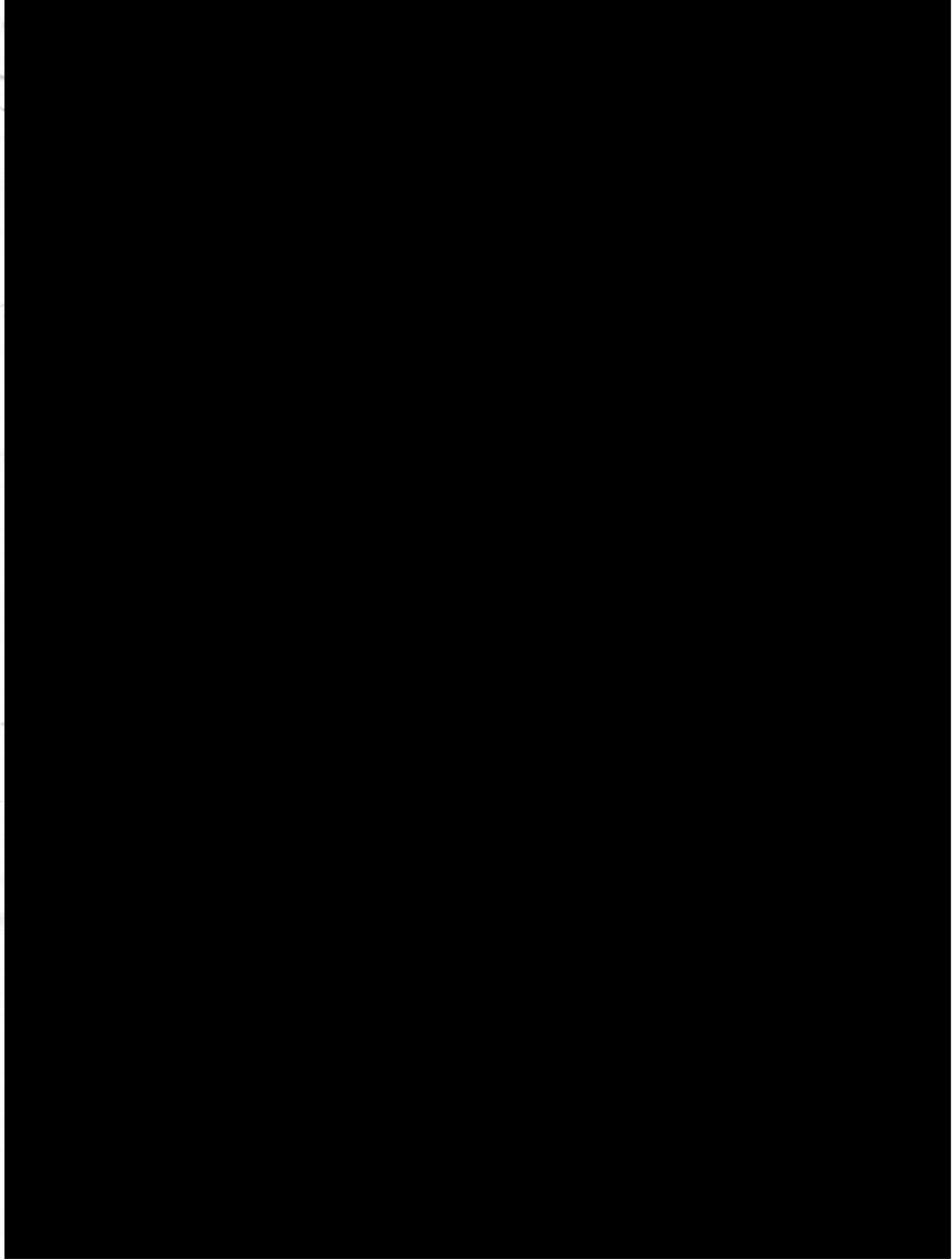
and start for home on Wednesday. I
stop at Mattoon, Ill. to meet an oil
geologist and then will come directly to
Washington, which I hope to reach on
Saturday or Sunday. 164163

We had rain every day at Urbana
and yesterday the trip here was anything
but pleasant with rain in the morning
followed by very cold weather. But
today was one of those days that makes
you glad to be alive, even if there is
a war on. I am counting on two good days
for collecting and am hoping for good
luck to make a fitting end to my
efforts here.

Very respectfully yours,

Garth Cooper.

Assoc. Curator Invert. Paleont. &
Paleobot.



Dr. Bassler
replied 12/13

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

A. WETMORE
SEP 19 1942

U.S.N.M.
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FOR & DOG

Urbana, Illinois
September 17, 1942.

Dear Dr. Wetmore,

I received your letter of September 12 yesterday afternoon. I had already made commitments here that will keep me in Urbana until Saturday. On that day I shall head for Glenallen and the dinosaurs.

Since my last letter we closed up our field-work on schedule. Warthin left me on the ninth. The same day I headed for Madison, Wis. via Iowa City where I



visited with Drs. Trowbridge and Miller. I arrived in Madison on the 11th. The next day Newell and I went to Port Washington to study and collect from the few Devonian outcrops there. Sunday and Monday were spent at the University packing fossils and visiting. Newell had etched the entire 1400 pounds of blocks sent him from Texas. Consequently a fine lot of free shells awaited sorting and packing.

According to the new plans I should arrive home near the end of next week or or about the 27th or 28th of the month.

Yours very respectfully,
Guthrie Cooper
Associate Curator
Invert. Paleontology & Paleobotany.

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September 16, 1942.

Dr. G. Arthur Cooper,
c/o State Geological Survey,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Cooper:

With regard to the enclosed communication from Dr. Bassler, please arrange your itinerary so as to visit the crinoid locality indicated. I find on consulting the maps that you will probably have to pass through St. Louis to reach Glenallen, the locality where the dinosaur remains were found so that this will entail very little additional travel. Should this additional problem, together with the one concerning the dinosaur, require more funds than originally allotted for your work this season we will adjust this to cover when you return and the amount of expenses are known.

If you need additional advance of funds before your return you can inform me, by telegraph, if necessary.

With my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. Wetmore,
Assistant Secretary.

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September 12, 1942.

Dr. G. Arthur Cooper,
c/o Illinois State Geological Survey,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Cooper:

Yesterday I sent you a telegram at Hannibal, Missouri asking for your address so that I might send you information regarding a fossil occurrence in Missouri that we wish you to investigate.

Briefly through the U. S. Geological Survey we have received some fragmentary bones of a Dinosaur from a locality near Glen Allen, Bollinger County, Mo. This is the first occurrence recorded of Dinosaur remains from the State.

I am enclosing herewith copies of available correspondence concerning this matter to date so that you may be fully informed. There is missing, however, from this a letter in which we made an offer of \$10.00 for the specimen.

Most of the correspondence has been carried on while Mr. Gilmore was in the field. Now that he has returned he feels that the specimen is of such importance that we should pay not to exceed \$25.00 for it. I wish that when you have completed your work at Urbana that you would arrange to go down to this locality and examine the site. In talking with the owner please try to arrange to secure title to the specimen which we have here now in accordance with my statement above.

Mr. Gilmore says that if we are successful in getting title to the fossil, the dump from the excavation should be carefully searched for fragments of the spinous processes which are missing from all of the vertebrae. You should also determine if possible whether there is more of the specimen present in the bank, and if so, to determine the practicability of collecting these parts. Should the project seem worthwhile we might have some one go there next year to try to remove the specimen or to make some arrangement to have some one do this for us.

In your own case we would like a report on the location, the

occurrence of the bones and if possible arrangement for purchase of them. If the owner wants immediate payment you are authorized to make this and to carry it in the expenses of your present expedition. Otherwise we will make payment here from Washington, D.C.

This will delay your return to Washington but should not take too long as the distance from your present location is not too great. Upon completion of this work you may resume your previously outlined schedule.

I shall look forward to your return and a full report of your summer's work. There is nothing in particular to add to my last letter to you. We are having pleasant fall weather.

Sincerely yours,

A. Wetmore,
Assistant Secretary.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 7, 1942

My dear Gilmore:

We were just about to write to you regarding the dinosaur bones at Glenallen, Missouri, when your letter of the 4th arrived. I am very glad to have your pledge card. Foshag's card is still out but with the receipt of yours we are 100%, save one who could pledge 5%, which makes us mighty near the top anyhow.

Back to the dinosaur bones, the enclosed copy is from a letter received several days ago addressed to you, and I thought it best for you to pass upon the matter. First, write to the lady yourself and, second, write your recommendations about it here to Dr. Wetmore. It seems to me that it might pay to stop at this place on your way home and examine the rubbish yourself. Those vertebrae are so well preserved that it seems like there should be more of a skeleton. Anyhow you will know best about the matter.

I exhausted my news so thoroughly in my last letter to you that I fear I have nothing to say this time. However, the telephone just rang and the University asked me as to recommendation for Greenwood for the Marines, following which came a ring from him requesting a letter of recommendation. So there is one item of your force—at least that was for a time.

Expressing my surprise that you are so interested in getting that lady's name, I will close! As ever

Sincerely yours,

R. P. Bassler

Head Curator of Geology.

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Glen Allen, Mo.
July 3rd, 1942.

Dr. Gilmore -

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry about the bones of the dinosaur that you have, what would be the price that you would pay for them alone or do you want to move the other dirt and rubbish and get the rest of them and probably other bones that might be found while moving the rubbish. Please give me on both as the well is open for if you want the rest of the bones please give your figures.

Yours truly,

/s/ Leila Chronister

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Glen Allen Mo

July 3rd 1942

Dr. Gilmore

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your inquiry about The Bones
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bones please give your
figures Yours Truly Lila Christen

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Lula Chombers
Glen Allen Mo



Dr Gilmore
Washington

of Smithsonian Institution
United National Museum

Memorandum to
Dr. Britton:

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Attached herewith is all of the correspondence relating to the Glen Allen dinosaur that is available to me at this time. It does not give a complete picture, as no record has been found of an offer having been made for the specimen.

However, as a record specimen the first dinosaur to be found in Missouri we should have this fossil if can be obtained. Therefore if Dr. Cooper calls on the Chronister he should be authorized to make them an offer for the specimen, but this offer at the most should not exceed \$5⁰⁰.

Second: if successful in getting title to the fossil, the dump from the excavation should be carefully searched for fragments of the spinous processes which are missing from all of the vertebrae.

Third: Cooper should determine, if possible, whether there is more of the specimen present in the bank, and if so, determine the practicability of collecting these parts.

Yours respectfully
C. W. Gilmore

June 23, 1942.

Mr. H. S. McQueen,
Geological Survey and Water Resources,
Rolla, Missouri.

Dear Mr. McQueen:

Your letter of June 11 received. The occurrence of dinosaur bones at the Chronister place seems very unusual and I am wondering what interpretation you and your staff will give to it. If I understand the situation correctly, the stratum containing the bones is topographically too low for a normal occurrence of sediments of Cretaceous age. Am I right in thinking that the bone-bearing material must have been let down in some way from a higher position, and thus protected from erosion? Was it faulted down, or did it settle into a sink hole during some past geologic episode? I shall look forward to seeing your explanation in print some day.

I am holding the bones awaiting the Chronister's reply to Dr. Gilmore's letter. I believe he asked them to indicate what they would be willing to take for them. I wonder how much more of the animal is there. The bones are in an excellent state of preservation.

Sincerely,

L. W. Stephenson.

G-6/23/42
LWS:hl

STATE OF MISSOURI
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
AND
WATER RESOURCES
ROLLA, MISSOURI

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H. A. BUEHLER
STATE GEOLOGIST
H. S. McQUEEN
ASST. STATE GEOLOGIST

June 11, 1942

Dr. L. W. Stephenson
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Stephenson:

As Stewart is engaged in field work I wish to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your interesting letter of June 1.

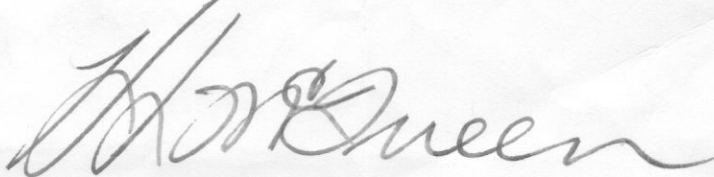
Dr. Gilmore's comments are most interesting to us and certainly throw new light on conditions that existed in south-eastern Missouri. I was with Stewart at the time the bones were obtained for shipment to you and Mr. and Mrs. Chronister indicated that they would like to realize something from the bones. In other words I am quite sure they would be willing to sell them but I have no idea as to what price will be asked.

As you know these bones were found imbedded in clay in digging a cistern. It would appear that there is a possibility of finding additional bones by enlarging the cistern. This might entail moving some existing buildings in order to successfully excavate the area.

If anyone from the Survey would ever care to visit the locality some one of us will be very happy to accompany them.

Very truly yours,

McQ/mh



June 1, 1942.

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Fowler*

Mr. Dan R. Stewart,
Geological Survey and Water Resources,
Rolla, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The fossil bones from the well owned by Mrs. Lula Chronister of Glen Allen, Missouri, have been examined by Dr. C. W. Gilmore who reports as follows:

"The fossil specimens forwarded by Mr. Dan R. Stewart from Rolla, Missouri, consisting of a fragmentary bone and 12 caudal vertebrae, represent a short section from the distal half of the tail of an undetermined member of the dinosauria. The lack of distinctive processes on the vertebrae, renders a more precise determination hazardous.

These specimens have been critically compared with various dinosaurian caudals in the National Museum collections, but none were found that suggested near affinities. The Missouri specimen might very well pertain to an undescribed form."

Dr. Gilmore has just written to Mrs. Chronister inquiring as to whether she would be willing to sell the bones to the Museum. He is leaving for a field trip, but Mrs. Chronister's reply will be opened here, and if it is in the negative, I will return the bones to her at once. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Chronister.

Sincerely yours,

L. W. Stephenson,
Senior Geologist.

G-6/1/42

LWS:hl

CC Mrs. Lula Chronister

May 30, 1942

Mrs. Lulu Chronister,
Glen Allen,
Missouri

Dear Mrs. Chronister:

Recently I have examined the fossil specimen which it is my understanding was found on your place in the course of digging a well.

Although the specimen represents only a small section of the posterior portion of the tail, it has considerable scientific interest from the fact that it appears to be the first record of a dinosaurian reptile occurring in Missouri. For that reason the United States National Museum would like to secure the specimen for its collections.

Would you consider parting with it? If so will you let me know what you consider it worth. With this information I will then be

Yours,

Dr. Henshaw to take the matter up with the collector

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May 30, 1942

Mrs. Julia Gronowater,
Glen Allen,
Missouri

Dear Mrs. Gronowater:

Recently I have examined the fossil specimen which it is
my understanding was found on your place in the course of digging a

Although the specimen represents only a small section of the
position of the fossil, it is of considerable scientific interest
from the fact that it appears to be the first vertebrate Paleontology
reptile occurring in Missouri. For that reason, the State
National Museum would like to secure the specimen for its collections.

Would you consider parting with it? If so will you let me
know what you consider it worth. With this I am, very truly,
Sincerely yours,

In position to take the matter up with the officials
here.

Memorandum to

Mr L. W. Stephenson.

The fossil specimens forwarded by ^{Mr.} ~~Dr~~ Alan R. Stewart from Rollo, Missouri, consisting of a fragmentary bone and 12 caudal vertebrae, represents a short section from the distal half of the tail of an undetermined member of the Dirosauria. The lack of distinction of processes on the vertebrae, renders a more precise determination hazardous.

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Very truly yours

C. D. Gilmore

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H. A. BUEHLER
STATE GEOLOGIST
H. S. McQUEEN
ASST. STATE GEOLOGIST

May 18, 1942

Box 138

Dr. Lloyd W. Stephenson
Senior Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Stephenson:

I am expressing today 12 more of the bones from Bollinger County.

Mrs. Lulu Chronister of Glen~~A~~llen, Missouri, has consented to loan these bones to the National Museum. However, she values them very highly and consequently I am insuring them for \$200.00.

I made an error in my first letter to you. There were only 14 bones and since you now have one, this shipment will make 13. The other bone was given away to a friend of Mrs. Chronister's in California which we cannot obtain at present. Please have Dr. Gilmore return the bones either to the Missouri Geological Survey or to Mrs. Chronister of Glen~~A~~llen, Missouri.

I might add that the clay from which these bones were obtained is very similar to the black Cretaceous clay which immediately underlies the Owl Creek formation at Ardeola, Mo.

Hoping these bones arrive before Dr. Gilmore departs,
I am,

Yours truly,

Dan R. Stewart

Dan R. Stewart
Geologist

DRS/mh

Revised

May 7, 1942.

Mr. Dan Stewart,
Geological Survey and Water Resources,
Rolla, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

In further reference to the matter of the fossil bones from Bollinger County, Dr. Gilmore tells me that he expects to leave Washington for a 3-months field season in the West, about June 1. It will therefore be necessary to have the bones submitted promptly if you desire an early report on them.

I am very much interested to know the explanation of the presence of dinosaur bones, apparently in place, in this area of Paleozoic rocks. As you of course know, dinosaurs did not live earlier than the Triassic, nor later than the Cretaceous. They are strictly limited to the Mesozoic (Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous).

Sincerely,

Lloyd W. Stephenson.

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LWS:hl

May 4, 1942

*Revised
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Mrs. Lula Chronister,
Glen Allen, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Chronister:

Mr. Dan R. Stewart, Geologist, Missouri Geological Survey, recently sent to me for identification a fossil bone which he stated was found in a dug well on your property [REDACTED]. This bone has been examined by Dr. C. W. Gilmore, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology, National Museum, who is of the opinion that it is a caudal vertebra (tail bone) of an ancient, extinct reptile belonging to the dinosaur group. Mr. Stewart stated that this bone is one of 17 found together in the well.

The finding of dinosaur remains in this part of Missouri is a matter of considerable scientific interest, and I have written to Mr. Stewart (see inclosed copy of letter) expressing the hope that he can arrange with you to lend these bones to the National Museum, in care of Dr. Gilmore, who will endeavor to determine more exactly the kind of dinosaur to which the bones belong.

Dr. Gilmore will be glad to inform you of the results of his examination, and will return the bones to you promptly.

I will hold the single specimen I have here until I hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Inc.

Lloyd W. Stephenson
Senior Geologist

May 7, 1942.

Mr. Dan Stewart,
Geological Survey and Water Resources,
Rolla, Missouri.

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Sincerely,

Lloyd W. Stephenson.

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Fowler*

May 4, 1942

Mr. Dan R. Stewart
Geological Survey and Water Resources,
Rolla, Mo.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I have delayed answering your letter of April 20 until Dr. G. W. Gilmore, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology in the National Museum, who was absent on vacation, returned to the Museum.

Dr. Gilmore examined the bone today and is of the opinion that it is a caudal vertebra of a dinosaur, and he would like very much to have the opportunity of examining the other 16 bones. You will agree, I am sure, that the discovery of dinosaur material in Bollinger County is of sufficient interest to justify having it examined more thoroughly, and I hope that you can arrange with the owner, Mrs. Lula Chronister, of Glen Allen, Mo., to lend the bones to the National Museum, care of Dr. Gilmore, for identification. Dr. Gilmore will return the bones promptly to Mrs. Chronister.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Chronister.

Sincerely,

Lloyd W. Stephenson
Senior Geologist

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STATE GEOLOGIST
H. S. McQUEEN
ASST. STATE GEOLOGIST

April 20, 1942

Dr. L. W. Stephenson
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Stephenson:

I am again bothering you with some southeastern Missouri material. Under separate cover I am sending a bone of some sort of a vertebrate. Please see that it gets into the proper hands for identification.

The bone was one of 17 found at the bottom of a dug well in Bollinger County, Missouri. The location is near the cen-

This property belongs to Mrs. Lula Chronister, Glen Allen, Missouri, and she would appreciate your writing her as to what the bone is. Also, she would like to have it returned.

Just send me a copy of your letter to her as I would also like to know its identification.

We are still working on our southeast Missouri material and hope to have a report published soon.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours truly,

Dan R. Stewart

Dan R. Stewart
Geologist

DRS/mh

Dr Wetmore; After
going over this
matter again I
recommend that
an offer of \$50.00 be
made for this specimen.

If accepted it is
understood they will
send us the additional
bone now in their
possession, and that
they will make an
attempt to secure the
other one held by some
one in California.

A. W. Gilmore

Miss Weiss:

Will you accession
one ~~pt~~ specimen
consisting of parts (caudal
vertebrae) 14 in all.

Purchased from Mrs
Lulu Chronister, Glen
Allen, Mo.

Specimen tentatively
identified as *Amosaurus*,
and is from the
Upper Cretaceous

Correspondence
attached herewith.

A. W. Gilmore