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THE COLLECTIONS RESEARCH UNIT IN YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE

A request for information on the Natural History collections, in the Yorkshire and Humberside Area, from Charles Pettitt of the North-West Collections Research Unit (NWCRU), resulted in the establishment of the Yorkshire and Humberside Collections Research Unit (YHCRU), at a meeting held in the Yorkshire Museum, York, on 10th April 1979.

The meeting was called by Mr. Michael Lloyd (Director, Museum and Art Gallery Service for Yorkshire and Humberside), and invitations were sent out to all museum curators in the area who are responsible for Natural History material.

At the inaugural meeting Colin Simms (Yorkshire Museum) was appointed as Secretary of the Unit, with Adrian Norris (Leeds City Museum) as Chairman. Mr. Norris was also asked to administer any funds made available through the Area Service.

Since that first meeting, a great deal of work has been done by the group, and we are now able to report that the task of gathering the information on collections in the area is now well under way. Details of over 720 named collections housed within the area have now been transferred on to the computer at Manchester.

The data coding forms used by YHCRU are based on those used by NWCRU, with slight modifications.

The sample form shows details of a collection at Leeds City Museum. The major part of which was transferred to Manchester Museum, because of reorganisation after war damage.

All the type specimens in this collection were subsequently transferred to the British Museum (Natural History).

It is hoped that the unit will be able to produce a complete catalogue of the Natural History collections in the Yorkshire and Humberside area within the next few years.

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Leeds City Museum

COLLECTION RESEARCH - DATA CODING FORM (C)

UPDATE ENTRY

IMPORTANT: Please consult notes on the reverse before completing this form

LIT REF ONLY

1	COLL	Fraser, Lt. Col. F.C.
2	SUBJ	Dragonflies (Odonata)
3	GEOG	South American
4	PERI	1930's
5	NUMB	34 specimens
6	ASSN	-
7	LOCN	Papered, in store box
8	ACON	Return from Manchester Museum (See ADDN) Acc. No. 41 - 1946
9	MSSM	-
10	LREF	Trans Royal Ent. Soc. Lon. 96:(2) : 11-46 1 pl 13 figs (1946) Trans Royal Ent. Soc. Lon. 97:(18) : 443-472 7 figs (1946)
11	BIOG	-
12	MUSE	Leeds City Museum
13	NMCD	Adrian Norris date 6-3-1979
14	ADDN	All the types listed in the two publications above are in the BM (Nat. Hist.). The bulk of the rest of the material is now in The Manchester Museum.
15	CLAS	
16	OCOD	
17	IDEN	