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SFC Marvin Jones
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Dear Marvin:

Both old Sol Stephan and his son, Joe, were first class animal men and knew their stock thoroughly. Unfortunately, this knowledge made the keeping of exact records unnecessary, from their point of view, so that it is now impossible to get the necessary information. Old Sol once told me that a Concave-casqued Hornbill had lived at Cincinnati for over fifty years. Later, when I tried to get information and dates from Joe, he remembered the bird but had no records. For these reasons, I think it would be hazardous to accept the record of the Hippopotamus, unless its authenticity can be established beyond question. The mere fact that no death record has been found for the animal received in 1902 does not mean that he did not die!

If you can get confirmation on the Columbus aardvark, the record would be a good one. I believe Brookfield has recently done well with this species but do not have details.

Thanks for the good word from Bill Mann. I have not seen him recently, but am told he is much improved.

Sincerely yours,



Lee S. Crandall
General Curator Emeritus

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