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## Smithsonian Underwater Archaeology Film Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Smithsonian Underwater Archaeology Film Collection
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1960s
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0262
<b>Creator:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Armed Forces (Creator)
<b>Extent:</b>	4 Cubic feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

### Provenance

This collection was transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Armed Forces History (now Division of Political and Military History), May 1987.

### Other Finding Aids

Inventory available; contact the Archives Center for more information.

### Processing Information

Processed by David Haberstich, 1987.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Most of the film in the collection was made in the 1960s by or under Mendel Peterson, then curator of underwater archaeology in the Division of Armed Forces History. Some footage was made for a project sponsored by the Explorers' Guild, according to information supplied by Joe Young.

## Scope and Contents

Approximately 50 reels of 16mm motion picture film in various lengths, some are in cans. Includes the negative and completed film, narrated by Mendel Peterson for the Explorers' Guild film, and two short color films show Peterson and another man doing carpentry work in an outdoor setting, then straining a liquid into a bottle.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Underwater archaeology -- 1960's

Names:

Explorers' Guild  
Peterson, Mendel