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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives Center, National Museum of American History |
| Title: | Willow Grove Park Association Collection |
| Date: | 1910, 1929 |
| Identifier: | NMAH.AC.0362 |
| Creator: | Willow Grove Park Association (Creator) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Community Life (Collector) Cayton, Howard (Collector) |
| Extent: | 1 Folder |
| Language: | English . |
| Summary: | Collection consists of a guidebook and membership card from the Willow Grove Park Association. |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The membership card was donated by Howard Cayton, brother of the late Nathan Cayton, who owned the card. The guidebook was found in the collections of the Division of Home and Community Life, National Museum of American History (NMAH), Smithsonian Institution (SI).

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Community Life, formerly the Division of Home and Community Life, now Division of Cultural and Community Life) on December 5, 1989.

Related Materials

National Museum of American History, Archives Center
Archives Center Carousel Collection NMAH.AC0675
Frederick and Mary Hill Fried Folk Art Archives NMAH.AC0528
Warsaw Collection of Business Americana, Subject Amusements, NMAH.AC0060

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Biographical / Historical

Willow Grove Park located in Pennsylvania was created by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company as a trolley park in 1896. The park provided an incentive for people to ride by serving as a destination on the trolley line. Initially the park offered a series of concerts and eventually evolved into an amusement park. Willow Grove Park closed in 1975 and is now the site of the Willow Grove Park Mall.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a guidebook which briefly describes events for the 1910 season with photographic illustrations. In addition, there is a 1929 membership card for the Willow Grove Park Association. The materials are housed in one box.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Amusement parks -- 1910-1930 -- Pennsylvania

Types of Materials:

Guidebooks -- 1910-1920
Membership cards -- 1920-1930

Names:

Cayton, Nathan
Sousa, John Philip, 1854-1932

Places:

Montgomery County (Pa.) -- 1910-1930
Pennsylvania -- 1910-1930

Container Listing

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Guidebook, 1910 |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Membership card, 1929 |