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Guide to the M. Francis Misklea Carousel Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	M. Francis Misklea Carousel Collection
Date:	1879-1956
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0665
Creator:	Spillman Engineering Corporation (Creator) Misklea, M. Francis Allan Herschell Co. (Creator) Hershell-Spillman Company (Creator)
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Cultural History (Collector)
Extent:	2 Cubic feet (6 boxes)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): M. Francis Misklea Carousel Collection

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Francis Misklea in 1974.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Cultural History (now Division of Cultural and Community Life) in 1998.

Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH Staff, undated.

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Biographical / Historical

Employee of the Allan Herschell Company, which manufactured amusement park rides.

Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous documents, catalogs, scrapbooks, photographs and printed material relating to the carousels and other amusement park rides of the Allan Herschell Company (which earlier in its existence was called the Herschell-Spillman Company and the Spillman Engineering Corporation).

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Amusement ride equipment industry
- Amusement rides
- Merry-go-round
- Merry-go-round art

Types of Materials:

- Advertisements
- Clippings
- Design drawings
- Letters (correspondence) -- 1850-1900
- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.
- Photographs -- 19th century
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Scrapbooks
- Stereographs

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Cultural History

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Photos, letters, newspapers clippings for kiddies auto rides, 1933-1934
Box 1, Folder 2	Photos of the Hurricane, the Whizz-bang, Kiddies Tanks, and a carousel, undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Assorted photos, including machine parts for carousels, 1948-1953
Box 1, Folder 4	Letter, envelope and reference pictures from J. Richards, 1953
Box 1, Folder 5	Company records on employees and other general information, 1950-1954
Box 1, Folder 6	Photographs of horses and other rides, 1940-1950
Box 1, Folder 7	Index cards on the buying and selling of rides -Allan Herschell Co., 1950-1960
Box 1, Folder 8	Photos of amusement park ride and structures, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Specialty horses made by Allan Herschell Co., undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Photos of amusement park ride and structures, undated
Box 1, Folder 11	Backed prints of carrouseIs, undated
Box 2, Folder 1	Photo of a hand-colored carousel, 1910-1920
Box 2, Folder 2	Records (78's) made by Allan Herschell, undated Notes: Include: Too Young/The Thing; King of the Air/Heaven's Artillery; Zacatecas/One Thousand and One Nights; and Italian Nights/I'm Thinking of You.
Box 2, Folder 3	Album page photos of CarrouseIs, horses and the leaping lena ride, undated
Box 2, Folder 4	Scrapbook John Wendler and the Allan Herschell Co., 1946-53
Box 3, Folder 1	Loose letters and cards (including letter from Norman Rockwell), undated
Box 3, Folder 2	Childrens letters/pictures thanking Allan Herschell Co. for plant tour, 1952
Box 3, Folder 3	Scrapbook containing letters, articles and correspondence, 1945-1948
Box 4, Folder 1	Photos of rides, undated Notes: The following rides appear: Little Beauty, Carousel horses, 3-Abreast Portable Carousel; Allan Herschell Chariots; 3-Abreast Special; and Traditional Chariots.
Box 4, Folder 2	Stereographs of the Allan Herschell Company, undated

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Box 5, Folder 6	Spillman Catalog E, 1920-1930
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Box 5, Folder 18	Lubrication Instructions for .3 liter motor, undated
Box 5, Folder 19	Herschell--Spillman Carousel Poster, 1917
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Box 5, Folder 21	Herschell-Spillman Catalog loose pages in Spanish, undated
Box 5, Folder 22	Herschell-Spillman Catalog D, 1906
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Box 6, Folder 2	Allan Herschell Co. "Carrouseles" Catalog 1, 1916
Box 6, Folder 3	Allan Herschell Co. "Carrouseles" Catalog 2, undated
Box 6, Folder 4	Allan Herschell Co. "Carrouseles" Catalog 5, undated
Box 6, Folder 5	Allan Herschell Co. "Carrouseles and Leaping Lena"Catalog 6, undated
Box 6, Folder 6	Allan Herschell Co. "Carrouseles" Catalog 2 - Spanish language ed., undated
Box 6, Folder 7	Allan Herschell Co. "Carrouseles" Catalog 7, 1937

Box 6, Folder 8	Kiddies Ride Supplement to Catalog Seven, undated
Box 6, Folder 9	Biography of Allan Herschell, undated
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Box 6, Folder 29	Philadelphia Toboggan Company Catalog, undated
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Box 6, Folder 30	Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. Military Band brochure, 1926
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Box 6, Folder 30	Rudolph Wurlitzer Co.Directions Care & Operation of Military Band Organ, undated
Box 6, Folder 31	Mangels, William F. The Outdoor Amusement Industry., 1952
Box 6, Folder 32	Showmens League Programs, 1931-1951 Notes: Includes: Pacific Coast, 9th Annual (1931); 29th Annual, (1941); 31st Annual, (1943); and 39th Annual, (1951).
Box 6, Folder 33	Christmas Cards from the Allan Herschell Co, undated
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Box 6, Folder 35	Miscellaneous non-Herschell carousel photos, undated