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## Guide to the Carousel Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Archives Center Carousel Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0675
<b>Date:</b>	1925-1994.
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Cubic foot (3 boxes, 1 oversize folder)
<b>Creator:</b>	Fried, Frederick, 1909-1994 Illions, Bernard J. Cernigliaro, Salvatore Cultural History, Division of (NMAH, SI). Brill, Aaron K. Cernigliaro, Marguerite Pfaff, Mildred T. Royal, Verna F. Illions, Rudolph C. Misklea, M. Francis
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Archives Center Carousel Collection</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by multiple donors.

### Provenance

Some of the collection was donated over a period of years by multiple donors to the Division of Cultural History. This portion was transferred to the Archives Center in 1998. Other portions were donated by other donors directly to the Archives Center. In the future, this collection will be a repository for additional materials on carousels and amusement parks.

### Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

### Preferred Citation

Archives Center Carousel Collection, 1925-1994, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

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Collection is open for research.

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## Scope and Contents

A diverse collection of papers relating to amusement parks and playgrounds, with most of the papers relating to carousels. Contents include correspondence, photographs (including one cyanotype), exhibition catalogs, trade literature and trade catalogs, price lists, articles and clippings, newsletters, and patents (photocopies) for carousel animals. One series, that relating to the woodcarver Salvatore Cernigliaro, contains his sketchbook for carousel animal designs.

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## Arrangement

Divided into 7 series, arranged by donor.

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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:

- Amusement ride equipment industry
- Amusement rides
- Figure sculpture -- United States
- Merry-go-round
- Merry-go-round art
- Playground equipment
- Playgrounds
- Recreation
- Wood-carvers

### Types of Materials:

- Auction catalogs
- Clippings
- Cyanotypes
- Design drawings
- Newsletters
- Patents -- 20th century
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Price lists
- Trade catalogs

Names:

Cultural History, Division of (NMAH, SI).

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Aaron K. Brill

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|-----------------|--|
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Papers,, 1947-1971<br>Correspondence, to and from manufacturers; trade catalogs and literature and price lists on playground and amusement park equipment and rides, including carousels, Ferris wheels, bumper cars, fun houses, puppet shows, roller coasters, fun houses, haunted houses, etc.; photographs, newsletters, articles and clippings. |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Catalogs of Brill's Building plans for rides and amusement park features.<br>Photographs, both black and white and in color, letters, price lists. 1970-1980.  |

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## Series 2: Verna F. Royal

Box 2, Folder 1

Ten black and white photographs (including one cyanotype) of carousel animals.,  
undated

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## Series 3: Bernard J. and Rudolph C. Illions

Box 2, Folder 2

Black and white photographs of carousels and carousel animals. , undated  
The donors originally gave negatives, which were nitrate negatives and were  
destroyed after copy prints were made

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## Series 4: Mildred T. Pfaff

Box 2, Folder 3

Loose pages from a Dentzel carousel catalog, undated

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## Series 5: Frederick Fried

Box 2, Folder 4

Articles and black and white photographs, undated

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## Series 6: M. Francis Misklea

Box 2, Folder 6            Exhibition catalog, photographs, articles, trade literature, 1980-1994

Box 2, Folder 7            Photocopies of patents for carousel animals

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## Series 7: Marguerite Cernigliaro, Salvatore Cernigliaro materials

Newsletter, 1979, containing an article about Cernigliaro; sketchbook of carousel animals; photograph of Cernigliaro at work in his studio; a biography written by Marguerite Cernigliaro., 1979

Article about Cernigliaro; sketchbook of carousel animals; photograph of Cernigliaro at work in his studio; a biography written by Marguerite Cernigliaro.

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