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Guide to the Archives Center World Expositions Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Archives Center World Expositions Collection
Date:	1873-2010
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0825
Creator:	Norton, Robert H. Cooper-Hewitt Museum Kass, Marcia
Extent:	.50 Cubic feet (2 boxes, 1 map folder)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisiton

Collection materials donated by Robert Norton, Marcia Kass, the Cooper-Hewitt Museum (through Stephen Van Dyke, Craig P. Morton, John Anderson, and Capt. George and Ginger Vance,

Ownership and Custodial History

This collection is a repository for miscellaneous World's Fair-related ephemera of insufficient quantity to warrant a separate collection. The material in the Archives Center American World Expositions Collection is newly acquired ephemera received from many sources, including curatorial units, the public, and SI staff.

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Accruals

Accruals continue to be received and will be added to the collection.

Scope and Contents

An artificial collection of ephemera from World's Fairs, intended as a growing repository for such miscellany from multiple sources. The initial donation consists of a season ticket, a booklet of souvenir tickets, and one menu from the 1939 New York World's Fair. The 2010 addendum contains eleven graphic works relating to World's Fairs. Eight of the items relate to the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876, including a poster, a map, a souvenir booklet, and several views of the Fair printed in Harper's Weekly; in addition to a cartoon depicting the Crystal Palace in New York in 1883, and two ads for the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Also in the collection are souvenir books and pamphlets from the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Crystal Palace -- (New York, New York)
Exhibitions
World's fairs

Types of Materials:

Brochures
Cartoons (humorous images)
Guidebooks
Maps
Menus
Posters
Souvenir programs
Tickets -- World's Fair, 1939 -- New York (N.Y.)

Names:

Centennial Exhibition (1876 : Philadelphia, Pa.)
New York World's Fair (1939-1940 : New York, N.Y.)
New York World's Fair (1964-1965)

Container Listing

Map-folder 1	Vienna Exhibition of 1873: Little Model Maker, undated
Box 2, Folder 5	New York Crystal Palace exhibition building, 1853
Box 1, Folder 1	Philadelphia Exposition, 1876
Map-folder 1	Philadelphia Centennial International Exhibition, lithograph, 1876
Map-folder 1	Philadelphia Centennial International Exhibition, balloon view of the grounds from a supplement to Harpers' Weekly, 1876
Map-folder 1	Philadelphia Centennial International Exhibition, History of the United States, 1876
Box 2, Folder 4	Philadelphia Centennial International Exhibition, newspapers, 1876 Notes: Includes select newspapers depicting the exposition--*Puck* (1880); *Harper's Weekly* (March 4, 1876);*Harper's Weekly* (May 27, 1876);
Box 1, Folder 2	World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago: Canadian Pacific, menu, 1893
Box 2, Folder 1	Columbian World's Exposition, Chicago: Swain Fuller Mfg., Lather and Shoe Trades Building, 1893
Box 1, Folder 3	Pan American Exposition, Buffalo: brochure, 1901
Map-folder 1	San Francisco Panama-Pacific International Exposition, panoramic print, Night Illumination, 1915
Map-folder 1	San Francisco Panama-Pacific International Exposition, panoramic view, 1915
Box 2, Folder 2	San Francisco Universal Exposition: Pictiroial Review of Exposition Progress, Celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal, 1915
Box 1, Folder 4	A Century of Progress, Chicago: guide book, 1933
Box 1, Folder 5	A Century of Progress, Chicago: Black Forest Village, 1933
Box 1, Folder 6	New York World's Fair, Schaffer Center, menu, 1939
Box 1, Folder 7	New York World's Fair, Billy Rose's Aquacade, 1939
Box 1, Folder 8	New York World's Fair, ticket book and season pass, 1939
Box 1, Folder 9	New York World's Fair, map, 1939

Box 1, Folder 10	New York World's Fair, official guide book, 1939
Box 1, Folder 11	New York World's Fair, Golden Key contest, 1939
Box 1, Folder 12	New York World's Fair, sticker album, 1939
Box 1, Folder 13	New York World's Fair, Time Tears On, 1939
Box 1, Folder 14	New York World's Fair, Exchequer Club, 1939
Box 2, Folder 6	New York World's Fair, Sunday Mirror, 1939-04-30 Notes: See museum accession 1981.1002.
Box 2, Folder 6	The Fair in Picture's, New York Times, 1939-04-30
Box 2, Folder 3	New York World's Fair: New York World's Fair in Pictures, 1939
Box 1, Folder 15	New York World's Fair, Guidebooks, 1940
Box 1, Folder 16	Jamestown Festival: official programs, 1957
Box 1, Folder 17	New York World's Fair: Time and Newsweek, 1964
Box 1, Folder 18	New York World's Fair: Guide to various exhibits and pavilions, 1964
Box 1, Folder 19	New York World's Fair: Postcards, 1964
Box 1, Folder 20	New York World's Fair: Ephemera items, 1964
Box 1, Folder 21	Shanghai, China Exposition, 2010