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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Archives Center World Expositions Collection
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0825
Date:	1876
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet (2 folders)
Creator:	Norton, Robert H. Cooper-Hewitt Museum. Kass, Marcia
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated by Robert Norton, Marcia Kass, and Cooper-Hewitt Museum.

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

Archives Center World Expositions Collection, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

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Biographical / Historical

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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 World's Fair (1964-1965)