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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Washington Society of Engineers Records
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0972
<b>Date:</b>	1905-1985 (bulk 1930-1979)
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<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry Washington Society of Engineers Remington, Charles E. National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering Ellenberger, William J. National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The Washington Society of Engineers was founded in 1905 with the objective to advance engineering knowledge and maintain a high professional standard among members. Membership was open to all individuals who were actively engaged in any branch of the engineering profession. The records contain membership records, meeting minutes and reports, financial records, correspondence, projects and events details, as well as research documents.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

### Provenance

Transferred from the Division of Work and Industry to the Archives Center in 2007.

### Processing Information

Processed by Sara Wheeler, intern, July 2017; supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

The Washington Society of Engineers was formed in 1905 to represent local engineers in the Washington (DC), Virginia, and Maryland areas, as well as serve as a resource for sharing ideas and networking with others within the engineering profession. Membership was open to all persons actively involved in the practice of any branch of engineering. The Society became part of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) and was also affiliated with the Washington Academy of Sciences. Other engineering societies were able to form due to the assistance of the Washington Society of Engineers such as the engineers including the Engineers Joint Council, the Washington Academy of Sciences, the DC Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies, and the American Association of Engineering Societies. The Washington Society of Engineers was absorbed into different national professional societies, such as the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), both of which have DC metro area branches.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection documents work conducted by the Washington Society of Engineers. A large portion of the papers are from the offices of Charles E. Remington, former treasurer of the Society. The collection includes administrative records, organizational information, financial records, business records such as meeting minutes, general correspondence, reprints, records of programs and events, academic papers, and reference files about members and activities of the Society.

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## Arrangement

The collection is divided into five series.

**Series 1: Membership Records, 1905-1985**

**Series 2: Meeting Minutes and Reports, 1905-1980**

**Series 3: Financial Records, 1906-1984**

**Series 4: Correspondence, 1928-1980**

**Series 5: Project, Events, and Research Documents, 1931-1983**

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Engineering  
Societies -- Professional

Types of Materials:

Business records -- 20th century  
Correspondence -- 20th century  
Financial records -- 20th century  
Ledgers (account books)  
Minutes  
Reports

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology  
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering  
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Geographic Names:

Washington (D.C.)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Membership Records, 1905 - 1985

Series 1 contains alphabetical biographical membership list, published membership lists, directory of officers and committee members, membership applications and solicitations, and membership statistics.

Box 1, Folder 1	Biographical-A , 1907 - 1961
Box 1, Folder 2	Biographical-B, 1907 - 1963
Box 1, Folder 3	Biographical-C, 1907 - 1963
Box 2, Folder 1	Biographical-D, 1907 - 1963
Box 2, Folder 2	Biographical-E and F, 1907 - 1963
Box 2, Folder 3	Biographical-G, 1907 - 1963
Box 3, Folder 1	Biographical Listing-H, 1907 - 1963
Box 3, Folder 2	Biographical Listing-I, J, and K, 1907 - 1963
Box 3, Folder 3	Biographical Listing-L, 1907 - 1963
Box 4, Folder 1	Biographical Listing-M, 1907 - 1963
Box 4, Folder 2	Biographical Listing-N, O, and P, 1907 - 1963
Box 4, Folder 3	Biographical Listing-Q and R, 1907 - 1963
Box 5, Folder 1	Biographical Listing-S, 1907 - 1963
Box 5, Folder 2	Biographical Listing-T, U, V, 1907 - 1963
Box 5, Folder 3	Biographical Listing-W, X, Y, and Z, 1907 - 1963
Box 6, Folder 1	By-laws and membership list, 1905 - 1913
Box 6, Folder 2	By-laws and membership list, 1914 - 1918
Box 6, Folder 3	By-laws and membership list, 1919 - 1923

Box 6, Folder 4	By-laws and membership list, 1924 - 1928
Box 6, Folder 5	By-laws and membership list, 1929 - 1933
Box 7, Folder 1	By-laws and membership list, 1934 - 1939
Box 7, Folder 2	By-laws and membership list, 1933 - 1947
Box 7, Folder 3	By-laws and membership list, 1940 - 1947
Box 7, Folder 4	By-laws and membership list, 1949 - 1954
Box 7, Folder 5	By-laws and membership list, 1956 - 1970
Box 8, Folder 1	By-laws and membership list, 1971 - 1981
Box 8, Folder 2	By-laws and membership list, 1982 - 1985
Box 8, Folder 3	Officers, directors, and committee membership lists, 1906 - 1981
Box 8, Folder 4	Handwritten membership list, 1907
Box 8, Folder 5	Membership solicitations , 1945 - 1974
Box 8, Folder 6	Lifetime membership certificate, 1962
Box 8, Folder 7	Statistics, 1969 - 1974
Box 8, Folder 8	Changes of address, 1969 - 1974
Box 8, Folder 9	Applications, 1970 - 1974
Box 8, Folder 10	Dues collections, 1974 - 1979
Box 9, Folder 1	Membership recommendations, 1974 - 1979
Box 9, Folder 2	Statistics of members, 1975 - 1980
Box 9, Folder 3	Membership applications, 1975 - 1980
Box 10, Folder 1	Members roster, 1975 - 1981
Box 10, Folder 2	News clippings about members, 1975 - 1983

Box 10, Folder 3	List of members, 1978 October 7
Box 10, Folder 4	Roster file, 1978
Box 10, Folder 5	List of members, including lifetime members, 1981
Box 28	Index cards with deceased and resigned members' information, 1970 - 1983

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## Series 2: Meeting Minutes and Reports, 1905 - 1980

Series 2 contains volumes of meeting minutes and reports, meeting notices, attendance reports, and committee reports.

Box 10, Folder 6	Volume 1, 1905 - 1909
Box 10, Folder 7	Volume 2, 1910 - 1913
Box 11, Folder 1	Volume 3, 1914 - 1917
Box 11, Folder 2	Volume 4, 1918 - 1922
Box 11, Folder 3	Volume 5, 1923 - 1927
Box 12, Folder 1	Volume 6, 1928 - 1930
Box 12, Folder 2	Volume 7, 1931 - 1933
Box 12, Folder 3	Volume 8, 1934 - 1936
Box 13, Folder 1	Volume 9, 1937 - 1939
Box 13, Folder 2	Volume 10, 1940 - 1942
Box 13, Folder 3	Volume 11, 1943 - 1947
Box 14, Folder 1	Volume 12, 1948 - 1953
Box 14, Folder 2	Volume 13, 1954 - 1958
Box 15, Folder 1	Records, 1959 - 1961
Box 15, Folder 2	Records, 1962 - 1964
Box 15, Folder 3	Records, 1965 - 1967
Box 16, Folder 1	Records, 1968 - 1969
Box 16, Folder 2	Meeting minutes, 1911 - 1974
Box 16, Folder 3	Meeting notices, 1923 - 1974
Box 16, Folder 4	Meeting notices, 1929 - 1932

Box 17, Folder 1	Notice of meetings, 1933
Box 17, Folder 2	Notice of meetings, 1934
Box 17, Folder 3	Notice of meetings, 1935 - 1936
Box 17, Folder 5	Notice of meetings, 1937 - 1938
Box 17, Folder 5	Committee reports, 1947 - 1974
Box 17, Folder 6	Suggestions for and about meetings, 1961 - 1974
Box 17, Folder 7	Attendance records, 1970 - 1974
Box 17, Folder 8	Notices, reports, and invitations, 1970 - 1971
Box 18, Folder 1	Notices, fliers, and correspondence about meetings, 1972 - 1976
Box 18, Folder 2	Board of Directors meeting notes, 1975 - 1980
Box 18, Folder 3	Attendance at meetings, 1975 - 1979
Box 19, Folder 1	Meeting notices, 1975 - 1979
Box 19, Folder 2	Officer's handbook, 1976
Box 19, Folder 3	Committee reports, 1976 - 1979

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## Series 3: Financial Records, 1906 - 1984

Series 3 contains ledger books for deposits and withdrawals, bank statements, invoices, expenditure reports, check slips, and annual statement reports.

Box 29, Item 1	Ledger, 1930 - 1940
Box 29, Item 2	Ledger, 1941 - 1957
Box 29, Item 3	Ledger, 1957 - 1970
Box 19, Folder 4	Accounts ledger, 1906 - 1909
Box 19, Folder 5	Additions and separations, 1906 - 1928
Box 19, Folder 6	Accounts ledger, 1910 - 1914
Box 20, Folder 1	Accounts ledger, 1915 - 1919
Box 20, Folder 2	Ledger book, 1916 - 1920
Box 20, Folder 3	Annual reports, 1921 - 1975
Box 20, Folder 4	Financial data and dues, 1943 - 1974
Box 20, Folder 5	Treasurer reports, 1958 - 1977
Box 20, Folder 6	Ledger for dues, 1962 - 1972
Box 20, Folder 7	Monthly reports, 1968 - 1975
Box 20, Folder 9	Annual statements, 1975 - 1979
Box 20, Folder 9	Financial statements, 1975 - 1979
Box 21, Folder 1	Statement of receipts and expenditures, 1975 - 1976
Box 21, Folder 2	Monthly financial reports, 1975 - 1979
Box 21, Folder 3	Checking account statements and checks, 1976 - 1977
Box 21, Folder 4	Invoices, 1977
Box 21, Folder 5	Purchase orders, 1977 - 1982

Box 21, Folder 6	Bank statements and check receipts, 1978
Box 21, Folder 7	Bank statements and check receipts, 1979
Box 22, Folder 1	Expenditure invoice records, 1979
Box 22, Folder 2	Expenditure invoice records, 1979 - 1980
Box 22, Folder 3	Bank statements and check receipts, 1980
Box 22, Folder 4	Expenditure records, 1980 - 1981
Box 22, Folder 5	Expenditure records, checks, and statements, 1981 - 1983
Box 23, Folder 1	Expenditure records, checks, and statements, 1981 - 1983
Box 23, Folder 2	Expenditures, checks, and statements, 1981 - 1983
Box 23, Folder 3	Deposit slips and copies of checks, 1983 - 1984
Box 24, Folder 1	Expenditure records, 1984
Box 24, Folder 2	Checking account and savings account summaries, 1984
Box 30, Folder 1	Ledger, 1920 - 1925
Box 30, Folder 2	Ledger, 1925 - 1929

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## Series 4: Correspondence, 1928 - 1980

Series 4 contains correspondence related to the Young Engineer's Prize, other engineering societies, treasurer communications, and correspondence with members and potential members.

Box 24, Folder 3	Assorted correspondence with members , 1928 - 1974
Box 24, Folder 4	Responses and submissions for Young Engineer's Prize, 1949 - 1950
Box 24, Folder 5	Treasurer communication, 1962 - 1969
Box 24, Folder 6	Communication sent to members, 1973 - 1978
Box 24, Folder 7	Related engineering societies, 1975 - 1979
Box 25, Folder 1	American Association of Engineering Societies, Inc., 1979 - 1980

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## Series 5: Project, Events, and Research Documents, 1931 - 1983

Series 5 contains papers related to the American Bicentennial Project, awards given by the Society, annual banquet invitations, and research files about the metric system and engineering societies.

Box 25, Folder 2	Bicentennial and Handbook of DC papers, 1931 - 1934
Box 25, Folder 3	Annual banquet, 1935 - 1974
Box 25, Folder 3	Address at the annual banquet, 1935 - 1974
Box 25, Folder 5	History of engineering societies, 1952 - 1961
Box 25, Folder 6	Metric file, 1968 - 1971
Box 25, Folder 7	Annual banquet invitations, 1969 - 1983
Box 26, Folder 1	Awards, 1970 - 1974
Box 26, Folder 2	Other societies, 1972 - 1974
Box 26, Folder 3	American Bicentennial Project, 1973 - 1975
Box 26, Folder 4	Committee for the American Bicentennial Project 1876
Box 27, Folder 1	Awards granted by Society, 1974 - 1979
Box 27, Folder 2	Annual banquet, 1975 - 1979
Box 27, Folder 3	Young Engineer's Awards, 1976 - 1980
Box 27, Folder 4	Papers submitted for Young Engineer's Prize, 1983

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