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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Raymond E. Wilson Covered Bridge Collection
Date:	1912-1980
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0999
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology (Collector)
Creator:	Wilson, Raymond E. (Collector) Millington, Ruth H. (Donor) National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges.
Extent:	3 Cubic feet (9 boxes, 1 map folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The collection documents covered bridges in America and Europe.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Wilson's daughter in 1983 to the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, now called the Division of Work and Industry.

Ownership and Custodial History

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

Processing Information

Collection processed by Isaac Meth, intern, 2022; supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist.

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Biographical / Historical

Mechanical engineer and covered bridge enthusiast.

Scope and Contents

The collection relates to covered bridges in America and Europe. It includes hundreds of slides (with index) of photographs of covered bridges; an album of prints of photographs of covered bridges in Germany, Switzerland and Austria; books and pamphlets, both national and regional, about covered bridges; newsletters from covered bridge organizations, both national and regional, such as the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges; drawings; notes; copies of patents, an album of photographs entitled Trusses; articles and clippings; correspondence about covered bridges; and blueprints of plans for repair work on bridges.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Bridges
- Covered bridges
- Covered bridges -- Austria
- Covered bridges -- Germany
- Covered bridges -- Switzerland
- Covered bridges -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Blueprints
- Books
- Clippings
- Newsletters
- Pamphlets
- Photograph albums -- 20th century
- Photographs -- 1950-2000
- Slides (photographs) -- 20th century

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

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Alabama Historical Commission. Alabama's Covered Bridges, 1969
Box 1, Folder 2	Leslie C. Swanson. Covered Bridges in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, 1961-1971
Box 1, Folder 3	Max Harvey. The Covered Bridges of Parke County, Indiana, 1964
Box 1, Folder 4	Juliet Snowden. Covered Bridges of Parke County, Indiana, 1970
Box 1, Folder 5	Covered Bridges of Indiana, Indiana State Highway Commission, Office of Highway Development, 1969
Box 1, Folder 6	Max Harvey. The Covered Bridges of Indiana, 1966
Box 1, Folder 7	Bryan E. Ketcham. Covered Bridges on the Byways of Indiana, 1949
Box 1, Folder 8	Adelbert M. Jakeman. Old Covered Bridges, Massachusetts and Connecticut, 1966
Box 1, Folder 9	Thedia Cox Kenyon. New Hampshire's Covered Bridges, 1957
Box 1, Folder 10	W. Edward White. Covered Bridges of New Hampshire, 1960
Box 1, Folder 11	Scott Anderson. Ulster County's Old Timbered Crossings, New York, 1965
Box 1, Folder 12	Lee H. Nelson. A Century of Oregon Covered Bridges 1851-1852, 1960
Box 1, Folder 13	Oregon Covered Bridges, Oregon Department of Transportation, 1988 September
Box 1, Folder 14	William H Shank. Historic Bridges of Pennsylvania, 1967
Box 2, Folder 1	Richard Sanders Allen. Rare Old Bridges of Windsor County, Vermont, 1962
Box 2, Folder 2	Victor Morse. Windham County's Famous Covered Bridges, Vermont, 1960
Box 2, Folder 3	Covered Bridges in the Province de Quebec, Department of Tourism, 1964
Box 2, Folder 4	Raeber Verlag Luzern. The Wooden Bridges of Lucerne, undated
Box 2, Folder 5	Richard Sanders Allen. Covered Bridges of the Northeast, 1957
Box 2, Folder 6	Richard Sanders Allen. Covered Bridges of the Middle West, 1970
Box 2, Folder 7	Richard Sanders Allen. Covered Bridges of the South, 1970
Box 2, Folder 8	Richard Sanders Allen. Covered Bridges of the Middle Atlantic States, 1959

Box 2, Folder 9	Covered Bridges, booklets, 1946-1979
Box 3, Folder 1	Kramer A. Adams. Covered Bridges of the West, 1963
Box 3, Folder 2	David H. Miars. A Century of Bridges, 1972
Box 3, Folder 3	Herbert Wheaton Congdon. The Covered Bridge, 1960
Box 3, Folder 4	World Guide to Covered Bridges, National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, 1980
Box 3, Folder 5	World Guide to Covered Bridges, National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, 1972
Box 3, Folder 6	Technology Review, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1968 May
Box 3, Folder 7	European covered bridge postcards and Raymond E. Wilson notebook, 1972
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Box 4, Folder 1	Correspondence regarding fire-proof coatings for bridges, 1965-1966
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Box 4, Folder 6	European Covered Bridge Interiors (photographic album), 1967-1972
Box 5	Slides of Covered Bridges, Canada; Kentucky, Michigan, Oregon, California, New Hampshire; Europe, Pennsylvania, 1960-1973
Box 6	Slides of Covered Bridge, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania; Southern, Mid-West, 1960-1964
Box 7	Slides of Covered Bridges, Vermont; Indiana, 1959-1966

Box 8	Slides of Covered Bridges, Pennsylvania, 1959-1963
Box 9	Slides of Covered Bridges, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Maine; and Ohio, 1960-1968
Map-folder 1	Bunker Hill Road Covered Bridge, Hereford, File D-245, 1962 December 10 5 Blueprints (24 in x 35.75 in)
Map-folder 1	Information for Bidders, Highway Contracts for Construction of Bunker Hill Road Covered Bridge, Baltimore County, Maryland, 1962
Map-folder 1	Works Progress Administration (Project W.P.F.R.-15), Hancock-Greenfield, State of New Hampshire Highway Department, Sheet 10 of 14, 1936 1 Blueprint (22.25 in x 36 in)
Map-folder 1	Works Progress Administration (Project W.P.F.R.-15), Hancock-Greenfield, State of New Hampshire Highway Department, Sheet 5 of 14, 1936 1 Blueprint (24.5 in x 43 in)
Map-folder 1	Repair of Covered Wooden Bridge over Octoraro Creek Deck Details, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Department of Highways, Sheet 6 of 7, 1970 1 Blueprint (22 in x 36 in)
Map-folder 1	Repair of Covered Wooden Bridge over Northeast Branch of Perkiomen Creek Deck Details, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Sheet 6 of 7, undated 1 Blueprint (22 in x 36 in)
Map-folder 1	Repair of Covered Wooden Bridge over Northeast Branch of Perkiomen Creek Miscellaneous Details, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Sheet 7 of 7, undated 1 Blueprint (22 in x 36 in)