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Guide to the J. Parker Snow Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	J. Parker Snow Collection
Date:	1882-1933 (bulk 1930-1933)
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1000
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector)
Creator:	Snow, J. Parker (Creator)
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The J. P. Snow Papers document Snow's history of wooden bridges and his work as a civil engineer. The history was written in the 1930s with Robert Fletcher, Director Emeritus of the Thayer School of Civil Engineering at Dartmouth College.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Source of acquisition unknown.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry, formerly the Division of Engineering and Industry, in 2007. The 1882 engineering notebook was transferred from the Engineering Notebook Collection, AC0225.

Related Materials

Materials in the Archives Center

The Llewellyn N. Edwards Collection (AC0959) contains extensive correspondence with J. Parker Snow regarding the history of wooden bridges.

Processing Information

Processed by Elizabeth Garber (intern), July, 2009; supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist.

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Biographical / Historical

J. Parker Snow was an American civil engineer with an interest in wooden bridges. He partnered with Robert Fletcher, the Director Emeritus of the Thayer School of Civil Engineering at Dartmouth College, to write a manuscript on the history of wooden bridges in the United States. This manuscript was not published. Both were members of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Scope and Contents

Snow's engineering notebook, 1882; notes relating to his writings on the history of wooden bridges; drafts and manuscripts for articles he wrote on the development of wooden bridges; and correspondence, especially with engineering journals relating to efforts to get his manuscripts published.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, drafts of manuscript, notes, and an engineering notebook comprise the J. Parker Snow Collection.

Series 1, History of wooden bridges, 1930-1933, undated, contains material relating to Snow and Fletcher's unpublished manuscript. Snow corresponded with Fletcher regarding topics addressed in the book and the status of their writing. He also corresponded with John W. Storr, another civil engineer with an extensive knowledge of wooden bridges, and Sydney Wilmot, the editor planning to publish the history.

Series 2, Engineering projects, 1882, 1930-1931, consists of material related to various civil engineering projects, primarily bridges, with which Snow was associated. The engineering notebook contains detailed drawings of kilns and arches and information on various types of bridges, including railroad bridges.

Arrangement

System of Arrangement: The collection is arranged into two series.

Series 1, History of Wooden Bridges, 1930-1933, undated

Subseries 1, Correspondence, 1930-1933, undated

Subseries 2, Drafts of manuscript, 1932-1933, undated

Series 2, Engineering projects, 1882, 1930-1931

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Bridges
Engineers
Wooden bridges

Types of Materials:

Articles -- 20th century
Correspondence -- 1930-1940
Notebooks -- 1850-1900
Writings

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

Series 1: History of Wooden Bridges, 1930-1933, undated

Subseries 1.1: Correspondence, 1930-1933, undated

Box 1, Folder 1	Llewellyn N. Edwards, 1932
Box 1, Folder 2	Robert Fletcher, 1932-1933, undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Robert Fletcher and Sydney Wilmot (Editor, American Society of Civil Engineers), 1930-1932
Box 1, Folder 4	C. J. Hogue (West Coast Lumbermen's Association), 1932-1933
Box 1, Folder 5	Harold T. Larsen (American Society of Civil Engineers), 1932
Box 1, Folder 6	F. A. Lippold (Museum of Science and Industry), 1930
Box 1, Folder 7	F. E. Schmitt (Engineering News Record), 1932, undated
Box 1, Folder 8	John W. Storrs, 1930-1932, undated
Box 1, Folder 16	Oversize drawing by Storrs, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Assorted, 1931-1933

Subseries 1.2: Drafts of manuscript, 1932-1933, undated

Box 1, Folder 10-11	Drafts, 1932, undated
Box 1, Folder 12	Comments on draft, 1933, undated
Box 1, Folder 13	Assorted notes and research material, 1932, undated

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Series 2: Engineering projects, 1930-1931, 1882

Box 1, Folder 14 Sketch Book Number 2, 1882

Box 1, Folder 2

[J. Parker Snow, Sketch Book Number 2, \[notebook\], Circa 1880s](#)

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10.3" x 7.5")

Collector: National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of
Engineering and Industry

Language: English.

Notes: AC0225-0000003 (AC Scan No.)

Drawings of two mortar mills and two kilns.

Names: Snow, J. Parker

Topic: Engineering

Kilns

Mills and mill-work

Engineering notebooks

Genre/Form: Notebooks

Box 1, Folder 15

Correspondence and drawings related to projects, 1930-1931

Box 1, Folder 16

Oversize chart related to projects, undated

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