Guide to the Ernest Edwin Coffin Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Ernest Edwin Coffin Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.1152
Date: 1889-1954
Extent: 11.5 Cubic feet (26 boxes)
Creator: Brooks, Warwick
Coffin, Ernest Edwin
Steckel, Geo. (George), 1864-
Falk, B. J. (Benjamin J.), 1853-1925
Sandwina, Katie
Weider, Joe (author)
Weston, Arthur
Sarony, Napoleon, 1821-1896
Manhart, Harrison D., II

Language: English
Some materials in French.

Summary: The collection documents Eugen Sandow and other bodybuilders through correspondence and photographs.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the Archives Center by Dan Manhart in 2009.

Provenance
The collection was assembled by Ernest Edwin Coffin, a collector of Eugen Sandow memorabilia.

Separated Materials
Materials in the Division of Culture and the Arts
The Division of Culture and the Arts holds hand weights, a cut-out, and a dumbbell belonging to Eugen Sandow. See accession #2001.0179.

Processing Information
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Biographical

Ernest Edwin Coffin (1898-1954) was a California amateur bodybuilder, and weightlifter and collector of bodybuilding memorabilia, especially on the subject of Eugen Sandow. Coffin considered himself the world's expert on "Sandowania" and spent over 40 years writing and collecting memorabilia about Sandow as well as other strongmen such as Joe Weider, Milo Steinborn, and Katie Sandwina.

Born Frederich Muller (1867-1925) in Konigsberg, Prussia, Muller emigrated to England in 1889 and become a citizen in 1906. Muller adopted the stage name of Eugen Sandow and ran several schools of physical culture, performed, lectured, and wrote about strength and mental and physical health. Sandow toured the United States in 1893 with his manager, Florenz Ziegfeld, the "Follies" showman. Sandow's first American appearance was at the World's Fair in Chicago where he was an instant success. Ziegfeld marketed Sandow as "the perfect man," and "the modern Hercules." Sandow used his popularity to market books, a magazine (Physical Culture), and exercise equipment.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains original and copy photographs of Eugen Sandow and other bodybuilders and actors, by well known photographers Warwick Brooks, Napoleon Sarony, Benjamin J. Falk, George Steckel, and others; correspondence with well-known bodybuilders such as Joe Weider and Katie Sandwina; and periodicals and books about Sandow.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series.

Series 1: Background Materials, 1894-1958
Series 2: Correspondence, 1902-1954
Series 3: Publications, 1926-03-1955-01
Series 4: Photographs, 1889-1952
Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Bodybuilding
- Books
- Modelling
- Periodicals
- Physical education and training

Types of Materials:
- Articles
- Correspondence
- Glass plate negatives
- Pamphlets
- Photographs -- 19th century
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Scrapbooks -- 20th century

Names:
- Sandow, Eugen, 1867-1925
- World's Columbian Exposition (1893, Chicago, Ill.)
Container Listing

Series 1: Background Materials, 1894-1958

This series consists of personal materials documenting Ernest Coffin, his daughters, June and Marion Coffin, and general background information about strongmen. There is some weight lifting and physical measurement data compiled by Coffin, both typescript and handwritten, detailing various records, such as two arm presses and two hand dead lift. There are print advertisements for books, equipment, vaudeville shows, and physique photography related to strongmen. Many of the ads promote books and equipment about health and strength such as Sandow's grip dumb bells, A.G. Spalding and Brothers dumb bells, the Trevor continental chest expander, and the Terry "spring-way." Other ads promote places of health such as the Universal Institute of Physical Culture (England) with the relevant courses and apparatus. The bulk of the material consists of newspaper clippings about strongmen, especially Eugen Sandow, and other interests of Coffin such as animals and theatre.

Box 1, Folder 1    Ernest Coffin, personal, 1940, 1945
Box 1, Folder 2    Ernest Coffin, divorce papers, 1946, 1950
Box 1, Folder 3    June and Marion Coffin, notes on Sandow, 1933
Box 1, Folder 4    Marion Coffin, composition notebook, 1935
Box 1, Folder 5    Questionnaires about strongmen, 1934-1944
Box 1, Folder 6    Weight lifter biographies, men, undated
Box 1, Folder 7    Weight lifting data for women, 1930s
Box 26, Folder 3    Weightlifting data, undated
Box 1, Folder 8    Karl Swobada (strongman), biographical notes, undated
Box 1, Folder 9    Weight lifting data and body measurement data for men, undated
Box 1, Folder 10   Ernest Coffin notes [for manuscript?], 1925-1930s
Box 1, Folder 11   Advertisements for books, equipment and strongmen shows, 1902-1939
Box 1, Folder 12   Miscellaneous ephemera, 1941, undated
Box 23, Folder 1-9; Box 24, Folder 1    Scrapbook about Eugen Sandow, 1930s
Contains primarily photographs of Eugen Sandow and some typescript materials.
Box 1, Folder 13   Clippings, 1894
Box 1, Folder 14   Clippings, 1919-1920
Box 1, Folder 15   Clippings, 1923-1926
Box 1, Folder 16  Clippings, 1927-1929
Box 1, Folder 17  Clippings, 1930-1931
Box 1, Folder 18  Clippings, 1932-1934
Box 26, Folder 4  Clippings, 1933-1936
Box 1, Folder 19  Clippings, 1935
Includes a Ziegfield Follies brochure featuring Mrs. Florenz Ziegfeld (nee Billie Burke).
Box 1, Folder 20  Clippings, 1936
Box 2, Folder 1  Clippings, 1937
Box 2, Folder 2  Clippings, 1938-1939
Box 20, Folder 2  Clippings, 1930-1940
Box 2, Folder 3  Clippings, 1940-1942
Box 2, Folder 4  Clippings, 1943-1945
Box 2, Folder 5  Clippings, 1946-1949
Box 2, Folder 6  Clippings, 1958
Box 2, Folder 7  Clippings, undated
Box 2, Folder 8  Clippings about strongmen, 1925-1941
Box 2, Folder 9-10  Clippings about animals, 1926-1954
Box 2, Folder 11  Clippings about Ernest Coffin, 1920s-1930s
Box 2, Folder 12  Clippings about Eugen Sandow, 1901, undated
Box 20, Folder 1  Cloth bag, undated
Presumably belonged to George Steckel.
Box 27  Keys, stamp, small box and printing block (with image of Eugen Sandow)
Items belonged to Ernest Coffin. The stamp (From the Personal Collection of Ernest Edwin Coffin) was used by Coffin to mark items he purchased. The small printing block for offset lithography contains a portrait of Eugen Sandow used on Coffin’s stationery.
Map-folder 1  Sandow’s Illustrated Chart of Home Exercises
1 Poster (21.5” x 35”)

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1902-1954

The correspondence is divided into two subseries, Subseries 2.1: Alphabetical and Subseries 2.2: Chronological. The correspondence is primarily between Ernest Coffin and other strongmen/bodybuilders and collectors and admirers of Eugen Sandow. Many correspondents wrote to Coffin seeking information about Sandow or to purchase Sandow memorabilia.

Subseries 2.1: Alphabetical, 1902-1954

Box 2, Folder 13     Jack Abrams, 1939
Box 2, Folder 14     American Athletic Appliance Co., Inc., 1937
Box 2, Folder 15     William C. Anderson, 1945
Box 2, Folder 16     E.P. Austin, 1953-1954
Box 3, Box 1         [Ian] "Mac" Batchelor, 1941, 1946
                      Includes cocktail napkins with the poems, "The Bartender Knows" and "Liquor and Longevity."
Box 3, Box 2         Mark H. Berry, 1938
Box 3, Box 3         Leslie E. Birger, 1939-1941
                      Includes examples of Ernest Edwin Coffin letterhead featuring Eugen Sandow images.
Box 3, Box 4         Emile Bonnet, 1940
Box 3, Box 5         Bur Bar Bell Company, 1939
Box 3, Box 6         Alan Calvert, 1925
Box 3, Box 6A        Caproni Galleries, 1939, 1947
Box 3, Box 7         B.P. Cheney, 1938
Box 3, Box 8         Arthur Christopher (Christopher Publishing House), 1940-1941
Box 3, Box 9         Leo Cocks, 1945-1946
Box 3, Box 10        Ottley Coulter, 1939-1940
Box 3, Box 11        James S. Collis, 1937
Box 3, Box 12        Albert Davis Collection of Theatrical Photographs, 1946
Box 3, Box 13        Edmond Desbonnet (Librairie Athletique) La Culture Physique, 1937-1940
Box 3, Box 14        Roger Eells (VIM Magazine), 1940-1941
Box 3, Box 15        Jim Evans, 1937-1940
Box 3, Box 16  Ben Allen Fields, 1948
Box 3, Box 17  Ifan Kyrle Fletcher, 1939-1940
Box 3, Box 18  Leo Gaudreau, 1931, 1941
Box 3, Box 19  F.B. Hathaway, 1940
Box 3, Box 20  Harry L. Good (*Health and Physique Magazine*), 1939
Box 3, Box 21  John Grimek, 1945, 1950
Box 3, Box 22  Phil Grosse, 1946
Box 4, Folder 1  Orrin J. Heller, 1947
Box 4, Folder 2  John M. Hernic, 1934-1935
Box 4, Folder 3  Bob Hoffman, 1934-1944
Box 4, Folder 4  W.G. Hunt, 1935
Box 4, Folder 5  Independent Iron Works (Paramount), 1947
Box 4, Folder 6  Thomas Inch, 1924-1925
Box 4, Folder 7  Angelo Iupsa, 1940-1950
Box 4, Folder 8  Albert E. Johnson, 1948
Box 4, Folder 9  Robert L. Jones, 1940-1948
Box 4, Folder 10  Joe Kader, 1938
Box 4, Folder 11  Jack Kent, 1950-1952
Box 4, Folder 12  King of England, 1934
Box 4, Folder 13  Irving Klaw, 1947
Box 4, Folder 14  Siegmund Klein, 1932-1949
Box 4, Folder 15  Richard Kotil, 1944
Box 4, Folder 16  Library of Congress (copyright), 1934-1939
Box 4, Folder 17  Earle Liederman, 1925-1947
   Includes typescript of "Strong Men I Have Known" (1936-1937).
Box 4, Folder 18  Long Island Book Bindery, 1945-1946
Box 4, Folder 19  Mahomed Cassim Mansoor, 1939-1940
Box 4, Folder 20  John Makarewich, 1944-1946
Box 4, Folder 21  H.A. Marebim, 1946
Box 4, Folder 22  Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio, 1935
Box 4, Folder 23  Fred Medart Manufacturing Co. (Medart Steel Lockers), 1924
Box 4, Folder 24  Edwin Millburn, 1938-1939
Box 5, Folder 1   Mills Novelty Company, 1935
Box 5, Folder 2   Milo-Bar-Bell Company, 1919-1924
Box 5, Folder 3   Eric Wallace Moorhead, 1940-1946
Box 5, Folder 4   Museums, 1933-1937
Box 5, Folder 5   [CSang?] Neil, 1946
Box 5, Folder 6   Gerard Nisivoccia, 1935-1945
Box 5, Folder 7   Paramount Bar Bell Company, 1938
Box 5, Folder 8   Harry P. Paschall, 1946
Box 5, Folder 9   Joseph Plaia, 1946-1947
                             Includes the first issue of Your Guide to Health, Happiness, Abundance and Strength, undated, an illustrated catalog for the physical culturist and health seeker.
Box 5, Folder 10  W.A. Pullman, 1923, 1926
Box 5, Folder 11  Paul R. Putnam, 1938
Box 5, Folder 12  Perry Rader, 1938-1946
Box 5, Folder 13  Willis Reed, 1951
Box 5, Folder 14  Ritter Brothers, 1935
Box 5, Folder 15  Harry Robinson, 1940-1941
Box 5, Folder 16  Sandow Appliance Company, 1937
Box 5, Folder 17  Sandow's College of Physical Culture, 1902-1903
Box 5, Folder 18  The Sandow Society, 1938
Box 5, Folder 19  Louis Schmitt, 1938
Kati Sandwina ("World's Strongest Woman"), 1941-1942, 1948

Charles W. Smith, 1938-1940

South Los Angeles Athletic Club, undated

George Steckel, 1936-1939
Correspondence with and clippings about George Steckel (1864-1938), photographer. Steckel photographed the social life of Los Angeles and portraits of Eugen Sandow, mostly nude with fig leaf or in tank suit and wearing medallion, in strong man poses and imitating classical sculpture.

Heinrich Josef Steinborn, 1935-1939

Strength Magazine, 1925-1926

Superman Magazine, 1939-1941

Douglas Tardy, 1945

M.R. Tanksalvala, undated

Vic Tanny (Tanny's Gymnasium), 1941

Chester O. Teegarden, 1947

Frank J. Thompson, 1946-1948

James Todd, 1947-1948

Virgil V. Tomas, 1940. 1953

Maurice Torf, 1925

Albert Treloar, 1903-1904
Albert "Al" Treloar was the physical director of the Los Angeles Athletic Club (L.A.A.C.).

Albert Treloar, 1922-1928

Albert Treloar, 1934

Albert Treloar, 1935-1938

Albert Treloar, 1938-1947

Albert Treloar (Los Angeles Athletic Club, Mercury Magazine, loose pages), 1939

Charles T. Trevor, 1923-1939
Box 7, Folder 1  
Al Urban, 1942-1943
Box 7, Folder 2  
John Valentine, 1946
Box 7, Folder 3  
Ray Van Clef, 1940-1946
Box 7, Folder 4  
Warwick Brookes Studio, 1934
Box 7, Folder 5  
George R. Weaver, 1944
Box 7, Folder 6  
Weber and Rice (Health and Strength College), 1940
Box 7, Folder 7  
Joe Weider (Weider Barbell Company), 1939
Box 7, Folder 8  
Herman Weinsoff, 1947-1948
Box 7, Folder 9  
Hal Weiss, 1946-1954
Box 7, Folder 10  
L.B. Williams, 1946
Box 7, Folder 11  
David P. Willoughby, 1940-1954
Box 7, Folder 12  
David P. Willoughby, undated
Box 7, Folder 13  
David P. Willoughby, 1923-1929
Box 7, Folder 14  
David P. Willoughby, 1931-1934
Box 7, Folder 15  
David P. Willoughby, 1933
Includes letter from Ernest Coffin to George Steckel of June 21, 1936, questioning when original photographs taken by Steckel of Eugen Sandow were printed. The letter contains 34 questions which Steckel answered.
Box 7, Folder 17  
Richard Young, 1943-1946
Box 7, Folder 16  
David P. Willoughby, 1936-1939
Includes loose pages from Superman and Health and Strength.
Box 7, Folder 18  
Alexander Zass, undated
Box 7, Folder 19  
Billie Burke Ziegfeld, 1934
Box 7, Folder 20  
Sol Zorn, 1938
Box 7, Folder 21  
Ernest Coffin notes, 1930s-1940s

Subseries 2.2: Chronological, 1930-1954
Box 8, Folder 1  
Chronological, 1925, 1927-1928
Box 8, Folder 2  
Chronological, 1930-1931
Box 8, Folder 3  Chronological, 1932
Box 8, Folder 4  Chronological, 1934
Box 8, Folder 5  Chronological, 1935
Box 8, Folder 6  Chronological, 1936
Box 8, Folder 7  Chronological, 1937
Box 8, Folder 8  Chronological, 1938
Box 8, Folder 9  Chronological, 1939
Box 8, Folder 10  Chronological, 1940
Box 8, Folder 11  Chronological, 1941
Box 8, Folder 12  Chronological, 1942
Box 8, Folder 13  Chronological, 1944-1945
Box 8, Folder 14  Chronological, 1946-1949
Box 8, Folder 15  Chronological, 1950-1952
Box 8, Folder 16  Chronological, undated
Box 8, Folder 17  Scrapbook, 1948-1954
Contains correspondence with Professeur Vissaguet, photographs, notes, questionnaires sent to strongmen, and newspaper clippings. Of note is the "Sandow as Samson" headline featuring an article about Sandow wrestling the lion, Commodore, in Central Park. The scrapbook was assembled by Harrison Manhart III.

Box 8, Folder 18  Scrapbook, 1938-1951
Box 8, Folder 19  Scrapbook, 1932-1941
Box 9, Folder 1-3  Scrapbook (Great Ziegfeld prints), 1936

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Series 3: Publications, 1926-03-1955-01

This series is divided into two subseries, Subseries 3.1: Periodicals and Subseries 3.2: Books. Both subseries are arranged alphabetically. Loose pages from periodicals are also found here.

Subseries 3.1: Periodicals, 1887-07-1955-01

Contains serials related to body building, physical culture and general health and fitness. Eugen Sandow founded Physical Culture in July 1898. The magazine was renamed Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture in April 1899.

Box 9, Folder 4  
*Abel's Photographic Weekly*, 1932

Box 9, Folder 5  
*All Sport's Weekly*, 1924

Box 9, Folder 6  
*The Arena Strength*, undated

Box 26, Folder 2  
*The Bar Bell*, 1939-08-10

Box 9, Folder 7  
*Beauty and Health* (loose page), undated

Box 9, Folder 8  
*The Body Builder*, undated

Box 9, Folder 9  
*Body Molding*, No. 4, 1925-10

Box 9, Folder 10  
*Body Molding*, No. 5, 1925-11

Box 9, Folder 11  
*Body Molding*, No. 8, 1927

Box 9, Folder 12  
*Cosmopolitan* (loose page), 1890-05

Box 9, Folder 13  
*Health and Efficiency* (loose pages), 1925-1938

Box 9, Folder 14  
*Health and Life*, 1925 Spring

Box 9, Folder 15  
*Health and Physique*, 1938-10-1939-10

Box 9, Folder 15  
*Health and Physique*, 1939-01

Box 9, Folder 15  
*Health and Physique*, 1939-10

Box 10, Folder 1  
*Health and Strength*, 1940-11-30

Box 10, Folder 2  
*Health and Strength*, 1942-04

Box 10, Folder 3  
*Health and Strength* (loose pages), 1925-1941

Box 10, Folder 4-5  
*Health and Strength* (loose pages), 1925-1939

Box 10, Folder 6  
*Iron Man*, 1938-10

Box 10, Folder 7  
*Iron Man* (loose articles), 1941-1942

Box 10, Folder 8  
Iron Man, [1945?]

Box 10, Folder 9  
Iron Man, 1948-07

Box 10, Folder 9  
Iron Man, 1948-08

Box 10, Folder 9  
Iron Man, 1948-11

Box 10, Folder 9  
Iron Man, 1948-12

Box 10, Folder 10  
Iron Man, 1949-11-1949-12

Box 10, Folder 10  
Iron Man, 1950-01-1950-02

Box 10, Folder 10  
Iron Man, 1950-03-1950-04

Box 10, Folder 10  
Iron Man, 1955-01

Box 10, Folder 11  
Journal of Health and Physical Education, undated

Box 20, Folder 3  
London Illustrated News, 1929-07-06

Box 10, Folder 12  
The Mentor, 1923-01

Box 10, Folder 13  
Mercury (loose pages), undated

Box 10, Folder 14  
Muscle Builder, 1925-03

Box 10, Folder 15  
Muscle Builder (loose pages), 1925

Box 10, Folder 16  
Muscle Power, 1945-07

Box 11, Folder 1  
Muscle Power, 1945-11

Box 11, Folder 2  
Muscle Power, 1946-08

Box 11, Folder 3  
Muscle Power, 1947-02

Box 11, Folder 4  
Muscle Power, 1947-07

Box 11, Folder 4  
Muscle Power, 1952-06

Box 11, Folder 4  
Muscle Power, 1953-11

Box 11, Folder 4  
Muscle Power, 1954-05

Box 11, Folder 5  
People Today, 1950-12-19
Box 11, Folder 6  
*Photographic Digest*, 1939-02-1939-03

Box 11, Folder 6  
*Photographic Digest*, 1939-10-1939-11

Box 11, Folder 7  
*Physical Culture*, 1898-08

Box 11, Folder 8  
*Physical Culture*, 1898-09

Box 11, Folder 9  
*Physical Culture*, 1898-12

Box 11, Folder 10  
*Physical Culture*, 1903

Box 11, Folder 11  
*Physical Culture*, 1916-11

Box 11, Folder 12  
*Physical Culture*, 1920-12

Box 11, Folder 13  
*Physical Culture*, 1923-03

Box 11, Folder 14  
*Physical Culture*, 1923-07

Box 20, Folder 4  
*Physical Culture*, 1926-08

Box 11, Folder 15  
*Physical Culture*, 1927-10

Box 11, Folder 16  
*Physical Culture*, 1927-07

Box 12, Folder 1  
*Physical Culture*, 1928-01

Box 12, Folder 2  
*Physical Culture*, 1928-06

Box 12, Folder 3  
*Physical Culture*, 1928-08

Box 12, Folder 4  
*Physical Culture*, 1928-09

Box 12, Folder 5  
*Physical Culture*, 1928-12

Box 12, Folder 6  
*Physical Culture*, 1929-04

Box 12, Folder 7  
*Physical Culture* (loose pages), 1915-1934

Box 12, Folder 8  
*Physical Fitness*, 1940-06

Box 12, Folder 9  
*Physical Fitness* (loose pages), undated

Box 12, Folder 10  
*Popular Science*, 1925

Box 12, Folder 11  
The Ring, 1933

Box 12, Folder 11  
The Ring, 1939-05

Box 12, Folder 12  
*Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport*, 1901-04
Box 12, Folder 13  Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport, 1901-05
Box 12, Folder 14  Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport, 1901-06
Box 12, Folder 15  Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport, 1903-01
Box 12, Folder 16  Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport, 1903-02
Box 12, Folder 17  Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport, 1903-03
Box 12, Folder 18  Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport, 1904-08
Box 13, Folder 1  Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport, 1904-10
Box 13, Folder 2  Sandow's Magazine of Physical Culture and British Sport, 1904-12
Box 13, Folder 3  Science Newsletter, 1932-09-04
Box 13, Folder 4  Scribner's Magazine, 1887-07
Box 13, Folder 4  Scribner's Magazine, 1887-11
Box 13, Folder 5  Snap Shots, 1935-05
Box 13, Folder 6  The Strand Magazine, 1910-03
Box 13, Folder 6  The Strand Magazine, 1907-10
Box 13, Folder 7  Strength, 1915-03
Box 13, Folder 7  Strength, 1915-07
Box 13, Folder 8  Strength, 1916-01
Box 13, Folder 8  Strength, 1916-05
Box 13, Folder 8  Strength, 1916-07
Box 13, Folder 8  Strength, 1926-03
Box 13, Folder 8  Strength, 1927-02
Box 13, Folder 10  Strength (loose pages), 1923-1930
Box 13, Folder 9  Strength and Health, 1949-12
Box 13, Folder 9  Strength and Health, 1953-01
Box 13, Folder 9  Strength and Health, 1954-07
Box 13, Folder 11  Strength and Health (loose pages), undated
Box 13, Folder 8A  Strength and Health, 1935-07
Box 13, Folder 8A  Strength and Health, 1935-09
Box 13, Folder 8A  Strength and Health, 1942-05
Box 13, Folder 8A  Strength and Health, 1948-12
Box 13, Folder 13  Superman, 1939-09-1939-12
Box 13, Folder 14  Superman, 1940-01-1940-05
Box 13, Folder 15  Superman, 1940-06-1940-12
Box 13, Folder 16  Superman, 1941-06-1941-07
Box 13, Folder 17  Superman (loose pages), 1935-1941
Box 14, Folder 1  The Strong Man, 1923-1925
Box 14, Folder 2  Thru the Lens, 1937-06-25
Box 14, Folder 3  VIM the Vital Magazine, 1940-03
Box 14, Folder 4  VIM the Vital Magazine, 1941-04-1941-06
Box 14, Folder 5  The Weightlifter, 1937-07
Box 14, Folder 5  The Weightlifter, 1937-11-1937-12
Box 14, Folder 6  Your Physique, 1943-05-1943-06
Box 14, Folder 7  Your Physique, 1943-11-1943-12
Box 14, Folder 8  Your Physique, 1948-11
Box 14, Folder 9  Your Physique (loose pages), 1942, undated
Box 17, Folder 4A  Miscellaneous articles
Includes "A Chat on Physical Culture" by Singlestick; "Physical Culture for Girls" by E.M. Seymour; and "Splendid Arms and How to Have Them.

Subseries 3.2: Books, 1879-1948
Box 14, Box 10  Arm Development, 1932
Box 14, Box 10  Building a Muscular Body, 1935
Box 14, Box 10  Powerful Arms for You, 1945
Box 14, Box 10  Truth About Physical Training, 1933
Box 14, Box 10  How to get Strong, undated
Box 14, Box 10  Multiple Weight Dumbbells, undated
Box 14, Box 11  Body Building Man in the Making How to Become Healthy and Strong, 1897
Box 14, Box 11  Strength and how to obtain it, 1897
Box 15, Folder 1  Building Better Bodies, 1924
Box 15, Folder 2  Health and Physical Fitness by Post, how I conduct curative physical exercise in your own home, undated
Box 15, Folder 3  How to Get Strong and How to Stay So, 1879
Box 15, Folder 4  Lettres de Cachet de la III Republique (Did Dr. Raymond Mallet Deliver his protege Professor Vissaguet?), 1932
Box 15, Folder 5  Life is Movement, The Physical Reconstruction and Regeneration of the People, 1920
Box 15, Folder 6  Measure of the Man, circa 1915
Box 15, Folder 7  Mighty Men of Old, 1940
Box 15, Folder 8  Modern Physical Culture, 1904
Box 16, Box 1  Muscle Cult, [1920s]
Professor K.V. Iyer (1900-1980) was one of the most well known physical culturists in India.
Box 16, Box 2  Muscular Power, 1924
Box 16, Box 3  Perfect Manhood, The Real Truth, 1938
Box 16, Box 4  Physical Development and Figure Culture for Men, Women, and Children, undated
Box 16, Box 5  Sadow the Magnificent, 1947-1948
Box 16, Box 6-8  Sadow's System of Physical Training, 1894
3 Copies
Box 17, Box 1  The Secrets of Strength and Development, 1944
Box 17, Box 2  Super Strength, 1924
Box 17, Box 3  Thomas Inch on Strength, [1936?]
Box 17, Box 4  Weight Lifting, 1939
Series 4: Photographs, 1889-1952

This series consists of black and white photographs, glass plate negatives, copy negatives, cabinet cards, and copy prints. The bulk of the images depict Eugen Sandow, but there are images of other strongmen as well as Coffin's family members. The glass plate negatives and ivorytypes by George Steckel (17” x 20”) and (5” x 7”) depict Eugen Sandow in a variety of poses. Many of the photographs were taken by George Steckel, Warwick Brooks, Benjamin J. Falk, and H. Roland White.

Box 17, Folder 5      [Jan G.] "Mac" Batchelor, undated
Box 20, Folder 5      Billie Burke, [1936]
Box 17, Folder 6      Ernest Coffin (family, friends and strongmen, 1930s-1940s
Box 17, Folder 7      Ernest Coffin, proof prints , undated
Box 17, Folder 8      Ernest Coffin, undated
Box 17, Folder 9      Ernest Coffin, photographs by Keystone Photo Service, undated
Box 20, Folder 5      Marion Coffin, 1941
Box 17, Folder 10     Paul Coffin, undated
Box 17, Folder 11     Jim Dick, 1945
Box 17, Folder 12     William Farnum, undated
Box 17, Folder 13     J. Paul Getty, 1931
Box 17, Folder 14; Box 20, Folder 6  The Great Ziegfeld (movie) , 1936
Box 17, Folder 15     [W.J.] Hine, undated
Box 17, Folder 16     Harry Keller, 1934
Box 17, Folder 17     Norman Money, 1926, 1934
Box 17, Folder 18     Olympia Instructions in Gymnastics, undated
Box 17, Folder 19     Eugen Sandow, undated
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Warwick Brooks (1843-1929) was a photographer in Manchester, England.

Box 18, Folder 5  Eugen Sandow (negatives) by Alfred S. Campbell, undated
American photographer active in New York City 1880-1910.

Box 18, Folder 6  Eugen Sandow (negatives) by H. Roland White, undated

Box 18, Folder 7  Eugen Sandow (negatives for his book), undated

Box 18, Folder 8  Eugen Sandow (negatives) by Benjamin J. Falk, undated
Benjamin J. Falk (1853-1925) was an American photographer active in New York City during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Box 18, Folder 9  Eugen Sandow (negatives) by Napoleon Sarony, 1893
Napoleon Sarony (1821-1896) was an American lithographer and portrait photographer. He was known for his portraits of the stars of late-19th-century American theater.

Box 18, Folder 10  Eugen Sandow (negatives) by George Steckel, undated
George Steckel (1864-1938) was a photographer.

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Box 18, Folder 12  Eugen Sandow's grave, undated

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