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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu

Creator: National Museum of American History, Division of Politics and Reform

Title: Exhibition Records

Dates: 1960-2004

Quantity: 1.43 cu. ft. (1 record storage box) (1 12x17 box)

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Restricted for 15 years, until Jan-01-2020; Transferring office; 3/13/2006 memorandum, Johnstone to Bird; Contact reference staff for details.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of the records of William L. Bird, Jr., Curator, and documents the planning for and creation of the exhibition "Vote: The Machinery of Democracy" at the National Museum of American History. The exhibition, which opened in July 2004, traced the evolution of voting techniques and suffrage issues in America over the past two centuries. Materials include Bird's correspondence, memoranda, and notes; exhibition proposal, script, design drawings, and floor plans; budget summaries; object lists; loan information; press releases; election memorabilia; and photographs.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Museum exhibits
Politics and culture
Types of Materials:
Black-and-white photographs
Clippings
Color photographs
Color transparencies
Compact discs
Drawings
Floor plans
Floppy disks
Manuscripts

Names:
Bird, William L.
National Museum of American History (U.S.)
Container Listing

Box 1

Vote: The Machinery of Democracy
William L. Bird, Jr.: Correspondence, 1997-2001
William L. Bird, Jr.: Correspondence, 2002-2004
Exhibition Proposal, 2002-2003
Exhibition Design and Floor Plans, 2003-2004
Script, 2003-2004
Exhibition Objects, c. 2002
Voting Experience Redesign: Process Documentation
Digital Images of Voting Machine Ephemera Owned by John Olsen
Official Sample Ballot: Palm Beach, Florida, 2000
Photo Report: Portable IBM Type Card Punching System
Loans, 2001-2003
Computer Science Contacts
Roy G. Saltman, 2003
History of Voting Machines
Exhibition Publication
Press Releases, 2002-2004
Photographs: Chads, 2000
Photographs: Voting Machine, 2002
Photographs: William L. Bird, Jr., 2002
Election Memorabilia, 1960-1983
Draft Schedule and Budget, 2002-2004
Object Labels, 2003
Exhibition Website, 2004
Box 2

Exhibition Design Drawings, c. 2002-2004