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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of subject files created and maintained by Douglas E. Evelyn, Deputy Director, National Museum of American History (NMAH), 1980-1991. These records primarily document Evelyn's involvement with "The Common Agenda for History Museums," an initiative of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and NMAH that explored issues shared by all history museums across the United States. The focus of the program's efforts was on methods of identifying and maintaining vast collections of objects; investigating means to share information about them for research and exhibition purposes; strengthening the ties between academics interested in material culture and museums; and encouraging scholarship as an activity fundamental to museum practices. Also documented is Evelyn's work with AASLH on annual meetings, task forces, and seminars. Some materials date from after Evelyn was no longer Deputy Director. Materials include correspondence; memoranda; meeting agendas and minutes; reports; surveys; and clippings.

Names and Subject Terms

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