Curatorial Records, 1945, 1960-2010

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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of flag files created and maintained by the Division of Home and Community Life. The flag files consist of research and documentation of the various versions of the United States flag as well as textile examinations of flags conducted by curators. Staff represented included Katherine Dirks, associate curator; Rita J. Adrosko, curator; and Grace Rogers Cooper, curator. Some of the materials date from when staff was part of the Department of Social and Cultural History, the Division of Social History, and the Division of Textiles. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, textile analysis records, drawings, reports, images, textile samples, and clippings. Some materials are in electronic format.

Names and Subject Terms

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Clippings
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Compact discs
Drawings
Electronic records
Manuscripts

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Container Listing

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Neumann silk flag 1884, 1990-1991

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"Schuyler Flag" - Silk, 1970


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Silk Pulaski Banner - Maryland Historical Society, 1975

Silk "Bucks of America," 1975

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"The Search for the Stars and Stripes" - Rex Sparger and Robert Halliday, 1996

"So you Want to Buy a 13 Star Flag?" - Jeff Bridgeman, 2006

British Union Jack flag, 2004

"No Union With Slavery" banner, 2003-2007

Stars in 1776-1876 arrangement, 2006

South Carolina flag - Suzanne Thomassen-Krauss, 1990-1991

New England flag - Gary Laude, 1999

1st American Bunting flag - Lincoln-Butler, 2002

13 star flag - Gift of President Yeltsin of Russia to President William J. Clinton, 1998

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Philippine Flag - Emilio Suntay, 1996-1997

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North Vietnam flag, 1991

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Sotheby's flag sale, 2002

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Flag specifications in 1861

Silk flag study, 1989

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