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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.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Flags  
Flags -- United States  
Textile fabrics

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Manuscripts

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