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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Exhibition Records
Identifier:	Accession 18-140
Date:	1960, 1981, 1998-2012
Extent:	2.03 cu. ft. (2 record storage boxes) (1 oversize folder)
Creator::	National Museum of American History. Division of Work and Industry
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Oversize

This collection contains oversize material.

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Use Restriction

Restricted for 15 years. until Jan-01-2028; Transferring office; 2/1/2011 memorandum, Johnstone to Jones; Contact reference staff for details.

Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that document planning, development and production activities for the exhibitions "On Time" and "Robots on the Road: Stanley," as well as the Halls of Timekeeping and Light Machinery at the National Museum of American History, and when the museum was known as the Museum of History and Technology. Earlier records date back to when the Division of Work and Industry was known as the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, the Division of Mechanisms, and the Division of the History of Technology. Staff represented in these records include curators Edwin A. Battison and Carlene E. Stephens. The exhibition "On Time" examined the ways Americans measured, used, and thought of time over the last 300 years, beginning with biological rhythms and environmental clues to our current reliance on clocks and watches. "Robots on the Road: Stanley," which was added to the exhibition "Science in American Life" in 2008, featured a robot car named "Stanley" that offered a glimpse into the future of smart cars.

Materials include correspondence; agreements; budget summaries; scripts; floor plans and drawings; visitor comments; a press kit; brochures; object lists; photographs; and ephemera. Some materials are in electronic format.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Autonomous vehicles
- Clocks and watches
- Museum curators
- Museum exhibits
- Scientific apparatus and instruments
- Technology -- History

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Color negatives
- Color photographs
- Digital versatile discs
- Drawings
- Electronic records
- Ephemera
- Floor plans
- Manuscripts

Names:

- Battison, Edwin A.
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.)
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanisms
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of the History of Technology
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Hall of Light Machinery
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Hall of Timekeeping
- On Time (Exhibition) (1999-2006: Washington, D.C.)
- Robots on the Road: Stanley (Exhibition) (2008-2012: Washington, D.C.)
- Science in American Life (Exhibition) (1994-2011: Washington, D.C.)
- Stephens, Carlene E., 1949-

Container Listing

Box 1

On Time

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|------------|---|
| Box 1 of 2 | Press Kit, 1998 |
| Box 1 of 2 | Brochures, 1999-2000 |
| Box 1 of 2 | Computer Interactives, 2001-2002 (electronic records) |
| Box 1 of 2 | Ephemera, 1999 |
| | Robots on the Road: Stanley |
| Box 1 of 2 | Final Script, 2008 |
| Box 1 of 2 | Planning Information, 2006-2007 |
| Box 1 of 2 | Visitor Comments, 2008-2012 (28 folders) |

Box 2

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| Box 2 of 2 | Visitor Comments, 2008-2012 (16 folders) |
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Other

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| Box 2 of 2 | Hall of Timekeeping: Script |
| Box 2 of 2 | Hall of Timekeeping: Objects List, 1998 |
| Box 2 of 2 | Hall of Timekeeping: Photographs |
| Box 2 of 2 | Hall of Light Machinery: Script, 1960 (2 folders) |
| Box 2 of 2 | Hall of Light Machinery: Script |
| Box 2 of 2 | Hall of Light Machinery: Objects List, 1998 |
| Box 2 of 2 | Hall of Light Machinery: Photographs |

Oversize

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| Oversize | Hall of Timekeeping: Floor Plans and Drawings, 1981 |
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