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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the John A. Simpson Papers Project in which curators at the National Air and Space Museum (NASM) assisted. Simpson, a physicist and space scientist, was the Director of the Enrico Fermi Institute at the University of Chicago. He also served as the Martin Marietta Chair in Space History at the National Air and Space Museum from October 1987 through September 1988. The bulk of this material consists of records created and maintained by Allan A. Needell, Curator in the Space History Division. Some records document Simpson's life-long work as well as his activities at NASM. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, notes, publications, and related materials. Prior to 1987, the unit was known as the Department of Space Science and Exploration and, between 1987 and 1997, the unit was called the Department of Space History.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautical museums
- Astronautical museums
- Museum curators
- Physicists
- Space sciences

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Enrico Fermi Institute

John A. Simpson Papers Project

National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Department of Space History

National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Department of Space Science and Exploration

National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Martin Marietta Chair in Space History

Needell, Allan A.

Simpson, John A. (John Alexander), 1916-2000

University of Chicago

Container Listing

Box 1

- Box 1 of 1 J. A. Simpson Estate, 2001
- Box 1 of 1 Simpson Publications, 1957, 1983-1995
- Box 1 of 1 Simpson Correspondence with Allan Needell, 1981-1993
- Box 1 of 1 John Simpson Papers Project - Administrative Documents, 1987-1991 (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 1 Needell Research Trip to University of Chicago, February 1988, and Duplicates of Older Simpson Correspondence, 1959-1962
- Box 1 of 1 Simpson Launch Summaries
- Box 1 of 1 Simpson Biographies and Bibliographies, 1982-1986
- Box 1 of 1 John Simpson Papers - Arrangement and Description, 1989-1990
- Box 1 of 1 To Comet Halley with the Soviets - Simpson Correspondence with the Smithsonian Institution Press, 1988-1989
- Box 1 of 1 John Simpson Papers Project - Box Lists, Acronyms, and Associated Correspondence, 1989-1991
- Box 1 of 1 John Simpson Oral History, April 25, 1985 - Transcript, Notes, Background Materials, and Associated Correspondence, 1985-1990
- Box 1 of 1 Guide to the John A. Simpson Papers - Correspondence, 1991
- Box 1 of 1 Martin Marietta Chair in Space History (John Simpson and Future Chairs) - Correspondence and Proposals, 1986-1990