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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	Exhibition Records
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Administrative Information

Oversize

This collection contains oversize material.

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Use Restriction

Restricted for 15 years. until Jan-01-2022; 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 *A Material World*, *Loose the Mighty Power: Impressions of the Steam Engine in America*, *Abandoned Mine Scenes*, *On Time*, *Time and Navigation: The Untold Story of Getting from Here to There*, as well as the halls of Nuclear Energy, Mining, Agriculture, Petroleum, Iron and Steel, Farming Machinery, and Forest Products at the National Museum of American History (NMAH), which, prior to 1980, was known as the National Museum of History and Technology and the Museum of History and Technology, respectively. A few records also predate the creation of NMAH, when the museum was part of the United States National Museum. The original working title for the exhibition *Time and Navigation: The Untold Story of Getting from Here to There*, which opened at the National Air and Space Museum and was produced in partnership with NMAH, was *Finding Time and Place: From Chronometers to GPS*. Earlier records date back to when the Division of Work and Industry was known as the Division of the History of Technology, the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Division of Extractive Industries, the Division of Manufacturing, the Division of Agriculture and Mining, the Division of Agriculture and Forest Products, the Division of Industrial Cooperation, and there are some records from the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering and the Division of Transportation.

Staff represented in these records include curators Robert C. Post, William L. Withuhn, Philip W. Bishop, John T. Schlebecker, Robert M. Vogel, and John H. White; associate curator John Nathan Hoffman; and exhibit coordinator Claudine Klose.

Materials include correspondence, memoranda, and notes; proposals; budget summaries; design information; production schedules; scripts; press releases; floor plans; drawings; object lists; loan information; catalogs, pamphlets, brochures, and clippings; photographs and negatives; and reports. 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:

- Agriculture -- History
- Agriculture machinery
- Forest products
- Iron
- Loans
- Mining engineering
- Museum curators
- Museum exhibits
- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Nuclear energy
- Petroleum
- Steel
- Time -- Systems and standards

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white photographs
- Brochures
- Clippings
- Compact discs
- Drawings
- Electronic records
- Exhibition catalogs
- Floor plans
- Manuscripts
- Pamphlets

Names:

- A Material World (Exhibition) (1988-2002: Washington, D.C.)
- Abandoned Mine Scenes (Exhibition) (1969: Washington, D.C.)
- Bishop, Philip W.
- Hoffman, John Nathan, 1923-
- Klose, Claudine
- Loose the Mighty Power: Impressions of the Steam Engine in America (Exhibition) (1978-1979: Washington, D.C.)
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.)
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Industrial Cooperation

Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Agriculture
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Farming Machinery
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Forest Products
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Iron and Steel
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Mining
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Nuclear Energy
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Petroleum
National Air and Space Museum (U.S.)
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Transportation
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of the History of Technology
National Museum of History and Technology
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Mining
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Extractive Industries
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Manufacturing
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
On Time (Exhibition) (1999-2006: Washington, D.C.)
Post, Robert C.
Schlebecker, John T.
Time and Navigation: The Untold Story of Getting from Here to There (Exhibition) (2013- :
Washington, D.C.)
United States National Museum
Vogel, Robert M.
White, John H., 1933-
Withuhn, William L.

Container Listing

Box 1

A Material World

- Box 1 of 2 Correspondence, 1986-1988 (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 2 Budget Summaries, 1985-1987
- Box 1 of 2 Production Schedules, 1986-1987
- Box 1 of 2 Press Releases, 1986-1988
- Box 1 of 2 Brochures and Pamphlets, 1988
- Box 1 of 2 Object Lists, 1986-1988
- Box 1 of 2 Installation Photographs, 1988
- Box 1 of 2 Interactive Videos, 1986-1987
- Box 1 of 2 Design and Floor Plan
- Box 1 of 2 Loans, 1987-1988

Loose the Mighty Power: Impressions of the Steam Engine in America

- Box 1 of 2 Proposal, 1977
- Box 1 of 2 Correspondence, 1973-1980
- Box 1 of 2 Object Lists, 1978-1979
- Box 1 of 2 Floor Plans, 1977
- Box 1 of 2 Installation Photographs, 1978
- Box 1 of 2 Press Releases, 1978-1979
- Box 1 of 2 Scripts, 1978-1981 (2 folders)

- Box 1 of 2 Catalogue, 1981
- Box 1 of 2 Loans, 1978-1981
- Abandoned Mine Scenes*
- Box 1 of 2 Correspondence, 1968-1969, 1973
- Box 1 of 2 Press Release, 1969
- Box 1 of 2 Scripts, 1969
- Other
- Box 1 of 2 Dupont Exhibition Photographs, June 1950
- Box 1 of 2 Nuclear Energy Hall, 1966
- Box 1 of 2 Correspondence (general), 1963, 1970-1975, 1980
- Box 1 of 2 Air Pollution Exhibition Proposal, 1968
- Box 1 of 2 Stock Exchange Exhibition Proposal, 1970
- Box 1 of 2 John N. Hoffman: Mining Hall Script, 1971
- Box 1 of 2 Exhibitions for the Bicentennial, 1968-1974
- Box 1 of 2 Relocation of Objects in the Agriculture Hall, 1977
- Box 1 of 2 Deaccessioned Objects in the Petroleum Hall, 1980-1981
- Box 1 of 2 *Finding Time and Place: From Chronometers to GPS* Exhibition: Brochure, 2004 (electronic records)
- Box 1 of 2 Petroleum Hall Flow Charts, 1963
- Box 1 of 2 Vandalism in the Hall of Farm Machinery, 1965-1969
- Box 2
- Box 2 of 2 *On Time* Exhibition: Concept Brief, 1996

- Box 2 of 2 High Energy Rate Forging Machine Panels
- Box 2 of 2 First Commercial Hydraulic Pump Installation, 1962
- Box 2 of 2 Oil and Gas Production from Deltaic Sands
- Box 2 of 2 *Finding Time and Place: From Chronometers to GPS* Exhibition: Proposal, circa 2006
- Box 2 of 2 *Finding Time and Place: From Chronometers to GPS* Exhibition: Design Concept

Oversize

- Oversize Folder 1 Mr. Cleveland, Suggested layout of Hall, 1959
- Note:
- Detailed Sketch of the Judson Zipper
 - Outlines of Blast Furnaces, 1963
 - Layout of Iron and Steel Hall, 1963
 - Sketch of a Blast Furnace, 1962
 - Crucible Furnaces, 1963
 - Bloomery Furnace, 1963
 - Catalan Furnace, 1964
 - Simplified Flow of Gasoline Plant, 1962
 - Pan-American Oil, 1965
 - Hall of Forest Products Design, 1964
 - General Manufacturing Floor Plan, 1961
 - Mezzanine Floor Plan
- Oversize Folder 2 General Manufacturing Preliminary Floor Plan, 1961
- Note:
- Pan-American Hydraulic Fracturing, 1967
 - Halls of Farming Machinery and Forest Products, 1961
 - Up and Down Sawmill (Chester, Pennsylvania)
 - Sawmill, 1963
 - Ground Floor Plan of Mining Hall
 - Museum of History and Technology Floor Plan, 1963
 - Electronic Microscope Panel
 - Cabinet Housing for Oil Map, circa 1964
 - Oil Map, 1964-1965 (3 drawings)
- Oversize Folder 3 Catalytic Polymerization, 1959
- Note:
- Hall of Mining Floor Plan, Ceiling Plan, Elevation and Details, 1959 (2 drawings)
 - Plan of Mining Hall Mezzanine (6 drawings)