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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

### Oversize

This collection contains oversize material.

### Preferred Citation

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### Use Restriction

Restricted for 15 years; until Jan-01-2024. Copyrighted material in Box 1 (Photograph of Buytl Rubber Manufacture Exhibition, Museum of History and Technology) and Box 2 (Hall of Coal: Scripts, circa 1960); see finding aid. Transferring office; 2/1/2011 memorandum, Johnstone to Jones; Contact reference staff for details.

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that document planning, development and production activities for the exhibitions *The Coke Push: A Centennial Portfolio of Industrial Art*, *Abandoned Mine Scenes*, *Lead and Zinc Mine Scenes of the Past*, *Labor Day*, *The United States Census, 1790-1960*, *The Changing American Farm, 1831-1981*, *The Clockwork Universe: German Clocks and Automata, 1550-1650*, as well as the halls of Heavy Machinery, Civil Engineering, Petroleum, Nuclear Energy, Power Machinery, Iron and Steel, Coal, Mining, Internal Combustion, Light Machinery, and Agriculture 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. 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 Extractive Industries, the Division of Manufacturing, the Division of Agriculture and Mining, the Division of Manufactures and Heavy Industries, and the Division of Mineral Technology. In addition are records documenting exhibition activities in the related sections of Organic Chemistry and Chemical Industries, plus some records from the Division of Transportation in regard to the Railroad Hall.

Staff represented in these records include curators John T. Schlebecker, Robert M. Vogel, and John H. White; Philip W. Bishop, Curator, and Chairman of the Department of Arts and Manufacturers; associate

curator John Nathan Hoffman; assistant curator G. Terry Sharrer; industrial specialist Lowell L. Henkel; and aid Aida M. Doyle, Section of Organic Chemistry.

Materials include correspondence, memoranda, and notes; proposals; budget summaries; press releases; scripts; object lists; brochures; floor plans; committee information; exhibition catalogs; opening invitations; speech papers; photographs and negatives; design layouts; production schedules; a contract; and drawings.

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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:

- Agriculture -- History
- Chemical engineering
- Clocks and watches
- Coal
- Committees
- Contracts
- Iron
- Mining engineering
- Museum curators
- Museum exhibits
- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Nuclear energy
- Petroleum
- Rubber
- Speeches, addresses, etc.
- Steel
- Textile fabrics

### Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white photographs
- Brochures
- Color photographs
- Drawings
- Exhibition catalogs
- Floor plans
- Manuscripts

### Names:

- Abandoned Mine Scenes (Exhibition) (1969: Washington, D.C.)
- Bishop, Philip W.
- Doyle, Aida M.
- Henkel, Lowell L.
- Hoffman, John Nathan
- Labor Day (Exhibition) (1973: Washington, D.C.)
- Lead and Zinc Mine Scenes of the Past (Exhibition) (1974: Washington, D.C.)
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.)
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Manufactures and Heavy Industries
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Agriculture
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Civil Engineering

Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Coal  
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Heavy Machinery  
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Internal Combustion  
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Iron and Steel  
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Light Machinery  
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  
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of Power Machinery  
Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Railroad Hall  
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.). Department of Arts and Manufactures  
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  
Schlebecker, John T.  
Sharrer, G. Terry  
The Changing American Farm, 1831-1981 (Exhibition) (1981-1982: Washington, D.C.)  
The Clockwork Universe: German Clocks and Automata, 1550-1650 (Exhibition) (1980-1981: Washington, D.C.)  
The Coke Push: A Centennial Portfolio of Industrial Art (Exhibition) (1968: Washington, D.C.)  
The United States Census, 1790-1960 (Exhibition) (1960: Washington, D.C.)  
United States National Museum  
United States National Museum. Division of Mineral Technology  
United States National Museum. Section of Chemical Industries  
United States National Museum. Section of Organic Chemistry  
Vogel, Robert M.  
White, John H., 1933-

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- *The Clockwork Universe* Exhibition: Floor Plan C, January 1980
- *The Clockwork Universe* Exhibition: Floor Plan, July 1980
- *The Clockwork Universe* Exhibition: Wall and Ramp Plan, July 1980
- *The Clockwork Universe* Exhibition: Elevations, July 1980
- *The Clockwork Universe* Exhibition: Wall Case Structure, Ramp, Niches, and Screen Openings, July 1980
- *The Clockwork Universe* Exhibition: Exhibit Case Details, July 1980
- *The Clockwork Universe* Exhibition: Carpet Plans and Specifications, July 1980
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