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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that document collections management, research, and professional activities of curators in the Division of the History of Technology, with earlier records dating back to when the division was known as 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 Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Division of Manufactures and Heavy Industries, and the Division of Industrial Cooperation at the National Museum of American History, which, prior to 1980, was known as the National Museum of History and Technology and the Museum of History and Technology, respectively. Records that date to when the museum was part of the United States National Museum document curatorial activities in the Division of Mineral Technology, as well as the related sections of Organic Chemistry and Manufacturers.

Staff represented in these records include curators G. Terry Sharrer, John T. Schlebecker, Frederick L. Lewton, Howard Irving Chapelle, Pete Daniel, Paula J. Johnson, Carl Weaver Mitman, and Chester Garfield Gilbert; Philip W. Bishop, Curator, and Chairman of the Department of Arts and Manufacturers; associate curators John Nathan Hoffman, Charles O. Houston, Edward C. Kendall, and Samuel S. Wyer; museum specialists Robert G. Walther and Thomas R. Wessel; aids Aida M. Doyle, Section of Organic Chemistry, and Mrs. E. W. Rosson, Division of Textiles; and collections manager Francis D. Roche.

Materials include correspondence, memoranda, and notes; proposals; grant information; reports; speech papers; publications; photographs and negatives; conference, symposium, and committee information; press releases; brochures; and drawings.

Names and Subject Terms

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- Agricultural machinery
- Agriculture -- History
- Chemical engineering
- Coal
- Committees
- Congresses and conventions
- Forest products
- Iron
- Mineral industries -- History
- Mining engineering
- Museum curators
- Museums -- Collections management
- Production engineering
- Research grants
- Speeches, addresses, etc.
- Steel

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- Black-and-white negatives
- Black-and-white photographs
- Brochures
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- Manuscripts

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- Bishop, Philip W.
- Chapelle, Howard Irving
- Daniel, Pete
- Doyle, Aida M.
- Gilbert, Chester Garfield
- Hoffman, John Nathan, 1923-
- Houston, Charles O. (Charles Orville), 1918-2001
- Johnson, Paula J., 1954-
- Kendall, Edward C.
- Lewton, Frederick L. (Frederick Lewis), 1874-1959
- Mitman, Carl Weaver, 1889-
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.)
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Forest Products
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Industrial Cooperation
- Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Division of Manufactures and Heavy Industries
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 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
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