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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
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Descriptive Entry

These records consist of architectural drawings of the National Museum of American History, mostly of its interior, and floor plans of exhibitions at the Museum. Some exhibition floor plans document the exhibitions *Nation of Nations*, *Engines of Change*, and *Pain and Its Relief*. In addition there are architectural proposals to the exhibition *Land of Promise: American in the 19th Century*, which never materialized. These records were maintained by Robert H. Norton, Chief of Exhibits Production, 1986-1994.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Historical museums
Museum exhibits

Types of Materials:

Architectural drawings
Drawings
Floor plans

Names:

Engines of Change: The American Industrial Revolution, 1790-1860 (Exhibition) (1986: Washington, D.C.)
Land of Promise: America in the 19th Century (Proposed exhibition)
Nation of Nations (Exhibition) (1976: Smithsonian Institution)

Norton, Robert H.
Pain and Its Relief (Exhibition) (1983: Washington, D.C.)

Container Listing

Oversize		
Oversize	Folder 1 Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Museum of History and Technology (MHT): Elevator Details, 1959• National Museum of History and Technology (NMHT) second thru fifth floor plans, 1978• First Floor Barracks at Ft. Belvoir: interior dimensions, 1973• Transparency of lower level, first floor, second floor, and third floor of NMHT; no date• NMAH Fluorescent Fixtures Plan• NMAH Light Pipe, Overhead Access• MHT, Palm Court Drawing• "Ceremonial Court" - Preliminary floor plan, March 17, 1988• Ceremonial courts - Case/vitrine drawings, January 18, 1989• Museum Shop Feasibility Study, 1982• Flexible Display Unit in the Hall of Health, 1955• NMHT Electrical Floor Plan, 1980• NMAH Reinstallation Plans: first and second floors• NMHT Floor Plans, 1978• HVAC Implementation Phase III (Project no. 883018A), 1991• Calder Foundation Plan, 1968• NMAH Conference Room Drawing, 1984• NMAH Master Coordinator Plan, ca. 1985• Drawing (proposal) of a new cafeteria and theater at NMAH, 1984• <i>A Nation of Nations</i> floor plan, 1973
Oversize	Folder 2 Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Engines of Change</i> floor plan, 1984• <i>Field to Factory</i> structural modifications, 1986• National Museum of American History (NMAH): Side view of Theatre Platform, elevation of railing, and graphic display for the exhibition <i>Pain Through the Ages</i>, 1983• NMAH, <i>Life in America</i> exhibition, 1985• NMHT, <i>A Nation of Nations</i> exhibition, 1975• <i>Personal Legacy: The Healing of a Nation</i>, 1992• <i>The Clock Work Universe</i> - Floor plan - Electrical, July 11, 1980
Oversize	Folder 3 Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Land of Promise: America in the 19th Century</i>, 1993• <i>Land of Promise: America in the 19th Century</i>, 1994

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Folder 4
Notes:

- *Land of Promise: America in the 19th Century* - General Comments - Preliminary Design and Production Reviews, 1994
- *Land of Promise: America in the 19th Century* - Electrical and display case lighting plan, 1994
- *Land of Promise: America in the 19th Century*, 1992
- *Land of Promise: America in the 19th Century* - Type specifications, 1993