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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of the administrative and exhibit files of the National Portrait Gallery (NPG), Office of the Director. Most of the records date from 1982 to 1994, and document the tenure of Alan Fern, who became Director in 1982. The administrative files primarily concern the development of reports on NPG activities for central Smithsonian Institution publications such as *Smithsonian Year*.

The exhibit records document the Director's involvement in many aspects of exhibit development at NPG. The records include loan requests from the NPG Director and responses of lending individuals and organizations; agreements with lenders; exhibit scripts; catalog manuscripts; and press clippings. The files also contain correspondence and memoranda between Smithsonian and Museum staff, guest curators, museum professionals, interested scholars, and the public regarding exhibit planning and content, exhibit funding issues, and events associated with the exhibit.

In addition, there are files on the exhibit *Then and Now: American Portraits of the Past Century in the National Portrait Gallery*. The exhibit was originally developed at the behest of the United States Information Agency for mounting in China in September 1987, but was cancelled at a late date. Work on the exhibit was completed, however, and it was shown in Hong Kong and Japan in 1987 and 1988.

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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:

Art museum directors  
Art museums  
Museum exhibits  
Museum publications  
Museums -- Administration  
Portraits, American  
Traveling exhibitions

Types of Materials:

Brochures  
Clippings  
Manuscripts

Names:

Fern, Alan Maxwell, 1930-  
Then and Now: American Portraits from the Past Century (Exhibition) (1987: Sapporo, Japan)

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## Container Listing

### Box 1

- Box 1 of 3                      Activities Management Report, 1991-1994
- Box 1 of 3                      Activities Management Report, 1988-1990
- Box 1 of 3                      Smithsonian Year, 1994
- Box 1 of 3                      Smithsonian Year, 1993
- Box 1 of 3                      Smithsonian Year, 1992
- Box 1 of 3                      Smithsonian Year, 1991
- Box 1 of 3                      Smithsonian Year, 1990
- Box 1 of 3                      Contrasts: 40 Years of Change and Continuity in Puerto Rico (Jack Delano/  
Book), 1989
- Box 1 of 3                      State Department Diplomatic Reception Rooms, 1970-1979

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 3                      Old Hickory: A Life Sketch of Andrew Jackson (Exhibition), 11/9/1990 -  
1/20/1991
- Box 2 of 3                      The Five of Hearts (Exhibition), 6/9/1990 - 11/4/1990
- Box 2 of 3                      Icons of Invention: American Patent Models (Exhibition), 5/4/1990 - 6/3/1990
- Box 2 of 3                      Portraits of American Law (Exhibition), 10/13/1989 - 1/15/1990
- Box 2 of 3                      Oliphant's Presidents: 25 Years of Caricature (Exhibition), 4/6/1990 -  
11/25/1990
- Box 2 of 3                      The First Federal Congress: 1789-1791 (Exhibition), 3/2/1989 - 7/23/1989
- Box 2 of 3                      Noguchi (Exhibition), FY 1989
- Box 2 of 3                      American Colonial Portraits: 1700-1776 (Exhibits), FY 1988

Box 2 of 3 American Colonial Portraits (Symposium), 1987

Box 2 of 3 Perlman/Major (Exhibits), FY 1987

Box 2 of 3 Polaroid (Exhibits), FY 1987

Box 2 of 3 Indian Peace Medals (Exhibits), FY 1985

Box 2 of 3 Ulysses S. Grant (Exhibits), FY 1984

Box 2 of 3 Robert Cornelius (Exhibits), FY 1983

Box 2 of 3 On the Air (Exhibits), FY 1982

Box 3

Box 3 of 3 Then and Now: American Portraits of the Past Century in NPG (Exhibition/  
Sapporo and Tokyo, Japan Venues, 2 of 2), 1988

Box 3 of 3 Then and Now: American Portraits of the Past Century in NPG (Exhibition/  
Sapporo and Tokyo, Japan Venues, 1 of 2), 1988

Box 3 of 3 Then and Now: American Portraits of the Past Century in NPG (Exhibition/  
Hong Kong Venue), 1987-1988

Box 3 of 3 China Exhibition Planning (2 of 2) (Exhibition), 1986-1987

Box 3 of 3 China Exhibition Planning (1 of 2) (Exhibition), 1986-1987