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James Smithson Bicentennial Records, 1964-1966

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title:	James Smithson Bicentennial Records
Identifier:	Record Unit 142
Date:	1964-1966
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Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

In 1965 the Smithsonian observed the 200th anniversary of the birth of its founding benefactor, James Smithson. These records document planning for that event.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Anniversaries
Museums -- Administration

Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives
Black-and-white photographs
Clippings
Color photographs
Manuscripts

Names:

Smithson, James, 1765-1829
Smithsonian Institution -- Administration

Container Listing

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- Box 1 of 8 Bicentennial - James Smithson, photographs and negatives
- Box 1 of 8 Bicentennial - James Smithson
- Box 1 of 8 Bicentennial Story
- Box 1 of 8 Badge and mace, film, flags, gowns, medals, music, stamps, sketches, etc.
- Box 1 of 8 Smithsonian flags
- Box 1 of 8 Bicentennial book - outline
- Box 1 of 8 Press, TV, radio coverage for Bicentennial
- Box 1 of 8 Bicentennial publications (2 folders)
- Box 1 of 8 Bicentennial budget - general
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- Box 1 of 8 Bicentennial: Dinners, luncheons, receptions, teas
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- Box 6 of 8 Congratulatory Letters
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- Box 6 of 8 Bicentennial: Greetings from the American Chemical Society
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- Box 6 of 8 Bicentennial: Papers dealing with SI flag, banners, sketches, correspondence, etc.
- Box 6 of 8 Color Photographs of Bicentennial
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- Box 6 of 8 Bicentennial: Correspondence, plans for academic procession
- Box 6 of 8 Bicentennial: "Miscellaneous"
- Box 6 of 8 Bicentennial: Assorted papers on planning for Bicentennial
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- Box 7 of 8 Bicentennial: Correspondence and sketches dealing with Smithson and Hodgkins medals
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- Box 7 of 8 Bicentennial: General Correspondence, April 1964 to February 1966 (2 folders)
- Box 7 of 8 Bicentennial: Speakers and speeches
- Box 7 of 8 Bicentennial: Ladies' Advisory Committee

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- Box 8 of 8 Bicentennial: Greetings received on occasion of Smithson Bicentennial Celebration (2 folders)

Oversize

- Oversize Bicentennial: Greetings received on occasion of Smithson Bicentennial Celebration