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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

These records consist of curatorial correspondence and memoranda pertaining to acquisitions, collections management, restoration of specimens, and exhibition proposals and installation. Also included are public inquiries concerning exhibits, political campaign items, presidential information, American politicians, and inaugural gowns of the First Ladies; records documenting the Division of Political History's preparation of the States section for *1876: A Centennial Exhibition* at the Arts and Industries Building; exhibition photographs, scripts, and concepts for the Hall of American Costume, the First Ladies Hall, and the Hall of Historic Americans; documentation referring to plans for the Bicentennial of the American Revolution exhibit, *We the People*; subject files about the United States Presidents; and research notes of Herbert R. Collins for his publications *Presidents on Wheels*, *Threads of History*, and *Wills of the United States Presidents*.

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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:

Museum exhibits  
Politics and culture

### Types of Materials:

Black-and-white negatives

Black-and-white photographs  
Manuscripts

Names:

1876: A Centennial Exhibition (Exhibition) (1976: Washington, D.C.)  
American Revolution Bicentennial, 1776-1976  
Arts and Industries Building (Washington, D.C.)  
Collins, Herbert Ridgeway, 1932-  
Kidwell, Claudia Brush  
Klapthor, Margaret Brown  
Mayo, Edith  
Melder, Keith E.  
Murray, Anne Wood  
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Hall of Historic Americans  
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). First Ladies Hall  
National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Hall of American Costume  
Washburn, Wilcomb E.  
We the People (Exhibition) (1976: Washington, D.C.)

Preferred Titles:

*Presidents on Wheels*  
*Threads of History*  
*Wills of the United States Presidents*

## Container Listing

	Box 1	
Box 1 of 18		Reading Files, January 1973-June 1975
	Box 2	
Box 2 of 18		Reading Files, July 1975-November 1976, correspondence log
	Box 3	
Box 3 of 18		Reading Files, September 1977-July 1979
	Box 4	
Box 4 of 18		Public Inquiry Correspondence, 1973, 1974 (A-T)
	Box 5	
Box 5 of 18		Public Inquiry Correspondence, 1974 (U-Z), 1975, 1976 (A-E)
	Box 6	
Box 6 of 18		Public Inquiry Correspondence, 1977
	Box 7	
Box 7 of 18		Public Inquiry Correspondence, 1976 (F-Z)
	Box 8	
Box 8 of 18		Public Inquiry Correspondence, 1978
	Box 9	
Box 9 of 18		Political History Files: Exhibits correspondence and scripts, specialized studies concerning presidential clothing, White House pets, Red Cross ambulance, Copper Family portraits, time capsules, American Bicentennial, television debates, the "teddy bear", United States Capitol and Capitol furnishings, Jackson frog, historical pens, hound dog, pastimes of the Presidents and presidential campaigns.
	Box 10	
Box 10 of 18		Political History Files: Copies of patents of political campaign objects, American eagle, Statue of Liberty, 'Uncle Sam', Iranian hostages, Liberty Bell, torch lights used at political campaign parades, ballot boxes, and Independence Day.
	Box 11	

Box 11 of 18                      Presidents and Presidential Candidates, 1789-1865. Includes correspondence, published articles, and other material pertaining to past U.S. Presidents.

Box 12

Box 12 of 18                      Presidents and Presidential Candidates, 1865-1964. Includes correspondence, published articles, and other material pertaining to past U.S. Presidents.

Box 13

Box 13 of 18                      Presidents and Presidential Candidates: Various correspondence and published articles, 1968-1972; political campaign audiovisual; political campaign slogans; photographs, cartoons, artwork, and reports concerning political campaigns; Women's history; political campaign music, techniques, and party history.

Box 14

Box 14 of 18                      Herbert R. Collin's research file for *Presidents on Wheels* (1968)

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Box 15 of 18                      Includes Herbert R. Collin's working files for the State's sections of the 1876 Centennial exhibition at the Arts and Industries Building

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*Threads of History* Research Notes and Correspondence

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Box 18 of 18	Policy and Administration
Box 18 of 18	Permissions
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Box 18 of 18	Cooper-Hewitt Museum
Box 18 of 18	Seidman
Box 18 of 18	Mastai, Boleslaw
Box 18 of 18	Negatives and Prints
Box 18 of 18	Publication Response
Box 18 of 18	Reviews
Box 18 of 18	Welch, Frankie