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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This record unit contains some information on post-World War II exhibition planning at the Smithsonian. However, in the main, they document the involvement of the Office of the Director in exhibition planning at the Museum of History and Technology (MHT) from its creation in 1957 through 1965. Directors represented in this collection include Frank A. Taylor (1958-1964) and John Canfield Ewers (1964-1965).

Records contain information on the planning of exhibitions for a new Museum of History and Technology and their subsequent installation and modification, as well as Museum exhibits in the Arts and Industries Building. They track efforts to select contractors, choose exhibition items, and plan and construct exhibition halls. Records of the Director's dealings with Smithsonian administrators and colleagues are also included.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Historical museums
- Museum directors
- Museum exhibits
- Museums -- Administration
- Science museums

Types of Materials:

Architectural drawings
Black-and-white photographs
Brochures
Clippings
Color photographs
Floor plans
Manuscripts

Names:

Arts and Industries Building (Smithsonian Institution, Washington)
Ewers, John C. (John Canfield), 1909-1997
Taylor, Frank A. (Frank Augustus), 1903-2007

Geographic Names:

United States -- History

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