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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

John H. White, Jr., (1933-), historian and museum curator, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated with a B.A. in history from Miami University, Ohio, in 1958. Shortly after receiving his degree, White joined the staff of the Smithsonian Institution as Assistant Curator for the Division of Transportation, Department of Science and Technology, in the Museum of History and Technology. White later became Associate Curator of the Division, 1961-1966, Curator, 1967-1985, and Senior Historian, 1986-1989. During these years the Division of Transportation was under the Department of Industries, 1969-1977, and the Department of the History of Technology, 1978-1979, in the National Museum of History and Technology; and part of the Department of the History of Science and Technology, National Museum of American History, after 1980. White specialized in land transportation, particularly the history of railroads.

Descriptive Entry

These papers consist mainly of correspondence that documents activities of John H. White, Jr., as Curator and Senior Historian of the Division of Transportation, and includes some correspondence documenting the years White was editor of *Railroad History*. In addition are desk calendars noting important meetings and various other agendas.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Railroads -- History

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Transportation

National Museum of History and Technology (U.S.). Department of Science and Technology

White, John H., 1933-

Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 2 Reading Files, July 1, 1971 thru December 30, 1981 (20 folders)

Box 2

Box 2 of 2 Reading Files, January 19, 1982 thru December 28, 1989 (10 folders)