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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

The American Association of Museums (AAM) was established in 1905. Its mission as described in its constitution is to promote the welfare of museums, to increase and diffuse knowledge of all matters relating to museums, and to encourage helpful relations among museums and those interested in them. The association is governed by a board of trustees, a president, an executive committee, and a council. The committees of the association include public relations, nonprint media, curators, education, small museum, security, opportunities for minorities, credentials, and one concerned with the handicapped.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

These records comprise the working files of the American Association of Museums. They include correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes, proceedings, copies of *Museum News*, 1931-1962; copies of *Museum Work*, 1919-1925; and many other publications and guides relating to museums in the United States and around the world. There are also records relating to the AAM Commission on Museums for a New Century, which sponsored a number of colloquiums and educational projects for museum professionals in the early 1980s.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Museums
Professional associations

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts
Serials (publications)

Names:

American Association of Museums. Commission on Museums for a New Century

Preferred Titles:

Museum News (Serial)
Museum Work

Container Listing

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**General Correspondence, arranged alphabetically by subject,
1960-1968**

Accessioning and Cataloguing, 1960 - Associated Council of the Arts.
Includes an American Historical Association pamphlet, 1906.

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Association of American Dance Companies - College and University
Museums

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Columbia (Howard County Development) - Education in Museums
(Smithsonian Conference, August 1966)

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Education (Sketch proposals for Studies in Museum education) - HEW
(Office of Vocational Rehabilitation - Blind Services)

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Herbariums - Museums (General)

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Museums in United States Trust Territories - Outdoor Museums

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Packaging Works of Art - School (Related Programs)

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Science Museums - Wax Museums

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Youth Corps in Museums - Zoos

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General Correspondence, A-Z, 1906, 1950-1968

Accreditation (British Museum Association) - AAM Publication. Includes the
agenda and minutes of the Executive Committee, 1956, 1960-1968; minutes
of the first AAM meeting, May 15-16, 1906, with list of AAM presidents.

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AAM Regional Conferences - Final Report on a Museums Documentation Center to AAM, July 1960. Includes 1965 trustees meeting; proceedings of Belmont Conference, 1967; exhibition catalogue of AAM exhibition at the Industrial Exposition of Modern Decoration and Industrial Art, Paris, 1925.

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Kyran McGrath, records: Memoranda of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, 1967-1968

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Kyran McGrath, records: Includes photographs, information on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and the Children's Museum.

AAM Survey Files - National Science Foundation (science museums)

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National Science Foundation; Guidelines for the Improvement in Wealth - Data and estimates, 1965; White House Conference on the Arts, 1965

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Proceedings and Session Reports of AAM: Vol. 1, 1907; Vol. 4, 1910; Vol. 6, 1912; Vol. 8, 1914

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Museum Work, AAM: May 1919; December 1919; January 1920; January 1921; February 1921; March 1921; July-August 1921; September-October 1921; November-December 1921; January-February 1922; May-June 1922; January-February 1925; September-October 1925

Miscellaneous AAM Publications; Who's Who. . . AAM, 1933; List of Officers and Members of AAM, 1928; Obituary of William Powell Wilson

Minutes of AAM Meetings: 1921-1922; 1924-1934

Minutes of AAM Council, Executive Committee, and Monthly Reports and Budget, 1924-1930

Minutes of AAM Council and Financial Reports, 1930-1954 (includes sporadic Executive Committee minutes)

Council Minutes, 1938-1948

Proceedings of the 1924 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Reports, 1939-1948

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1948-1949, 1951

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Museum News Letter: Vol. 1 (1917-1918)

The Museum News: Vol. 1 (1924) - Vol. 8 (1931)

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The Museum News: Vol. 9 (1931) - Vol. 15 (1938)

Museums for a New Century, circa 1982-1985

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Museums for a New Century. Includes briefing materials.

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AAM Council Files, January 1981 - June 1984

AAM Public Relations Committee

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AAM Curators Committee

AAM Education Committee

AAM Small Museum Committee

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ICOM Magazine

ICOM News, 1941

NEA Conservation Grant Summary

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Credentials Committee, Museum Store Association

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AAM Trustees Committee, 1977, 1984-1985. Includes budget material and Committee newsletter.

Trustee Membership Directory, n.d.

Trustee Membership Directory, 1983

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Proceedings of the AAM, Vols. I-XI (1907-1917)

AAM Annual Reports (summaries of reports), 1925-1958

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Museum Work: November 1919; June 1920; July-August 1921; November-December 1921; January-February 1922; September-October 1922; July-August 1923; November-December 1924; January-February 1925; March-April 1925; May-June 1925; July-August 1925

Programs for the Annual AAM Meetings: 1908, 1909, 1913, 1979

AAM Committee on Urban Museums, Meetings, 1971

Papers and Reports read at the 21st Annual Meeting, AAM, 1926

Program, 6th Annual Meeting of the Northeast Museums Conference of
AAM, 1952

AAM Museum Directory, United States and Canada: 1961, 1965, 1978/1979

Bulletin of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, *A Directory of American
Museums of Art, History, and Science*, compiled by Paul Marshall Rea, 1910

Proceedings of AAM, 1907-1909. Includes organization and minutes of the
1906 meeting.

Directory of Museums and Art Galleries in the British Isles, 1948

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Coleman, College and University Museums, 1942

Japanese Museums, 1967

Art Centers of the World, 1967

British Isles Public Museums, 1928

Problems of Contents, Didactics and Esthetics of Modern Museum
Exhibitions, 1978

Museums and Young People, 1952

The Problems of Museums in Countries Undergoing Rapid Change, 1962

Temporary and Traveling Exhibitions, 1963

Museums of India, 1936

Coleman, Museums in South America, 1929

Danish Museums, 1966

Mouseion, 1946 and n.d.

The Museums and Art Galleries of the British Isles, 1938

Museographie; Architecture and Management of Art Museums, Madrid, 1934

Guide to the Museums of Southern Africa, 1969

Directory of Asian-Pacific Museums, 1969, with 1971 Supplement

Key to the Museums of Sweden, 1960

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Mouseion: 1938; 1939 (nos. 3-4); January-June 1940; December 1945;
February-July 1946; November- December 1946

Coleman, Museums in South America, 1929

Museums and Handicapped Students, 1977

Coleman, The Museum in America, Vol. III, 1938

AAM, Museum Directory, 1971

Museum Accreditation: Professional Standards, 1973

American Museums Professional Tour of the People's Republic of China,
1972

China: Mansfield-Scott Trip, 1972

AAM Convention Proceedings, 1927

Minutes of the 1923 AAM Annual Meeting

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Coleman, Manual for Small Museums, 1927

Coleman, Historic House Museums, 1933

Notes and Records Regarding the Art Technical Section of the AAM, 1957

Arts and Education Bibliography, 1967

Chronological Correspondence Files, January-May 1972, January-May 1974,
May-November 1976

Goode, *Half-Century Book*

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Museum News: January 1, 15, 1959; February 15, 1959; March-June 1959;
September 1959; November 1959-June 1960; September 1960-June 1961;
Summer 1961-June 1962; September 1962-December 1962