

Title: World's Fair/Expositions Collection

Reference Code: Mss-2592

Inclusive Dates: 1876-1942

Quantity: 8.6 cu. ft.

Location: BV, Sh. 117, 125

Abstract: The World's Columbian Exposition took place in Chicago in 1893. The Fair commemorated the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival to the North American Continent in 1492. More than 27 million people from 46 countries attended the 600-acre fair. The United States hosted several smaller world's fairs throughout the 20th century at St. Louis (1904), Chicago (1933), New York City (1940), Buffalo (1901), San Francisco (1915 and 1940), and San Diego (1936). The collection also includes information on the Centennial celebration held in Philadelphia in 1876. The fairs attracted national and worldwide attention and featured numerous exhibits that concerned national companies, histories and looking toward the future.

Scope and Content: This collection includes books, guidebooks, albums, souvenir books, photographs, photograph booklets, exhibit information, brochures, and illustrated scenes concerning the expositions/fairs and the host cities.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English and German

Notes: Oversize and fragile items included in collection

Material added to the collection on March 1, 2019, by Tia Stenson: item donated by Louis G. DeGrace on September 16, 1940, old accession number 475 346/4 (M1940.333).

Arrangement:

Name	Box #	Folder #
"The Standard Guide to Chicago" by John Flinn 1893	1	
"World's Columbian Exposition Chicago" 1893	1	
Rand McNally's Handbook of the World's Columbian Exchange	1	
Rand McNally's A Week at the Fair" 1893	1	
"The Columbian Exposition" Book of building photographs	1	
"The Art Gallery Illustrated" by George Barrie 1893	1	
News, illustrations, maps, and guidebooks	1	1
"Martin's World's Fair Album-Atlas and family Souvenir Book"	1	2
Photo albums and photo booklets of the World's Columbian Exposition	1	3
"Shepp's World's Fair Photographed" 1893	1	4
Columbian Exposition exhibits	1	5

“Universal Exposition Photographs” St. Louis 1904	2	
St Louis World’s Fair official guides 1904	2	1
St. Louis World’s Fair souvenir album, maps, picture booklets 1904	2	2
San Francisco (1940), San Diego (1936), Buffalo (1901) World’s Fair	2	3
Chicago World’s Fair photographs and photo books 1933	2	4
Chicago World’s Fair brochures 1933	2	5
Chicago World’s Fair guidebooks 1933	2	6
Chicago World’s Fair exhibits 1933, Woman’s World Fair 1926	2	7
New York World’s Fair pamphlets, maps, news, exhibits, photo books	2	8
New York World’s Fair guidebooks 1939	2	9
Centennial State and Country brochures and guidebooks (1876-1936)	2	10
Panama-Pacific International postcards, picture booklet, and brochures	2	11
Panama-Pacific International Exposition souvenir books	2	12
Oversize Items	LOCATION	
“Photographs of the World’s Fair” 1894 (2 copies)	BV	125
“Portfolio of Photographs of the World’s Fair” Vol 1-11, 15, 17 English	BV	125
“Portfolio of Photographs of the World’s Fair” Vol 1-10, 14 German	BV	125
“World’s Columbian Exposition March” 1874	BV	125
“The Magic City: Original Photographs” Vol 1-18	BV	125
“Columbian Portfolio of Photographs” 1893	BV	125
“Prize History of the World’s Fair” 1892 (2 copies)	BV	125
“World’s Columbian Exposition Illustrated” 1492-1892	BV	125
“Shepp’s World’s Fair Photographed” 1893	BV	125
“Campbell’s Illustrated Monthly Chicago” 1893-94	BV	125
“Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Weekly” May 1893	BV	125
“The Dream City” World’s Fair Art Series Vol 2 1894	BV	125
“Die Meike Stadt” Fine Arts Series 1894	BV	125
“The Book of the Fair” Parts 1-25 1894	BV	125
“The History of the Fair: World’s Columbian Exchange” 1894	BV	125
“The American Republic” 1893	BV	125
“The World’s Fair in Colortypes & Monotones” 1904	BV	125
“Official World’s Fair in Pictures: Century of Progress” 1933	BV	117
“Marie Pinter Travelogue: New York World’s Fair” 1940	BV	117
“Gedebkblätter für das Goldene Buch der Deutschen in Amerika 1904	BV	117
“Frank Leslie’s Historical Register of the Centennial Exposition” 1876	BV	117
“Milwaukee and Wisconsin Exposition” 1936	BV	117
Glass Plate Negatives		
2 Boxes (Not all apply to Exposition)	BV	117