

World's Columbian Exposition Catalog Collection

MSS 172

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History

Held to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in the Americas, the World's Columbian Exhibition was held in 1893 in Chicago. Over 600 acres in size and containing over 200 exhibit halls, the fairgrounds were located in the southern part of Chicago. The Exposition, or World's Fair had participation from 46 countries and over 27 million people attended during the exposition's 6-month run. The fair was a major cultural event that spotlighted industrial innovations, consumer goods and new forms of entertainment. Notable firsts for the 1893 Columbian Exhibition included the Ferris Wheel, electric appliances, commemorative coins from the U.S. Mint and such food innovations as Cracker Jack, Shredded Wheat, Quaker Oats, the hamburger and Pabst "Blue Ribbon" beer. Canton boat builder J.H. Rushton exhibited a number of his boats at the world's fair.

Scope and Content

The collection contains catalogues and brochures from several of the exposition pavilions as well as books and magazine articles pertaining to the fair.

Additional Resources

Magazine articles on the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition can be found in Harper's Weekly and New Monthly Magazine in the Frederic Remington Collection, MSS 8, boxes 12, 13, 14, 25 & 26

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	Brochure—"The World's Fair of 1893" by Stu Wilson, St. Lawrence County Historical Association
	2	Official Catalogue of Exhibits on the Midway Plaisance, Department M—Ethnology
	3	Official Catalogue of Exhibits Department G—Transportation Building
	4	Official Catalogue of Exhibits Department K—Fine Arts
	5	The Singer Manufacturing Company Sewing Machines
	6	The Review of Reviews, February 1894—"World's Fair in Retrospect", pg. 198
	7	J.H. Rushton, Catalogue, Canoes, Pleasure and Hunting Boats (photocopy)
	Unfolded	Hill's Souvenir Guide to Chicago and the World's Fair
	Unfolded	<i>Century World's Fair Book for Boys and Girls</i>