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Guide to the Century of Progress International Exposition Collection 1933-1934



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.CENTURY
Title	Century of Progress International Exposition. Collection
Date	1933-1934
Size	0.25 linear feet (1 box)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	Souvenirs and photographs mostly related to the 1933-1934 Century of Progress International Exposition in Chicago, Illinois. The collection also includes an album of color photographs of the University of Chicago and a photograph of the Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, 1916.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Century of Progress International Exposition. Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note

The Century of Progress International Exposition took place in Chicago, Illinois from May 1933 to October 1934. Its exhibits and temporary architecture attracted tens of millions of visitors.

Scope Note

The Century of Progress International Exposition Collection contains souvenirs and print materials (postcards and a map) distributed at the exposition, as well as individual visitors' records of their experiences: the travel journal of Marian Haskell Engelhardt, a woman from Bismarck, North Dakota, and a book of photographs from the exposition belonging to William A. Griffith. Also in the collection are an early twentieth-century book of color photographs of the University of Chicago, and a photograph of the 1916 Panama Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

Browse finding aids by topic.

Century of Progress International Exposition Publications

Checklist of the Official Publications of the Century of Progress International Exposition and its Exhibitors

Century of Progress International Exposition Scrapbook

Century of Progress International Exposition Press Releases

Harold Louis McDowell Collection of Century of Progress

In addition to the holdings at the University of Chicago Library, significant Chicago-area collections are at the Chicago Architectural Foundation, the Chicago Historical Society, the Chicago Public Library, and the Newberry Library. The official set of organizational records of the Century of Progress Exposition is located at the Special Collections Department of the University of Illinois at Chicago Library.

Subject Headings

- Century of Progress International Exposition (1933-1934 : Chicago, Ill.)
- University of Chicago -- Pictorial works
- University of Chicago
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- Exhibitions -- Illinois -- Chicago -- History
- Chicago (Ill.) -- History -- 20th century
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INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Four color post card souvenir booklets, 1933

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Folder 2

Century of Progress souvenir cap, 1933

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Folder 3

Pieces for Century of Progress aerial view color jigsaw puzzle, some pieces missing, 1933

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Folder 4

University of Chicago souvenir color postcard album, undated

Box 1

Folder 5

Photograph of Panama Pacific International Exposition under construction, San Francisco, 1916

Box 2

Folder 1

Two Fort Dearborn “lucky penny” souvenir medallions, 1933; Century of Progress “Hollywood” flattened penny souvenir, 1933; box for souvenir ashtray from Chrysler Motor Exhibit, 1933

Box 2

Folder 2

Marian Haskell Engelhardt Travel Diary to the 1933 Chicago World’s Fair, Journal, July 15-25, 1933

Box 2

Folder 3

William A. Griffith Century of Progress Scrapbook, 1934

Folder OVRZ 1

“A Geographical Map of the Century of Progress Exposition Held in Chicago, Illinois 1933,” drawn by Tony Sarg, colored and printed by Lakeside Press