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# Guide to the World's Columbian Exposition Records 1891-1895



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## **Descriptive Summary**

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.EXPO1893
<b>Title</b>	World's Columbian Exposition. Records
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<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection includes documents and ephemera from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It includes photographs, newspaper clippings, reports, guides, and visitor memorabilia.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

This collection is open for research.

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## **Historical Note**

The World's Columbian Exposition, also known as the Chicago World's Fair, was organized in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's landing in America. The fairgrounds, open from May 1, 1893 until October 30, 1893, were designed by Frederick Law Olmstead and covered more than 630 acres in Jackson Park and the Midway Plaisance. Daniel Burnham oversaw the construction of nearly 200 new buildings for the fair, most of which were designed in the Beaux-Arts style. 27 million people visited the exhibition halls which displayed inventions in fields as diverse as mining, agriculture, and the liberal arts. Additional attractions included the world's first ferris wheel, daily concerts by John Philip Sousa's concert band, lectures delivered by Eadweard Muybridge, belly dancers on a simulated "Street of Cairo", Buffalo Bill Cody and his Wild West Show, and the Viking, a replica of the Norwegian Gokstad ship. It was also at the fair that the public was introduced to Juicy Fruit gum, Quaker Oats, Hershey's chocolate, the hamburger, and electric light, which illuminated the grounds and helped to garner them the title, The White City.

## **Scope Note**

The collection is divided into four series. Series I, Publication and Texts includes reports, guides, manuscripts and other documents produced by individuals and organizations associated with the exposition. Series II, Newspaper and Magazine Clippings, includes excerpts from outside publications about the fair. Series III contains invitations, tickets and other print ephemera and documentation of the fair.

Series IV, Photographs includes photographs by the Exposition's official photographer C.D. Arnold and by E. R. Walker, and 48 pages from *The White City (as it was)*... The artist who made these pictures is... W.H. Jackson... *Chicago and Denver: The White City Art Company*, c. 1894, a set of 80 photographs in 20 parts, with descriptive text by Stanley Wood.

## **Related Resources**

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

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Photographs by C.D. Arnold and E.R. Walker have been digitized and are available in the University of Chicago Photographic Archive:

<http://photoarchive.lib.uchicago.edu>

## **Subject Headings**

- Arnold, C.D. (Charles Dudley), b. 1844
- Walker, E.R.
- World's Columbian Exhibition (1893: Chicago, Ill.)
- Chicago (Ill.) -- Exhibitions

## **INVENTORY**

### **Series I: Publications and Texts**

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 1**

Bretonière, Sailing Flight, from Observations made at Constantine, Algeria, holograph essay with annotations on experiments in aerial flight, undated

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 2**

Pamphlets and reports, 1891-1893

- Committee on Grounds and Buildings, August 31, 1891
- World's Congress Auxiliary, undated

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 3**

World's Columbian Exposition. The Javanese Theatre, Java Village, Midway Plaisance, World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893: Containing Also a Short Description of Java, the People, Languages, Customs, Food, Products, Etc. Chicago: Java Chicago Exhibition Syndicate, 1893

View digitized documents. <http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/expo1893-0001-003>

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 4**

Official Guide, World's Columbian Exposition, 1893

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 5**

World's Fair through a Camera: Snap Shots by an Artist, 1893

#### **Box 1**

##### **Folder 6**

Chicago Illustrated Martin's World's Fair Album- Atlas and Family Souvenir, 1892

#### **Box 2**

##### **Folder 1**

Department of Publicity and Promotion, foreign language press releases, 1892

#### **Box 2**

##### **Folder 2**

"World's Columbia Exposition Illustrated," April 1893

#### **Box 2**

##### **Folder 3**

"Supplement to the Columbian Serial" Prints, 1894

#### **Box 2**

##### **Folder 4**

"World's Fair Notes," undated

#### **Box 2**

**Folder 5**

"The Youth's Companion World's Fair Number," 1893

**Series II: Newspaper and Magazine Clippings**

**Box 2**

**Folder 6**

Newspaper souvenir prints and supplements

- Chicago Evening Post souvenir prints of Columbus, undated
- Chicago Daily Tribune, souvenir poster, October 21, 1892
- The Inter Ocean, Illustrated Supplement, October 22, 1892

**Box 2**

**Folder 7**

"Building Our Great Fair," Harper's Weekly, September 17, 1892

**Box 2**

**Folder 8-**

The Standard, Chicago, clippings, 1892-1893

**Box 3**

**Folder 1**

Clippings on Social Reform

**Series III: Documentation and Memorabilia**

**Box 4**

**Folder 1-1a**

Invitations to the Comte de Balincourt, General of the French Pavilion

**Box 4**

**Folder 2**

Customs agreement for the "German Empire" exhibition

**Box 4**

**Folder 3**

Visitor's Guide, Swiss Village

**Box 4**

**Folder 4**

Postcard

**Box 4**

**Folder 5**

Performance Brochure

**Box 4**

**Folder 6**

Event Listings

**Box 4**

**Folder 7**

Admissions Ticket

**Box 4**

**Folder 8**

Ground Floor Plan, Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building

**Box 4**

**Folder 9**

Receipts, S.J. Tellery and Co.

**Box 4**

**Folder 10**

Print Ephemera

**Series IV: Photographs**

**Subseries 1: C.D. Arnold**

**Box 5**

**Folder 1**

Interior Women's Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 2**

West from Roof of Liberal Arts Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 3**

Arts Building from Wooded Island

**Box 5**

**Folder 4**

Interior Manufacturer's Building, October 22, 1892

**Box 5**

**Folder 5**

South West from Roof of Liberal Arts Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 6**

Horticultural Building Dome

**Box 5**

**Folder 7**

Looking West from Café de Marine

**Box 5**

**Folder 8**

Looking West on South Side of Grand Basin

**Box 5**

**Folder 9**

South End Manufactures Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 10**

Art Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 11**

South Entrance Fisheries Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 12**

Machinery Hall

**Box 5**

**Folder 13**

Looking West on Grand Basin

**Box 5**

**Folder 14**

Lagoon, Looking South

**Box 5**

**Folder 15**

The Café de Marine

**Box 5**

**Folder 16**

Lagoon and West Side Manufactures Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 17**

Mines and Mining Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 18**

Cold Storage Building Fire

**Box 5**

**Folder 19**

Administration Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 20**

North West from Liberal Arts Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 21**

Liberal Arts Building from Wooded Island

**Box 5**

**Folder 22**

Manufactures Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 23**

Manufactures and Liberal Arts Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 24**

Electricity Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 25**

Loggia, Women's Building

**Box 5**

**Folder 26**

Java Village, on the Midway

**Box 5**

**Folder 27**

In the Esquimix Village

**Box 5**

**Folder 28**



Japanese Ho-o-den

**Box 5**

**Folder 29**

Japanese Tea Garden

**Box 5**

**Folder 30**

Japanese Boat

**Box 6**

**Folder 1**

The German Village on the Midway

**Box 6**

**Folder 2**

German Gates in Manufacturs Building

**Box 6**

**Folder 3**

Norway Building

**Box 6**

**Folder 4**

Old Vienna on the Midway

**Box 6**

**Folder 5**

Guatemala Building

**Box 6**

**Folder 6**

India Building

**Box 6**

**Folder 7**

Egyptian Temple on the Midway

**Box 6**

**Folder 8**

A Gondola

**Box 6**

**Folder 9**

Naval Exhibit

**Box 6**

**Folder 10**

A Caraval

**Box 6**

**Folder 11**

California State Building

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**Folder 12**

Cliff Dwellers

**Box 6**

**Folder 13**

Boone and Crockett Club House

**Box 6**

**Folder 14**

The Peristyle and Arch, Looking Northeast

**Box 6**

**Folder 15**

Convent of La Rabida

**Box 6**

**Folder 16**

Untitled

**Box 6**

**Folder 17**

Group on Colonnade

**Box 6**

**Folder 18**

Statue of the Republic

**Box 6**

**Folder 19**

Under the Ferris Wheel

**Box 6**

**Folder 20**

Detail of the Columbian Fountain

**Box 6**

**Folder 21**

Columbian Fountain and Machinery Hall

**Box 6**

**Folder 22**

Columbian Fountain

**Box 6**

**Folder 23**

Famer's Boy

**Box 6**

**Folder 24**

Looking North from East End of the Colonnade

**Box 6**

**Folder 25**

The Peristyle and Arch

## **Subseries 2: E.R. Walker**

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**Folder 1**

Agricultural Building

**Box 7**

**Folder 2**

Agricultural Building

**Box 7**

**Folder 3**

Untitled  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 4**  
Arts Building  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 5**  
Arts Building  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 6**  
Untitled  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 7**  
Untitled  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 8**  
Columbia Fountain  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 9**  
Columbus Statue  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 10**  
Convent of La Rabidia  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 11**  
Court of Honor  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 12**  
Court of Honor  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 13**  
Untitled Sculpture  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 14**  
Fisheries Building  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 15**  
Untitled  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 16**  
Horticultural Building  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 17**  
Illinois State Building  
**Box 7**  
**Folder 18**  
Untitled

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**Folder 19**

Machinery Hall

**Box 7**

**Folder 20**

Untitled

**Box 7**

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**Folder 22**

Untitled

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**Folder 23**

Ferris Wheel

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Feristyle

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**Folder 25**

Untitled

**Box 7**

**Folder 26**

Untitled

**Box 7**

**Folder 27**

Untitled

**Box 7**

**Folder 28**

Statue of the Republic

**Box 7**

**Folder 29**

Untitled

**Box 7**

**Folder 30**

Womans Building

### **Subseries 3: General**

**Box 8**

"Chicago World's Columbian Exhibition," bound album

**Box 9**

**Folder 1**

Assorted Pictures

**Box 9**

**Folder 2**

"World's Fair Photographs," bound album

## **Subseries 4: William Henry Jackson, The White City (as it was)...**

### **Box 10**

#### **Folder 1**

Covers and fragments

- Cover to part 1
- Back cover (to unidentified part)
- Cover and title page to: Jackson's Famous Pictures (of the World's Fair), 1895

### **Box 10**

#### **Folder 2**

Part 1

- The White City (As It Was) (introductory text)
- MacMonnies' Fountain, from Grand Plaza
- Peristyle and the Water Gate, from Grand Basin
- The Administrative Building, from the South East
- Government Building and Wooded Island

### **Box 10**

#### **Folder 3**

Part 2

- The Story of the White City (introductory text)
- Agriculture Building, from Colonnade
- General View, from the Lake (2 copies)
- Fire Boat and Agriculture Building
- View South East from the Illinois Building (2 copies)

### **Box 10**

#### **Folder 4**

Part 3

- The Fisheries Building
- La Rabida, from South West Side
- Interior of Woman's Building
- Main Entrance of Woman's Building

### **Box 10**

#### **Folder 5**

Part 4

- Golden Door of Transportation Building
- Choral Hall, from Wooded Island
- Machinery Hall, from Colonnade

### **Box 10**

#### **Folder 6**

Part 5

- Horticultural Building, from Wooden Island
- West View of Manufactures Building
- Interior of Music Hall

### **Box 10**

#### **Folder 7**

Part 6

- The Caravels from the Bridge (2 copies)
- The Obelisk and Grand Vista North from Colonnade
- The Woman's Building
- View from Balcony of Woman's Building
- State Buildings of Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania

**Box 10**

**Folder 8**

Part 7

- Mining and Electricity Buildings, from Transportation Building
- Manufactures and Electricity Buildings, from Squatter's Hut
- North Lagoon, from Mining Building
- View North, between Manufactures and Electricity Buildings

**Box 10**

**Folder 9**

Part 9

- East Façade of Machinery Hall

**Box 10**

**Folder 10**

Part 10

- Electricity Building and Fountain
- Transportation Building, from Wooded Island
- Electricity Building, looking South West
- Looking South between Electricity and Mining Buildings
- Machinery Hall, from North East

**Box 10**

**Folder 11**

Part 11

- Looking North between Mines and Electricity Buildings
- Interior of Electricity Building

**Box 10**

**Folder 12**

Part 12

- Chicago Day
- Statue of Plenty
- Statute of Industry

**Box 10**

**Folder 13**

Part 17

- The Immense Crowd