Preliminary Guide to the Richard Fisher Panama Canal Collection

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## Collection Overview

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<th>Repository:</th>
<th>Archives Center, National Museum of American History</th>
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<td>Creators:</td>
<td>Fisher, Richard, Mrs. Fisher, Richard</td>
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<td>Title:</td>
<td>Richard Fisher Panama Canal Collection</td>
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<td>Dates:</td>
<td>1902-1968</td>
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<td>Quantity:</td>
<td>5 cubic feet, 3 boxes</td>
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<td>Abstract:</td>
<td>The Fisher Collection of Panama Canal materials contains materials collected by Richard Fisher, who lived in the Panama Canal Zone during its construction. Materials include books and pamphlets, stereographs, postcards, and panoramic photographs detailing the construction and history of the Panama Canal.</td>
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<td>Language:</td>
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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Mrs. Richard Fisher in 1977 to the Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (now the Division of Work and Industry).

### Provenance Information

The collection was transferred to the Archives Center in 2007.

### Processing Information

This collection is unprocessed. Preliminary inventory created by Meghan Ryan, intern, 2014.

### Preferred Citation

Richard Fisher Collection of Panama Canal Materials, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

### Ownership & Literary Rights

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Scope and Content Note

The collection contains stereographs and postcards relating to the construction of the Panama Canal; typescripts of letters sent from Panama during the 1940s; legislative documents; panoramic photographs detailing the Panama Canal's landscape; photographs of buildings; and books and pamphlets discussing the history of the Panama Canal.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series, but unarranged thereunder.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Canals
- Dams--Panama
- Locks and dams

Types of Materials:
- Books

Names:
- Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of (NMAH, SI).
- Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI.

Geographic Names:
- Canal Zone
- Panama Canal (Panama)
Container Listing

Box 1  Postcards, images of construction of the Panama Canal, 1906-1914
Box 1  Postcards, images of people and places in Panama, 1909-1912, undated
Box 1  Large postcards, scenes of Panama and of the Canal, undated
Box 1  Photographs, 1909
  2 photographs ; panoramic
Box 1  Book, The Canal Diggers in Panama, 1928
Box 1  Book of poetry, Panama Patchwork, by James S. Gilbert
Box 1  Book, Yearbook, Society of the Chagres, 1913
Box 1  Book, The Panama Canal Societies of the United States, souvenir yearbook and directory, 1947
Box 1  Book, Official Handbook of the Panama Canal, 1913
Box 1  Book, Official Handbook of the Panama Canal, 1915
Box 1  Book, The Panama Canal: The World's Greatest Engineering Feat, undated
Box 2  Book, The Story of Panama by Gause and Carr (typed manuscript entitled "Excerpts from Sterling's Letters"), 1912
Box 2  Book, The Makers of the Panama Canal and Representative Men of the Panama Republic, 1911
Box 2  Book, The Panama Canal, by Frederic J. Haskin, 1913
Box 2  Panama Canal construction, 1904-1913
  60 stereographs
Box 2  Book, Panama and the Canal in Picture and Prose, by Willis J. Abbot, 1914
Box 2  Hearings Before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Interocceanic Canals of the United States Senate, 1902
Box 2  Book, Souvenir of the Panama Canal, undated
Box 2  Book, The Panama Canal, Funnel for World Commerce, undated
Box 2  Book, The Panama Canal, Funnel for World Commerce, 1958 March 11
Box 3  Photographs, one of the Canal Administration Building, the other depicting Cathedral Plaza from City Hall, undated
  2 photographs
Box 3

Panoramic photograph depicting the Culebra Cut, undated

1 photograph; rolled