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ARCHIVES Finding Aid

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Articles of Incorporation 1914 & 1936

Descriptive Summary

Collection ID: A 2018.10

Repository: Boston Children's Museum Archives

Title: Articles of Incorporation

Creator(s): BCM Officers and State of Massachusetts

Dates: 1914 & 1936

Extent: .04 linear feet; 2 pieces of paper in 1 folder

Language of Materials: English

Abstract: The two documents are the Articles of Incorporation filed by Boston Children's Museum for the State of Massachusetts. These records authorized the Museum as a not for profit institution operating in the State of Massachusetts as well as established the name of the Museum.

Conditions of Access and Use

Conditions Governing Access: Collection is open for research. Researchers must sign a permission form to use the collection.

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Citation: [Item], Articles of Incorporation, Boston Children's Museum Archives, Boston, MA.

Acquisition Information

Provenance & Custodial History: The two documents were created from their filing with the State of Massachusetts by officers of Boston Children's Museum. They were held in the Museum in an unknown office until transferred to the Collections between 2011 and 2015. In May 2018, the two documents officially became part of the Archives.

Transfer: Transferred to the Collections between 2011 and 2015 from unknown department as office space was being cleaned.

Accruals: No accruals are expected, unless changes are to be made for Boston Children’s Museum.

Background Information

Organizational Note: Founded in 1913 by the Science Teachers' Bureau, Boston Children’s Museum serves children, families, and educators, as a nonprofit educational institution. In its earliest years, the Museum provided resources for teachers and students, as a center for the exchange of materials and ideas to advance the teaching of science. Throughout the years and to the present day, the Museum’s exhibitions focus on science, culture, environmental awareness, health & fitness, and the arts. In addition to exhibitions, Museum educators develop numerous programs and activities that address literacy, performing arts, science and math, visual arts, cultures, and health and wellness. The Museum is also one of the few children’s museums in the world to maintain a collection. The Museum’s collections of Americana, Natural History, Global Culture, Native American, Dolls and Dollhouses, and Japanese artifacts encompass more than 50,000 items.

Collection Information

Scope and Content: The two documents are the Articles of Incorporation filed by Boston Children’s Museum for the State of Massachusetts. These records authorized the Museum as a not for profit institution operating in the State of Massachusetts as well as established the name of the Museum. The 1914 document contains the officers that filed the document with the State. It also includes the original purpose and name of the Museum, along with the state employee who signed the document. For the 1936 document, it shows the change of the Museum’s name and the state employee who signed the document.

Arrangement: The documents are arranged in chronological order.

Processing Information

Processed by: Brittany Contratto, May 15, 2018.

Rules or Conventions of Finding Aid: Prepared following Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)