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# ARCHIVES Finding Aid

**Accession #:**  
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## Scrapbook Collection Inclusive, 1913-1966

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### Descriptive Summary

**Collection ID:** A 2019.4

**Repository:** Boston Children's Museum Archives

**Title:** Scrapbook Collection

**Creator(s):** Museum staff created the scrapbooks as a composite of various local newspaper articles.

**Dates:** Inclusive: 1913-1966

**Extent:** 7 linear feet; 18 boxes; 19 volumes

**Language(s) of Materials:** English

**Abstract:** The scrapbooks in this collection have articles pasted in them, including local newspaper articles, articles from the Museum magazine *Our Hobbies*, and programs from lectures or activities. They document happenings at the Museum and include information about the staff, building location, programs, activities, exhibits, interaction with schools, field trips, and fundraising efforts.

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### Conditions of Access and Use

**Conditions Governing Access:** Collection is open for research.

**Physical Access:** Many of the scrapbooks are very fragile. Some of the bindings have red rot and many of the pages are acidic due to the newspaper and glue. They must be handled minimally and carefully.

**Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use:** Copyright in some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s). For further information contact Boston Children's Museum Archives.

**Citation:** Item, Folder, Box, Scrapbook Collection, Boston Children's Museum Archives, Boston, MA.

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### Acquisition Information

**Provenance:** Items in this collection were found for the Centennial. Their whereabouts before that are unknown.

**Accruals:** No accruals are expected.

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## 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.

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## Collection Information

**Scope and Content:** The Scrapbook Collection contains 19 bound volumes. These books have articles pasted in them, including local newspaper articles, articles from the Museum magazine *Our Hobbies*, and programs from lectures or activities. Almost all of these scrapbooks were created by staff at the Museum, although the identities of the staff members are unknown. One scrapbook was created by the Junior Museum Council. The scrapbooks are from the early years of the Museum, and include articles from 1913-1966. They document happenings at the Museum as recorded by journalists, and include information about the staff, building location, programs, activities, exhibits, interaction with schools, field trips, and fundraising efforts.

**Arrangement:** The scrapbooks were placed in boxes in loosely chronological order.

**Other Relevant Collections:** The Ledger Book Collection and Image Collection.

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## Processing Information

**Processed by:** Caroline Turner, 2019.

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

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## Contents Inventory

### Box 148

<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook #1</i>	<i>1913-1920</i>

### Box 149

<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook #2</i>	<i>1920-1923</i>

### Box 150

<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook #3</i>	<i>1924-1928</i>

### Box 151

<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook #4</i>	<i>1928-1931</i>
<b>Box 152</b>	
<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1928-1940</i>
<b>Box 153</b>	
<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1936-1943</i>
<b>Box 154</b>	
<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook (lectures)</i>	<i>1937-1941</i>
<b>Box 155</b>	
<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1940-1942</i>
<b>Box 156</b>	
<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1942-1945</i>
<b>Box 157</b>	
<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1954-1960</i>
<b>Box 158</b>	
<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1960</i>
<b>Box 159</b>	
<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1961</i>
<b>Box 160</b>	
<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1961</i>
<b>Box 161</b>	
<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1962</i>
<b>Box 162</b>	
<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1962</i>

**Box 163**

<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1963-1966</i>

**Box 164**

<i>Folder Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook of J.M.C. (Junior Museum Council)</i>	<i>1960</i>
<i>Undated Scrapbook</i>	<i>Undated</i>

**Box 168**

<i>Titles</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<i>Scrapbook</i>	<i>1914-1929</i>