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Archive

"Explore the Archives of Science, Culture, Art, and History"

The Smithsonian Institution Archives preserves and shares the history of the institution, from its inception in 1846 to the present, showcasing its people, programs, research, and stories, promoting understanding of its role in American history and scientific exploration.



- Documents over 175 years of Smithsonian history, covering major exhibitions, discoveries, public outreach programs, and significant contributions to science, culture, and education.
- Provides insight into the development of notable Smithsonian museums, such as the National Museum of American History, National Museum of Natural History, and National Air and Space Museum.

MISSION

- "Preserves the Smithsonian Institution's historical records, documenting the evolution of its museums, research centers, and programs.
- Supports the Smithsonian's mission by making records accessible for research, education, and public interest.

WHAT THEY DO ?

The Smithsonian Archives provides a vast digital repository of historical records, photographs, and documents for public access. It also offers research and public access to materials for researchers, historians, and the general public. The archives also engages in educational initiatives, including online exhibits and public lectures. They also implement advanced conservation techniques and digitize collections. The archives also maintain oral histories and interviews with staff.

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- Holds a diverse collection of documents, including institutional records, personal papers of Smithsonian staff, scientific research notes, field books, and publications.
- Features photographs, audio and video recordings, and oral histories that capture the history of the Smithsonian and its role in American culture.

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