

George M. Cheston Records

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Summary Information

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Biography/History

George M. Cheston was President of the Corporation from 1968 to 1977, a very active period for the Museum. During his presidency were installed the Student Center, a new restaurant, and new air-

conditioning facilities. In addition, preparations for the Museum's Centennial took place. Financial problems were crucial during this time.

Scope and Contents

Much of Cheston's records are committee reports and minutes, both standing and departmental committees. Records of all the Museum's committees during Cheston's administration are in his files. Also included is an extensive series of subject files revealing the range of the president's responsibilities: from flag poles to insurance to exhibitions.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

Funded by a grant from The Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research, with the exception of parts of the "Additional miscellaneous records" series.

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Related Materials

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Philadelphia Museum of Art, Archives. Presidents' Office Records.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Philadelphia Museum of Art

Personal Name(s)

- Cheston, George M.

Collection Inventory

Corporate files, 1964-1977. 3 linear feet.

Scope and Content Note

Minutes, reports and correspondence of Cheston's corporate affairs, including committees: Building, 1965-1975; Centennial, 1972-1975; Development, 1973-1974; Executive, 1968-1976; Finance and Administration, 1968-1974; Fleisher Art Memorial, 1968-1974; Investment, 1969-1975; Nominating, 1969-1974; Planning and Development, 1968-1975; Rodin Museum, 1964-1976; and Urban Outreach, 1971-1976. Also contains President's Reports to the Board, 1971-1975. Arranged chronologically by committee.

Departmental files, 1968-1977. 1.5 linear feet.

Scope and Content Note

Reports, minutes and correspondence of the curatorial departments and committees, including: American Art Committee and Department, 1969-1976; Arms and Armor, 1976-1977; Costume and Textiles Committee, 1969-1972, Department, 1969-1976; Decorative Arts Committee, 1969-1977, Department, 1968-1977; Education Committee, 1968-1973, Division, 1969-1977; Far Eastern Art Committee, 1969-1977, Department, 1969-1974; Indian Art Department, n.d.; Library, 1970-1977, Committee, 1973-1974; Painting and Sculpture Committee, 1969-1972, Department, 1968-1972; Prints, Drawings and Photographs Committee, 1969-1977, Department, 1970-1974; Public Relations Committee, 1969-1973; Twentieth Century Art Committee, 1972-1975, Department, 1973-1977.

Service divisions and related groups

Service divisions and related groups, 1962-1977. .5 linear feet.

Scope and Content Note

Reports, correspondence, and memos with the service divisions and auxiliaries of the Museum. Includes several folders of correspondence with the Women's Committee and the Friends of the Museum. Arranged chronologically by department.

Subjects, 1963-1977. 5.5 linear feet.

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by subject. Includes non-PMA topics, related institutions, policy statements, forms, lists, events, exhibitions, press releases, personnel data, agendas, tax information, etc. Container listing available.

Correspondence, 1966-1971. .5 linear feet.

Scope and Content Note

Additional correspondence with Director Turner, the Assistant to the President, the Mayor, and general correspondence is arranged chronologically. General correspondence is arranged alphabetically within years.

Special records

Special records, 1965-1976. 2 linear feet.

Scope and Content Note

A series accessioned after the rest of the CHE Records, probably maintained by President Wood's office to facilitate the transition of officers. Contains records of major gifts, development, projects, confidential correspondence. Arranged alphabetically within years.

Unprocessed records, 1965-1977. 8 linear feet.

Scope and Content Note

Most recent accessions of unsorted correspondence, development reports, Board of Trustees Minutes and committee reports. Contains some confidential development reports and correspondence regarding gifts, as well as much regular correspondence.

Access Restrictions

Access to "confidential" development reports is at the discretion of the archivist.
