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Robert Franks Collection, 1942-1967

Overview/Collection Description

- **Title:** Robert Franks Collection
- **Dates:** 1942-1967 [bulk 1950-1961]
- **Creator:** Robert Franks
- **Call Number:** MG 010
- **Language:** English
- **Extent:** 1 cubic feet in 1 box

Conditions of Access

- **Restrictions:** These records are open to researchers for personal or scholarly research. Most of the records in the collection are available for photocopy, depending on the preservation needs of the material as well as other variables not specified here. Researchers, however, are responsible for obtaining copyright permission to use materials and documents. These records are part of the permanent collection in the archives of the Library & Research Center of the National Watch and Clock Museum and researchers are required to comply with the Archive Rules when using the collection.

Administrative Information

- **Preferred Citation:** *Robert Franks Collection, 1942-1967*. Library & Research Center, National Watch & Clock Museum, NAWCC.
- **Variant Title Information:** Robert Franks Papers
- **Processing Information:** This collection was processed and partially described before May 2016. During the summer of 2016, the collection was revisited and the archival description was expanded. It is unclear if the order of the collection present at the time

of the revision accurately reflected the original order. The order in which the collection was found in 2016 has been maintained as it is presented here.

- **Archivist and Date Processed:** Finding aid compiled by Kate Van Riper, Archivist at the Library and Research Center, National Watch and Clock Museum, Summer, 2016

Subjects & Related Materials

- Correspondence
- National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors

Biographical Sketch

- **Biographical History:** Robert Franks was one of the original founders of the NAWCC and its first president. He later became the Association's third editor. He died on December 22, 1975.

Content & Structure

- **Scope & Content:** This collection primarily consists of Franks' correspondence regarding various subjects in the watch and clock industry with approximately half of the folders dedicated to the specific affairs of the NAWCC: budget, costs, conventions, chapters, etc. Franks also conducted historical research on subjects such as watchmakers from various cities: Baltimore, MD; Philadelphia, PA; Bradford, MA, etc.

Container List

Box	Folder	
1	1	Correspondence – Amos Avery, 1952-1955
	2	Correspondence – Hugh J. Barbour, 1956-1966
	3	Bowman, John J., 1951
	4	Brandt, Bernard, 1946-1952
	5	Correspondence, misc., 1947-1965
	6	Coster clocks, 1958
	7	Eckhardt, George, 1952
	8	Eckhardt, George; Pennsylvania clocks & clockmakers, 1952-1963
	9	Franklin Institute, 1956
	10	Fried, Henry B., 1942-1955

Box	Folder	
1	11	Gardner, Malcolm, 1949-1961
	11a	Bills – Gardner, Malcolm, 1952-1956
	12	Gibbs, James W., 1951-1958
	13	Goldsmith, Elsworth H., 1951-1953
	14	Hoopes, Penrose R., 1952
	15	Horological Institute of America, 1951-1952
	16	Horological tours, 1958
	17	Ilbert, Courtenay Adrian, 1956
	18	Kalish, Charles, 1954-1960
	19	Lang, Oscar T. (Ted), 1951-1956
	20	Low, R. J., 1959-1964
	21	Mariners Museum, 1962-1963
	22	Massey, Mark F., 1954-1958
	23	Matthews, Harry B., 1958-1960
	24	Metzenberg, Leopold Collection, 1952-1953
	25	Morrell, Reginald C., 1952-1955
	26	Music boxes, 1957-1960
	27	Mystic Seaport, 1960
	28	NAWCC, Author's fund, 1964
	29	NAWCC, Budget, 1953
	30	NAWCC, Bulletin, Advertisement, 1950-1951
	31	NAWCC, Bulletin, Articles & content, 1943-1964
	32	NAWCC, Bulletin, Book reviews, 1950-1960
	33	NAWCC, Bulletin, Costs, 1950-1953
	34	NAWCC, Bulletin Cuts, 1951
	35	NAWCC, Bulletin, Editorial, 1949-1953
	36	NAWCC, Bulletin, Exchanges, 1951-1960
	37	NAWCC, Bulletin, Layout, 1949-1951
	38	NAWCC, Bulletin, Mailing distribution, 1949-1956
	39	NAWCC, Bulletin, Policy, 1949-1952
	40	NAWCC, Bulletin, Printing, 1949-1953
	41	NAWCC, Bulletin, Sales, 1952-1953
	42	NAWCC, Bulletin, Supplements, 1953
	43	NAWCC, Chap. 1, Philadelphia, 1953-1954
	44	NAWCC, Chap. 2, New York, 1953
	45	NAWCC, Chap. 8, New England, 1950-1952
	46	NAWCC, Chap. 22, Old Timers, 1960-1965
	47	NAWCC, Dues, not dated
	48	NAWCC, Elections, 1952-1959
	49	NAWCC, Incorporation, 1955
	50	NAWCC, Library Committee, 1951-1963

Box	Folder	
1	51	NAWCC, Mart, 1946
	51a	NAWCC, Mart, Correspondence, 1946-1964
	52	NAWCC, Membership, 1949-1962
	53	NAWCC, Membership Committee, 1951
	54	NAWCC, Museum Committee, 1963
	55	NAWCC, National Convention, 1954, Canton, OH, 1954
	56	NAWCC, National Convention, 1955, Washington, D.C., 1955
	57	NAWCC, National Convention, 1956, Philadelphia, PA, 1955-1956
	58	NAWCC, Nominating Committee, 1952-1962
	59	NAWCC, Sales tax, 1961-1962
	60	NAWCC, Slide collection, not dated
	61	NAWCC, Willard Clock Shop, 1953
	62	Non-horological, not dated
	63	Orreries, 1955-1956
	64	Palmer, Brooks, 1952-1964
	65	Pease, Hamilton, 1950-1954
	66	Peckham, Frank, 1955-1967
	67	Philadelphia Observatory, not dated
	68	Rowlings, Arthur L., 1952-1953
	69	Rear, L.A., 1951-1962
	70	Rodin & Cie, 1956
	71	Rohrich, Jean-Louis, 1952-1958
	72	Samelius, William, not dated
	73	Small, Percy Livingston, 1952
	74	Stephens, W. Barclay, 1951-1952
	75	Sternfield, Joseph, 1951
	76	Strickler, Earl, 1952-1965
	77	Thielmann, Urban, 1963
	78	Chester County Historical Society, 1963