

World's Fair Guide Books 1904

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Abstract: Three souvenir booklets from the 1904 World's Fair held in St. Louis Missouri.

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Historical Note

The first World's Fair was held in London, England in 1851. It was meant to be a place where nations could gather, show off new goods, establish trade, and share ideas.

The 1904 World's Fair was held in St. Louis, Missouri and was officially titled The Louisiana Purchase Exposition in honor of the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase celebrated in 1803. This was the largest World's Fair at that time. Additionally, the Olympic Games were held in St. Louis that summer, but were overshadowed by the fair.

Scope and Content Note

Three booklets, the first booklet (40p) entitled Souvenir Book of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition: Day and Night Scenes published by the Official Photographic Company. The second booklet (140p) entitled Sights, Scenes and Wonders at the World's Fair published by the Official Photographic Company. The third booklet (176), entitled Jackson's Famous Photographs of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition: Over Two Hundred Views and Scenes. The third booklet is missing its front cover.

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