COLLECTING HISTORY

125 YEARS OF THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC COLLECTION
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The National Philatelic Collection celebrates its 125th anniversary in 2011. Collecting History remembers a few of the hundreds of donors who have given their collections to the Smithsonian for the benefit of the nation, and explores the decisive role played by twelve curators in developing the national collection and exhibiting it to the public.

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Reverse: The Smithsonian’s stamp collection on display in the northwest court of the Arts and Industries Building, circa 1914. Courtesy Institutional History Division, Smithsonian Institution Archives.

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