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Other No		Cataloged by	Weatherford, Jim
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Title	Laport Photos and Cards	Year Range	1928-1972
Location	Archives Building: A: 24		



Description A grouping of materials concerning Edmund A. Laport, a Hunterdon County resident and long-time employee of the Radio Corporation of America (RCA), where he served both as Director of Communications Engineering and as Chief Engineer of RCA International. The collection (ca. 1928 - 1972) consists of postcards and Christmas cards from countries he visited throughout his career, as well as photographs of a variety of radio and other electronic equipment; mostly from the 1940's and 1950's.

This collection would be of use to those interested in historical Christmas cards from around the world, and to those interested in radio and electronic equipment of the mid-20th century.

Identity Statement & Context

Name of Creator Laport, Edmund A.

Reference Code NJFLH15380

Other Creators

Creator Added Entry

Dates of Creation

Administrative Biographical History

Edmund A. Laport was born in Nashua, NH, on July 2, 1902. He was a pioneer in radio wave communication and was an accomplished amateur botanist. In 1923 he helped develop circuitry for receivers in planes for the army air force mail carriers. In 1944 he became the First Chief Engineer of RCA International, for which he traveled the world over. He retired to his home in East Amwell, NJ, in 1967 where he farmed and pursued his passion for botany. He died in Flemington, NJ on June 24, 1983.

Dates of Accumulation

Archival History

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Container List

Location	Container	Folder	Title	Description	Date
A	001	001	Cards - Europe	Christmas cards from various European countries, including: 1 from Switzerland, 2 from Belgium, 2 from Germany, 2 from Greece, 2 from Portugal, 4 from Italy, 2 from the Vatican, 5 from France, and 6 from Spain.	n.d.
A	001	002	Cards - Australasia	Christmas cards from Australasia, including; 3 from New Zealand and 1 from Australia	n.d.
A	001	003	Cards - Scandinavia	Christmas cards from Scandinavian countries, including: 4 from Norway, 3 from Sweden, and 1 from Finland	n.d.
A	001	004	Cards - South America	Christmas cards from South America; 4 from Chile, 3 from Venezuela, 1 from Peru, and 1 from Ecuador	n.d.
A	001	005	Cards - Africa	Christmas cards from Africa, including: 3 from Congo, 1 from Senegal, 1 from French Equatorial Africa, 2 from Egypt, and 2 from South Africa.	n.d.
A	001	006	Cards - Middle East	Christmas cards from the Middle East, including: 2 from Lebanon, 5 from Turkey, 5 from Israel	n.d.
A	001	007	Cards - Latin America	Christmas cards from Latin America, including: 3 from Mexico, 3 from Cuba, 1 from Honduras, 1 from Puerto Rico	n.d.
A	001	008	Cards - Asia	Christmas cards from Asia, including: 2 from Pakistan, 1 from India, 2 from Korea, 5 from Japan, 5 from China, 2 from Burma, 4 from Thailand, 1 from the Philippines, 1 from Indonesia	n.d.
A	001	009	Cards - Canada	One Christmas card from Canada	n.d.
A	001	010	Cards - Unknown	One Christmas card from an unknown location	n.d.

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A	001	011	Miscellaneous Artifacts	Miscellaneous artifacts associated with Edmund Laport, including: Edmund Laport RCA letterhead on tissue paper, obituary of Gertrude Laport (wife), photo of Edmund from 1954, aerial photo of Edmund's farm, US Dept. of Agriculture crop report from 1972 showing he was only growing grass, sheet with details of his RCA retirement plan	1954-1972, n.d.
A	002	001	Photos - Loudspeakers	Photos of loudspeaker systems, including: a loudspeaker, a loudspeaker assembly, a portable loudspeaker, a shipboard 25 watt loudspeaker system, a series of transmitters, 3 cabinets in a lab, 2 electrical boxes	n.d.
A	002	002	Photos - Carrier Multiplexing Equipment	Photos of RCA carrier multiplexing equipment, including: a TE432 carrier multiplexing cabinet, a TE432 carrier multiplexing cabinet, an ET4335-LF low frequency transmitter, a photo of a number of capacitors, wiring enclosures for a TE147	n.d.
A	002	003	Photos - Sound Recording Equipment	Photos of various pieces of sound recording equipment, including: individuals washing a large quartz crystal, a type 76-B2 consolette, a dynamo, and RCA junior velocity microphone, a Type 77-A directional microphone with stand, a photo of a very ornate RCA recording studio.	n.d.
A	002	004	Photos - Amplifiers	Photographs of amplifier equipment, including: an amplifier cabinet, a transmitter from Argentina, a C-904 unit, a 343-A 10kw antenna, a Royal Canadian Air Force I/C amplifier, an H.M. communications centre, and two-way terminal station	n.d.
A	002	005	Photos - Radio Transmission Equipment	Photographs of radio transmission equipment, including: 3 men looking at an aerial antenna (Edmund is on the left), a woman gauging a quartz crystal, two women lapping a quartz crystal used for frequency stabilization, a 76-B-2 custom console, a terminal station cabinet, a relay station cabinet, a control board for overseas broadcasts from RCA Communications in NYC	n.d.
A	002	006	Photos - Electronic Equipment	Photographs of electronic equipment, including: two photos of a Royal Canadian Air Force AT3 transmitter, an empty cabinet, a piece of 300kw tube test equipment, an electronic console assembly, a rectifier assembly, a shipboard 25 watt loudspeaker system	n.d.
A	002	007	Photos - Misc Equipment	Seven photos of various unlabeled radio transmission equipment.	n.d.
A	002	008	Photos - Receiver Equipment	Photos of receiver equipment, including: a radio telephone Model ET-8022, a radio direction finder, a radio receiver Model AR-8504, a large receiver cabinet	n.d.
A	002	009	Photos - International Equipment	Photographs of various international radio equipment, including: Western Electric transmitters for Tokyo (1928), a power generation room in Rome, a 50kw HF broadcast telegraph transmitter in India, a control room for radio transmission in Santa Paloma Italy, aerial transmission towers in Nova Scotia Canada, a 250 watt transformer transformer station for Venezuela	ca 1928
A	002	010	Photos Tube Test and Transmission Equipment	Photographs of vacuum tube testing and radio transmission equipment, including: a cabinet of vacuum tubes, an FM 30 watt police mobile transmitter and receiver set, a radio transmitter cabinet, two policemen standing beside a car testing a mobile receiver, two photos of power tube test equipment, a radio transmitter cabinet	n.d.

People, Subjects, Classification, Search Terms

People	Laport, Edmund A.	Classification	No Data
Subjects	Radio antennas; Radio broadcasting; Radio industry; Commercial radio; Antennas (Electronics); Christmas cards	Search Terms	RCA Corporation

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