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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Western Union Telegraph Company Records
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0205
Date: circa 1820-1995
Extent: 452 Cubic feet (871 boxes and 23 map folders)
Creator: United Telegraph Workers.
Western Union Telegraph Company
Language: Collection text is in English. Some materials in French and German.
Summary: The collection documents in photographs, scrapbooks, notebooks, correspondence, stock ledgers, annual reports, and financial records, the evolution of the telegraph, the development of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the beginning of the communications revolution. The collection materials describe both the history of the company and of the telegraph industry in general, particularly its importance to the development of the technology in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The collection is useful for researchers interested in the development of technology, economic history, and the impact of technology on American social and cultural life.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Western Union in September of 1971.

Provenance

This collection originated as a portion of the Western Union Telegraph Museum begun in 1912 by H.W. Drake, an electrical engineer of the Western Union Company. He collected old telegraph instruments and other apparatus for their historic value and for their use in commercial and advertising displays or exhibits. Later these collected devices were instrumental in settling patent litigation for the company. He also collected the ancillary archival materials that comprise this collection. In 1930, when Western Union's general headquarters moved from 195 Broadway to 60 Hudson Street, a small room was set aside to house the growing collection of artifacts and papers.

In 1933 Western Union was represented in an exhibit at the Century of Progress exposition in Chicago. Many instruments from the collection of the Western Union Museum were included in the exposition. To fully detail the history of the telegraph, many original instruments were borrowed from the Smithsonian Institution and replicated. These reproductions helped improve Western Union's collection. When the fair ended, the objects were returned to the renamed Western Union Engineering Museum. In the early 1930s internal memoranda were sent to Western Union divisional plant superintendents urging them to save old telegraph
instruments. Soon thereafter old instruments arrived from Western Union's divisions around the country. Engineering Department laboratories in particular sent many objects. By 1936 over five hundred artifacts had been collected. The museum was maintained by J. Schmid and volunteers from the Engineering Division.

In 1969, Western Union officials decided to close the Museum and to use its space for offices. The objects and archival material were to be stored in a warehouse in Allentown, Pennsylvania. At that time Smithsonian curators suggested to Western Union that certain material be transferred to the Smithsonian rather than to storage. It was hoped that this would ensure the preservation and availability of at least some items. At this time J.E. Stebner, the Western Union Museum curator, donated many items to the Smithsonian, believing that they would be permanently preserved and used in relating the story of communication.

In January, 1971, Western Union officials proposed a transfer of the Western Union Museum to the National Museum of History and Technology (now the National Museum of American History) under an indefinite loan agreement in the hopes of making the materials more readily available for exhibition purposes and for use by historians. In September, 1971, the collection was received by the Museum as a gift and was deposited in the Division of Electricity (now part of the Division of Information Technology and Society).

Separated Materials

Artifacts (apparatus and equipment) were donated to the Division of Information Technology and Society, now known as the Division of Work & Industry, National Museum of American History.

Related Materials

Materials in the Archives Center

Additional moving image about Western Union Telegraph Company can be found in the Industry on Parade Collection (AC0507). This includes Cable to Cuba! by Bell Laboratory, AT & T, featuring the cable ship, the C.S. Lord Kelvin, and Communications Centennial! by the Western Union Company.

Materials at Other Organizations

Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware.

Western Union International Records form part of the MCI International, Inc. Records at the First Data Corporation, Greenwood Village, Colorado.

Records of First Data Corporation and its predecessors, including Western Union, First Financial Management Corporation (Atlanta) and First Data Resources (Omaha). Western Union collection supports research of telegraphy and related technologies, and includes company records, annual reports, photographs, print and broadcast advertising, telegraph equipment, and messenger uniforms.

Smithsonian Institution Archives

Western Union Telegraph Expedition, 1865-1867

This collection includes correspondence, mostly to Spencer F. Baird, from members of the Scientific Corps of the Western Union Telegraph Expedition, including Kennicott, Dall, Bannister, and Elliott; copies of reports submitted to divisional chiefs from expedition staff members; newspaper clippings concerning the expedition; copies of notes on natural history
taken by Robert Kennicott; and a journal containing meteorological data recorded by Henry M. Bannister from March to August, 1866.

Processing Information
Processed by Robert Harding, archivist, 1986 and Alison Oswald, archivist, 1995-ongoing.

Preferred Citation
Western Union Telegraph Company Records, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Restrictions
Collection is open for research.

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Accruals
Additional materials documenting the company's activities were donated through Warren Bechtel, a former Western Union employee. Materials were donated and transferred to the Archives Center in 1986; November 1993 (Bechtel); 1996 (Bechtel); 2002 (Silva); 2003 (Gravlee); 2003 (Mulcahy); 2005 (Mulcahy); 2005 (Silva); 2006 (Bechtel); 2007 (Blumenthal); 2007 (Van Orden); 2008 (Buckendorf); 2009 (Minor); 2009 (Van Orden); 2010 (Van Orden); 2001 (Durkin); 2011 (Seagall); 2012 (Seymour); 2016 (Bechtel); Division of Work and Industry (2017); and Futronics, Inc., through Mike Gruss (2017).

Biographical / Historical

In 1832 Samuel F. B. Morse, assisted by Alfred Vail, conceived of the idea for an electromechanical telegraph, which he called the "Recording Telegraph." This commercial application of electricity was made tangible by their construction of a crude working model in 1835-36. This instrument probably was never used outside of Professor Morse's rooms where it was, however, operated in a number of demonstrations. This original telegraph instrument was in the hands of the Western Union Telegraph Company and had been kept carefully over the years in a glass case. It was moved several times in New York as the Western Union headquarters building changed location over the years. The company presented it to the Smithsonian Institution in 1950.

The telegraph was further refined by Morse, Vail, and a colleague, Leonard Gale, into working mechanical form in 1837. In this year Morse filed a caveat for it at the U.S. Patent Office. Electricity, provided by Joseph Henry's 1836 "intensity batteries", was sent over a wire. The flow of electricity through the wire was interrupted for shorter or longer periods by holding down the key of the device. The resulting dots or...
dashes were recorded on a printer or could be interpreted orally. In 1838 Morse perfected his sending and receiving code and organized a corporation, making Vail and Gale his partners.

In 1843 Morse received funds from Congress to set-up a demonstration line between Washington and Baltimore. Unfortunately, Morse was not an astute businessman and had no practical plan for constructing a line. After an unsuccessful attempt at laying underground cables with Ezra Cornell, the inventor of a trench digger, Morse switched to the erection of telegraph poles and was more successful. On May 24, 1844, Morse, in the U.S. Supreme Court Chambers in Washington, sent by telegraph the oft-quoted message to his colleague Vail in Baltimore, "What hath God wrought!"

In 1845 Morse hired Andrew Jackson's former postmaster general, Amos Kendall, as his agent in locating potential buyers of the telegraph. Kendall realized the value of the device, and had little trouble convincing others of its potential for profit. By the spring he had attracted a small group of investors. They subscribed $15,000 and formed the Magnetic Telegraph Company. Many new telegraph companies were formed as Morse sold licenses wherever he could.

The first commercial telegraph line was completed between Washington, D.C., and New York City in the spring of 1846 by the Magnetic Telegraph Company. Shortly thereafter, F. O. J. Smith, one of the patent owners, built a line between New York City and Boston. Most of these early companies were licensed by owners of Samuel Morse patents. The Morse messages were sent and received in a code of dots and dashes.

At this time other telegraph systems based on rival technologies were being built. Some companies used the printing telegraph, a device invented by a Vermonter, Royal E. House, whose messages were printed on paper or tape in Roman letters. In 1848 a Scotch scientist, Alexander Bain, received his patents on a telegraph. These were but two of many competing and incompatible technologies that had developed. The result was confusion, inefficiency, and a rash of suits and counter suits.

By 1851 there were over fifty separate telegraph companies operating in the United States. This corporate cornucopia developed because the owners of the telegraph patents had been unsuccessful in convincing the United States and other governments of the invention's potential usefulness. In the private sector, the owners had difficulty convincing capitalists of the commercial value of the invention. This led to the owners' willingness to sell licenses to many purchasers who organized separate companies and then built independent telegraph lines in various sections of the country.

Hiram Sibley moved to Rochester, New York, in 1838 to pursue banking and real estate. Later he was elected sheriff of Monroe County. In Rochester he was introduced to Judge Samuel L. Selden who held the House Telegraph patent rights. In 1849 Selden and Sibley organized the New York State Printing Telegraph Company, but they found it hard to compete with the existing New York, Albany, and Buffalo Telegraph Company.

After this experience Selden suggested that instead of creating a new line, the two should try to acquire all the companies west of Buffalo and unite them into a single unified system. Selden secured an agency for the extension throughout the United States of the House system. In an effort to expand this line west, Judge Selden called on friends and the people in Rochester. This led, in April 1851, to the organization of a company and the filing in Albany of the Articles of Association for the "New York and Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company" (NYMVPTC), a company which later evolved into the Western Union Telegraph Company.

In 1854 there were two rival systems of the NYMVPTC in the West. These two systems consisted of thirteen separate companies. All the companies were using Morse patents in the five states north of the Ohio River. This created a struggle between three separate entities, leading to an unreliable and inefficient telegraph service. The owners of these rival companies eventually decided to invest their money elsewhere and arrangements were made for the NYMVPTC to purchase their interests.
Hiram Sibley recapitalized the company in 1854 under the same name and began a program of construction and acquisition. The most important takeover was carried out by Sibley when he negotiated the purchase of the Morse patent rights for the Midwest for $50,000 from Jeptha H. Wade and John J. Speed, without the knowledge of Ezra Cornell, their partner in the Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company (EMTC). With this acquisition Sibley proceeded to switch to the superior Morse system. He also hired Wade, a very capable manager, who became his protege and later his successor. After a bitter struggle Morse and Wade obtained the EMTC from Cornell in 1855, thus assuring dominance by the NYMVPTC in the Midwest. In 1856 the company name was changed to the "Western Union Telegraph Company," indicating the union of the Western lines into one compact system. In December, 1857, the Company paid stockholders their first dividend.

Between 1857 and 1861 similar consolidations of telegraph companies took place in other areas of the country so that most of the telegraph interests of the United States had merged into six systems. These were the American Telegraph Company (covering the Atlantic and some Gulf states), The Western Union Telegraph Company (covering states North of the Ohio River and parts of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Minnesota), the New York Albany and Buffalo Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company (covering New York State), the Atlantic and Ohio Telegraph Company (covering Pennsylvania), the Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company (covering sections of Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois), and the New Orleans & Ohio Telegraph Company (covering the southern Mississippi Valley and the Southwest). All these companies worked together in a mutually friendly alliance, and other small companies cooperated with the six systems, particularly some on the West Coast.

By the time of the Civil War, there was a strong commercial incentive to construct a telegraph line across the western plains to link the two coasts of America. Many companies, however, believed the line would be impossible to build and maintain.

In 1860 Congress passed, and President James Buchanan signed, the Pacific Telegraph Act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to seek bids for a project to construct a transcontinental line. When two bidders dropped out, Hiram Sibley, representing Western Union, was the only bidder left. By default Sibley won the contract. The Pacific Telegraph Company was organized for the purpose of building the eastern section of the line. Sibley sent Wade to California, where he consolidated the small local companies into the California State Telegraph Company. This entity then organized the Overland Telegraph Company, which handled construction eastward from Carson City, Nevada, joining the existing California lines, to Salt Lake City, Utah. Sibley's Pacific Telegraph Company built westward from Omaha, Nebraska. Sibley put most of his resources into the venture. The line was completed in October, 1861. Both companies were soon merged into Western Union. This accomplishment made Hiram Sibley leader of the telegraph industry.

Further consolidations took place over the next several years. Many companies merged into the American Telegraph Company. With the expiration of the Morse patents, several organizations were combined in 1864 under the name of "The U.S. Telegraph Company." In 1866 the final consolidation took place, with Western Union exchanging stock for the stock of the other two organizations. The general office of Western Union moved at this time from Rochester to 145 Broadway, New York City. In 1875 the main office moved to 195 Broadway, where it remained until 1930 when it relocated to 60 Hudson Street.

In 1873 Western Union purchased a majority of shares in the International Ocean Telegraph Company. This was an important move because it marked Western Union's entry into the foreign telegraph market. Having previously worked with foreign companies, Western Union now began competing for overseas business.

In the late 1870s Western Union, led by William H. Vanderbilt, attempted to wrest control of the major telephone patents, and the new telephone industry, away from the Bell Telephone Company. But due to new Bell leadership and a subsequent hostile takeover attempt of Western Union by Jay Gould, Western Union discontinued its fight and Bell Telephone prevailed.
Despite these corporate calisthenics, Western Union remained in the public eye. The sight of a uniformed Western Union messenger boy was familiar in small towns and big cities all over the country for many years. Some of Western Union’s top officials in fact began their careers as messenger boys.

Throughout the remainder of the nineteenth century the telegraph became one of the most important factors in the development of social and commercial life of America. In spite of improvements to the telegraph, however, two new inventions—the telephone (nineteenth century) and the radio (twentieth century)—eventually replaced the telegraph as the leaders of the communication revolution for most Americans.

At the turn of the century, Bell abandoned its struggles to maintain a monopoly through patent suits, and entered into direct competition with the many independent telephone companies. Around this time, the company adopted its new name, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T).

In 1908 AT&T gained control of Western Union. This proved beneficial to Western Union, because the companies were able to share lines when needed, and it became possible to order telegrams by telephone. However, it was only possible to order Western Union telegrams, and this hurt the business of Western Union’s main competitor, the Postal Telegraph Company. In 1913, however, as part of a move to prevent the government from invoking antitrust laws, AT&T completely separated itself from Western Union.

Western Union continued to prosper and it received commendations from the U.S. armed forces for service during both world wars. In 1945 Western Union finally merged with its longtime rival, the Postal Telegraph Company. As part of that merger, Western Union agreed to separate domestic and foreign business. In 1963 Western Union International Incorporated, a private company completely separate from the Western Union Telegraph Company, was formed and an agreement with the Postal Telegraph Company was completed. In 1994, Western Union Financial Services, Inc. was acquired by First Financial Management Corporation. In 1995, First Financial Management Corporation merged with First Data Corporation making Western Union a First Data subsidiary.

Many technological advancements followed the telegraph’s development. The following are among the more important:

The first advancement of the telegraph occurred around 1850 when operators realized that the clicks of the recording instrument portrayed a sound pattern, understandable by the operators as dots and dashes. This allowed the operator to hear the message by ear and simultaneously write it down. This ability transformed the telegraph into a versatile and speedy system.

Duplex Telegraphy, 1871-72, was invented by the president of the Franklin Telegraph Company. Unable to sell his invention to his own company, he found a willing buyer in Western Union. Utilizing this invention, two messages were sent over the wire simultaneously, one in each direction.

As business blossomed and demand surged, new devices appeared. Thomas Edison’s Quadruplex allowed four messages to be sent over the same wire simultaneously, two in one direction and two in the other.

An English automatic signaling arrangement, Wheatstone’s Automatic Telegraph, 1883, allowed larger numbers of words to be transmitted over a wire at once. It could only be used advantageously, however, on circuits where there was a heavy volume of business.

Buckingham’s Machine Telegraph was an improvement on the House system. It printed received messages in plain Roman letters quickly and legibly on a message blank, ready for delivery.

Vibroplex, c. 1890, a semi-automatic key sometimes called a “bug key,” made the dots automatically. This relieved the operator of much physical strain.
Scope and Contents

The collection is divided into twenty-six (26) series and consists of approximately 400 cubic feet. The collection documents in photographs, scrapbooks, notebooks, correspondence, stock ledgers, annual reports, and financial records, the evolution of the telegraph, the development of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the beginning of the communications revolution. The collection materials describe both the history of the company and of the telegraph industry in general, particularly its importance to the development of the technology in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The collection is useful for researchers interested in the development of technology, economic history, and the impact of technology on American social and cultural life.

Arrangement

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Series 20: Western Union Museum, 1913-1971
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Series 27: Addenda

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
Communication -- International cooperation
Communications equipment
Electric engineering
Electric engineers
Electrical engineers
Electrical equipment
Electrical science and technology
Telegraph
Telegraphers

Types of Materials:
Administrative records
Articles
Books
Clippings
Contracts
Drawings
Newsletters
Patents
Photograph albums
Photographs -- 19th century
Photographs -- 20th century
Scrapbooks -- 19th century
Scrapbooks -- 20th century
Specifications
Technical documents
Series 1: Historical and Background Information

The corporate history of Western Union consists of a bound volume which contains the history and organization of the Western Union Telegraph Company and of all subsidiaries which have been consolidated, merged, purchased, leased or controlled by Western Union. A corporate genealogy can be found within the corporate history volumes. These genealogical charts depict Western Union as it existed on December 31, 1914. The charts are lettered A though Q, showing the development of the present company through the acquisition of subsidiary telegraph companies. For each subsidiary the record indicates the date of incorporation, and whether the subsidiary was leased or sold to Western Union. See Series 2: Subsidiaries, 1844-1986 and Series 7: Secretary’s Files, 1844-1987, for additional information about the subsidiary companies. Volumes titled A Brief Outline of Technical Progress Made by Western Union detail the technological development and progress of the company between 1910 and 1950, and other small histories include the Story of Western Union, the Short History of Western Union and the Western Union Telegraph Company A Retrospect, 1851-1901. These narratives provide brief sketches and historical background of the company. Included in this series are two narratives handwritten by Charles Brown. Of note is Brown’s work titled "My experiences in the plains in 1861 in assisting the construction of the first telegraph lines across the continent.”

Subseries 1.1: History of the Western Union Telegraph Company, 1851-1994

Box 4, Folder 7 Western Union Telegraph Company: A Retrospect, 1851-1901

Box 6A, Folder 1-2 Charles Brown Personal History, 1860-1861

Box 6A, Folder 3-4 Charles Brown Experiences on the Plains in Constructing the First Telegraph Line, 1861

Box 5, Folder 1-2 Corporate History of Western Union Telegraph Company, 1914-1922

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Box 4, Folder 5 Short History of Western Union Telegraph Company/Western Union Cable System

Box 4, Folder 6 The Story of Western Union, undated

Box 4, Folder 8 Ten Trying Years, 1984-1994

Box 1, Folder 1-4 A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company, Vols. I, 1910-1934 (with illustrations)

Box 1, Folder 5-8 A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company, Vols. 1, 1910-1934 (with no illustrations)
Box 2, Folder 1-4  A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company, Vols. II, 1910-1934 (with illustrations)

Box 2, Folder 5-7  A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company, Vols. I, 1910-1934 (with no illustrations)

Box 2, Folder 8  A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company During the Year 1935

Box 2, Folder 9  Engineering Progress (incomplete manuscript), 1945-1950

Box 3, Folder 1  History of Technical Progress, Western Union, Vol. I, 1935-1945 (with illustrations)
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English.
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Radio terminals
Telegraph, Wireless


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Box 3, Folder 4  History of Technical Progress, Western Union, Vol. IV, 1946-1950

Box 4, Folder 1  American Telegraphy After 100 Years. The Western Union Telegraph Company, 1944

Box 4, Folder 3  Reid, James D. Western Union Telegraph Company. Chapter XXXV. The Telegraph in America, 1879

Box 4, Folder 2  Exhibitions, 1893-1934 (World's Fair and Gimbel's display)
Box 4, Folder 4  Western Union Changes Telegraph System Here" *Fulton County News*, September 15, 1938. (newspaper article)

Box 4, Folder 7A  Telegraph Line construction, 1884 - 1884, 1870 - 1870


Box 846, Folder 1  Pamphlets relating to telegraph matters:

- To the stockholders of the Western Union (and Russian Extension) Telegraph Company. Statement of the origin, organization and progress of the Russian-American telegraph: Western Union Extension, Collins' Overland Line, via Behring Strait and Asiatic Russia to Europe, 1866.
- Statement accompanying the memorial of the Western Union Telegraph Company. For remission of duties on cables purchased for crossing Behring's Strait in the line to Russia, now abandoned, undated.
- Before the Honorable the House of Representatives. In the matter of the Proceedings against E.W. Barnes, for alleged contempt and breach of privilege, 1877.
- A review of the -opinions of experts- as to the necessity for the poles now erected in Tenth Street, in the city of Philadelphia, by the Western Union Telegraph Company, 1876.
- Some of the papers in the suit of Levi A. Dowley to restrain the Western Union Company from paying the July dividend, 1876. Also, charges of the New York Tribune, with statements in reply.
- Competitive Telegraphy, can it be sustained? An Interview from the Chicago Inter-Ocean. New York, 1884.
- Grant, E.B. Is Governmental Control of the telegraph Desirable? [1884?]
- Western Union Telegraph Company. Remarks of Norvin Green, president to the Board of Directors, September 13, 1882.
- The Proposed Produce Exchange Telegraph, October 23, 1883.

Box 846, Folder 2  Pamphlets relating to telegraph matters:

- International Ocean Telegraph, 1866.
• Letter from the Postmaster General in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 23, relative to the establishment of a telegraph in connection with the postal system, June 2, 1866.
• Allan Pinkerton; Pinkerton's National Police Agency. Tests on passenger conductors made by the National Police Agency. Chicago : Geo. H. Fergus, printer, 1867.
• Pinkerton's National Police Agency. General principles of Pinkerton's National Police Agency ... January 1st, 1867. Chicago, G.H. Fergus [1867].
• George Griscom; George B Simpson; United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on patents. The telegraph cable. Historical view of the art of electro-magnetic telegraphing in connection with the telegraph cable, and its insulation by gutta percha.
• Philadelphia, King & Baird, printers, 1867.
• To the stockholders of the Western Union (and Russian Extension) Telegraph Company. Statement of the origin, organization and progress of the Russian-American telegraph: Western Union Extension, Collins' Overland Line, via Behring Strait and Asiatic Russia to Europe, 1866.
• Theodore Bacon. Cases relating to telegraphs and telegrams: prepared from the reports of American, Canadian and English courts, and from the original papers in unreported cases. Rochester, N.Y., C.D. Tracy & Co., book printers, 1866.

Box 846, Folder 3 Pamphlets (miscellaneous):

• Letter of Wiliam E. chandler to George G. Fogg, Washington, 1868.
• To the Honorable Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, May 16, 1867.
• To the people of the United States. National Police Agency. January 8, 1868.
• John Van Daniker. Report of the trial of John Van Daniker : on a charge of embezzlement, in his capacity as conductor on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad ...
• Philadelphia: H.G. Leisenring, 1867.
• New York Chamber of Commerce. Fifth Avenue Hotel (New York, N.Y.). New York: Press of the Chamber of Commerce, 1867. Entertainment given to Mr. A. A. Low: by members of the Chamber of commerce, on his return from a voyage round the world. Fifth avenue hotel, October 8, 1867.

Box 846, Folder 4 Pamphlets (miscellaneous):

• Gouge’s Atmospheric Ventilator, undated.
• Kankakee Company. Reports, maps, statistics, etc., of the Kankakee Company, incorporated by the state of Illinois, for the improvement, by slackwater navigation, of the Kankakee and Iroquois Rivers, for the creation of water powers, and for the erection of all kinds of mills and machinery ...: private, for stockholders only. New York: Union Print. Office, 1866.
• David D. Porter. Letters and Petitions for the Nomination and Confirmation of George W. Beardslee of New York, for the vacant office of commissioner of patents.
• Union Pacific railroad company. The Union Pacific railroad company ... progress of their road west from Omaha, Nebraska, across the continent ... New York: Alvord, 1868.
• Golconda Gold Company. Reports upon the property of the Golconda Gold Company, CanadaNew York: E. Warner, 1865.
• Minnesota Valley Railroad Company. The Minnesota Valley Railroad, forming part of the extension of the Union Pacific Railroad, via Sioux City and St. Paul to lake Superior. Its construction and resources. New York, Press of Wynkoop and Hallenbeck, 1868.

Box 846, Folder 5 Pamphlets relating to telegraph matters:

• Letter from the Postmaster General in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 23, relative to the establishment of a telegraph in connection with the postal system, June 2, 1866.
• E.B. Washburne. Union of the telegraph and postal system [to accompany bill H.R. No. 1083], May 18, 1868.
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Mergers were typically either the result of skillful negotiations with competing companies or the formal acquisition of nonoperating entities (in which the "competing companies" had no operating assets, operating revenue, or employees). In the latter situation, Western Union usually purchased a majority of the shares of capital stock, becoming the de facto manager of the company. Examples of companies which merged with Western Union include: Independent Telegraph Company; Kansas Telegraph Company; and the New York State Printing Telegraph Company. Examples of companies in which Western Union owned a majority of capital stock include: the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company; New Jersey and New England Telegraph Company; New York Postal Telegraph Company; New York State Printing Telegraph Company and the Pacific Telegraph Company.

Companies typically entered into leasing agreements with Western Union to avert ruinous competition. The rental amount was based upon a percentage of outstanding stock issue or other mutually agreed upon stipulations. Although some leases were made "in perpetuity" others could be revoked upon expiration, particularly if a competing company was not satisfied with the outcome of an agreement. Administration and maintenance of the line could be continued by the competing company or assumed by Western Union, depending upon the agreement. Examples of companies which (directly or indirectly) leased to Western Union include: American District Telegraph Company, 1867; Gold & Stock Telegraph Company, December 1881; Magnetic Telegraph Company, 1866; Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company; and the United States Telegraph Company, February 1866.

Not every company represented in this series was acquired directly Western Union. Many companies were previously purchased by, consolidated with, or leased to other companies that Western Union, in turn, acquired. One example of this is the Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company, which incorporated in March 1847 in Virginia. In 1856, the company was leased by the Magnetic Telegraphic Company. The American Telegraph Company (of New Jersey) acquired the Magnetic Telegraph Company in October 1859 by exchange of stock. Ultimately, the American Telegraph Company (which included the Magnetic Telegraph Company lease of the Washington and New Orleans) was leased to Western Union in 1866.

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Box 205B, Folder 17  Green, Norvin. Statement and supplemental letter on Post-office and Post Roads, June 9, 1890.

Box 205B, Folder 18  Orton, William. Argument about Government Telegraphs, 1870

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Box 205B, Folder 21  Orton, William. A Letter to the Postmaster-General, 1874.

Box 205B, Folder 22  Orton, William. Argument on the Postal Telegraph Bill, 1874.

Box 205B, Folder 23  Eckert, Thomas. Memoranda Concerning the Petition of Typographical Unions, Printers and others for a Government Telegraph, April 25, 1894.

Box 821, Folder 1  Carlton, Newcomb. The Western Union Telegraph Company, January 1920.

Box 821, Folder 2  Marshall, Walter P. Ezra Cornell: His Contributions to Western Union and to Cornell University, 1951.

Box 821, Folder 3  Williams, A.N. What Hath God Wrought, 1944.
Series 5: Correspondence, 1837-1985

The vice presidential and general superintendent correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. The correspondence of Charles Buckingham, General Counsel for Western Union, relates to patents, patent hearing dates, and some financial accounts. Included are typed Edison patents specifications, printed Essick specifications, Theodore M. Foote specifications, and correspondence from Morris S. Hopkins of Baldwin, Hopkins and Peyton, a law firm acting on patents for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Other correspondence to Buckingham relates to Edison patents, the manufacture of printers for Australia, requests from an auditor for review and approval and bills rendered, and lost or misplaced patents. Correspondence from and to A. A. Knudson, an electrical engineer deals with a patent for a printing telegraph and notes from Charles A. Judson about money owed him. The Judson and Hyland correspondence details a gift to Western Union of Cyrus Field's dining room furniture on which the charter for the original Atlantic cable was signed. R. Harris correspondence details the collecting of message forms, the use of less expensive copier paper, and specifications for customer bill heads.

Letters from H.C. Nicholson are concerned with experiments, including the "Quad" telegraph and several about a proposal of the Postal Telegraph regarding the trunk line from New York to Chicago.

A partial letter of October 7, 1896, to the Smithsonian Institution describes the original Morse telegraph. An extensive report to the Spanish Legation, 1872, describes problems in connection with retrieving and repairing an undersea cable from Key West to Havana and includes expense accounts. The miscellaneous correspondence, 1848-1949, contains references to many types of equipment, cables, the line between New York and Chicago, the Telegraphone, and trials on the Telegraplex system. Other subjects include Telegraphones on the P and R railroad, the Northern Pacific railroad, the L and N and D railroads, photographs of the Missouri Pacific office, the history of the underground cable, a description of the District of Columbia time service and of the Simmons unit; and telegrams of congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the first public demonstration of the Morse telegraph.

The correspondence of Amos Kendall (1789-1869), a lawyer, politician and former U.S. Postmaster General and Samuel F. B. Morse (1791-1872) is arranged chronologically and is primarily outgoing correspondence from Kendall to Morse.

The employee correspondence, 1917-1919, consist of letters written by Western Union employees serving in the military during World War I. Letters are arranged alphabetically.

The correspondence is arranged into five subseries:

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Cyrus Field (1819-1892) was a New York paper merchant and warehouseman. Field assisted in laying the first transatlantic cable and he organized the New York, Newfoundland and London Electric Telegraph Company to lay a cable across the Atlantic in 1854. The Field papers consist of drawings and illustrations, specifically the Great Eastern, illustrated magazines, publications, and newspaper clippings.

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Series 7: Secretary's Files, 1844-1987

Eight individuals held the Office of Secretary. This series contains records of six secretaries: A.R. Brewer (1881-1908), A.F. Burleigh (1917-1930); Lewis McKisick (1931-1940); G.B. Satterlee (1941-1956); William G.H. Acheson (1957-1970); and R.C. Hostetler (1971-1980).

The Secretary's office notebook, 1953-[1987?] includes a brief history of Western Union and lists the names and dates of employment of all chairman of the board, vice chairmen of the board, presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, secretaries, executive committee members, and directors. Also included are the presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, assistant secretaries, treasurers, assistance treasurers, comptrollers, and directors of the Western Union Corporation.

The secretary’s historical files, 1933-1977, were maintained by G.B. Saterlee and contain correspondence and other printed materials regarding restatements of certificate of incorporation, bylaws, New York Transportation Corporation Law, articles of association, charts, and extracts from minutes.

The certified copies of articles of association and incorporation, 1851-1970, were maintained and certified by William G. H. Acheson and are true and corrected copies together with all amendments. The majority of documents deal with certificates of incorporation, but some certificates of increase in capital stock and certificates of merger are present. An index accompanies the copies of articles of association.

Files about the bylaws, 1914-1980, contain correspondence and memoranda relating to the amendment of and revisions to the bylaws, adoption of resolutions, and marked-up copies for the printer. The files about subsidiary companies, 1913-1975, contain an array of materials regarding the dissolution of companies, memoranda, income tax due from leased companies, proxies, unclaimed deposits, agreements, and Board of Directors Minutes. Some of the materials deal with the Commercial Telegraph Company, Lynchburg & Abingdon Telegraph company, Washington & New Orleans Telegraph Company, and the Chicago & Milwaukee Telegraph Company. There is one file folder of memoranda from 1952 which contains revisions of the certificate of incorporation.

The file about the library, 1920-1967, includes correspondence--internal and external--reference requests, and reports regarding the establishment of the library in 1920 and its future role within the company. The correspondence and reports reflect statistical information about library use, staffing issues, and acquisition matters.

Files about the dissolution of subsidiary companies, 1920-1959, contain correspondence in connection with the dissolution of certain subsidiary companies of Western Union. There is also a chart of Western Union, 1844-1920, created by A.R. Brewer depicting constituent parts of Western Union as represented by its holdings or leases of other companies that operated as part of the Western Union system. See Series 2: Subsidiaries, 1848-1986, for additional documentation.

The miscellaneous file of the secretary dates from 1944 to 1964 and consists primarily of correspondence and printed materials regarding a variety of topics. Materials include information about the anniversary of the telegraph, observance of the centennial of the first transcontinental telegraph, Western Union's involvement in the 1964 World's Fair, and biographical sketches about company employees. The file also contains the negative and a reproduction of a half tone photo of Rosewell Hart Rochester.

The series is divided into twelve subseries:

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The stock transfer books, 1859-1880, report the re-issuance of stock certificates at the office of the Registry of Transfers in New York City. Western Union acquired the registry books from the respective registrars of Western Union stock (i.e. the Union Trust Company, registrar from June 16, 1865 until approximately January 1, 1871 and the Farmers Loan & Trust Company, registrar from December 6, 1870 to January 1, 1885) after they ceased to act as registrars. The Union Trust Company was unable to find their registry book which covered the period June 16, 1885 to August 17, 1866. Because Western Union ordered the discontinuance of the registrar of transfers and transfer agency for the city of New York between August 17, 1866 and January 21, 1869, no records exist for this period.

In January, 1865, the Executive Committee of Western Union directed the establishment of a New York transfer agency and the listing of the stock on the New York Stock Exchange. Beginning in 1865, to reflect changes in stock value, Western Union shareholders surrendered their stock certificates to a registrar who, after canceling existing certificates, countersigned the new certificates and delivered them to a designated transfer agent also in New York City. The agent acknowledged receipt of the new certificate(s) from the registrar.

Information appearing in the stock transfer books include the dates when surrendered certificates were delivered to the registrar; the delivery dates of new certificates to entitled stockholders; dates of cancellation; the location of the office that originally issued the surrendered certificates; the number of certificates and shares both surrendered and reissued; the names of the individual(s)/organization(s) to whom certificates were originally issued, surrendered and transferred to; and the transfer agent’s acknowledgement of receipt.

The ledgers, 1910-1920, include subsidiary accounts for the period 1910 to 1911 and 1916 to 1920. There are federal account books in addition to regular Western Union Company account books for the years 1918 to 1919. The ledgers are arranged numerically by account number. Only the first volume, 1910 to 1911, is indexed.

The Records of the Expenditure Committee, 1889-1909, report on a wide variety of financial matters, including staff, construction, maintenance, and sundries. Staff considerations include general employment costs, costs incurred in the employment of additional labor, and salary changes. The committee itemized sundries such as inaugural funds, painting costs, and light expenses with in each volume. The minute books cover the period May 1889 to December 1909. The collection does not contain the ten volumes preceding May 1889. All available volumes are indexed.

Western Union maintained separate ledgers for tax purposes, based upon an auditor's monthly statements of revenue. Tax ledgers, 1932-1944, are arranged alphabetically by state/province.

The statistical notebooks, 1886-1908, consist of small notebooks that provide a wide range of statistical and financial information regarding Western Unions and its numerous subsidiaries. The notebooks for the period 1886 to 1897 contain percentages of increase and decrease in office receipts, office expenses, abstracts from semiannual reports, daily traffic tabulations, rates per word for press service, miles of post, and wire prices. There is an index for the notebook dated 1886 to 1887. The notebooks dated 1901 to 1908 were maintained by R.C. Clowry, the President and General Manager of Western Union (1902-1910). Indexed alphabetically by subsidiary, there is information relating to notes on capital, amounts Western Union owes, amounts outstanding, and indication if lines are leased or absorbed, and the percentage of investment. Estimates for construction, repairs, test office receipts, treasurer's estimates, and money transfer information is also included.

Miscellaneous items in this series include two publications titled Relationship of AT & T Company to the Telegraph Business, 1933, which contain statistical data on the effect on the telegraph business of the competition of the AT & T Company. This report was prepared by Chester McKay, a vice president with Western Union, and provides financial statements detailing gross operating revenues and a supplemental
narrative explanation. The Remarks Incident to Review of the Summons & Complaint in the Case of Bertram R. Smith vs. Western Union and Gold & Stock, 1948, was produced by the accounting department in conjunction with the legal case regarding stock ownership.

Materials relating to Western Union's finances are organized into thirteen subseries:

1. Activities of the Accounting Department, 1941
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10. Income Tax Returns, 1918-1937
11. Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 1943-1948
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This series contains a wide variety of legal agreements—contracts, deeds, leases, and licenses and property/real estate—which document the company's legal activities from approximately 1867 to 1960. The materials are richest in 19th century files created before the company's legal department instituted standard procedures and paper formats.

The bulk of the agreements are from the 1880s to the 1920s. The agreements primarily pertain to patents and the ownership (lease and sale), establishment, and maintenance of telegraph wires, poles, and land. The correspondence found with the agreements addresses terms and payments. Broad geographic regions of the United States are represented by the agreements which cover the east, west, northwest (including Alaska), south, and midwest. There are some foreign contracts between Western Union and British and Canadian companies. All foreign agreements include English translations.

The majority of agreements are trifolded and arranged by an alphanumeric sequence. Each file corresponds to one company, individual, city or government agency and can include multiple agreements or drafts of the same. Most alphabetical letters in the sequence include documents that are organized chronologically; other letters are organized alphabetically by company name. Still other letters may begin with a chronological organization scheme and shift to an alphabetical arrangement midway. Documents within the alphanumeric sequence are not organized sequentially; where P contracts end, Q contracts do not begin. The alphanumeric system may have been two systems at one time; two files labeled N122, for example, one trifolded and one flat, do not correspond to the same company. This phenomenon occurs within N, O, and P sequences, in which trifolded files have been boxed separately from flat files.

Property Leases and Real Estate Materials contain documentation on properties owned by Western Union in New York City and one real estate volume that contains records of deeds, and mortgages that relate to Western Union property. Typical information includes the date the indenture was made and recorded, the parties, the sum agreed upon, a description of the land, names of witnesses, and any special terms of agreement. The Federal Valuation of Land Lines Property of Western Union, 1913-1932 consists of 6 volumes (volumes 1-5 and 7) that describe briefly the history of the Federal Valuation of Land Lines Property of Western Union by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The information includes presidential correspondence of Theo N. Vail, memoranda, clippings, photostats, schedules of properties used by Western Union, organizational charts, copies of important instructions and orders, inventories of the company's properties and statements showing expenses and investments. This is a very comprehensive work.

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Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Creator

English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000119 (AC Scan)

Names: Summers, C.H.
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
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Western Union Telegraph Company, Creator

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company, Creator

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Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Sign in window: "Great North Western Telegraph Company Connecting with Western Union."

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Many of the patents in this series trace the development and improvements in the telegraph (and some telephone) apparatus between 1840 and 1954. The patentee subseries is arranged alphabetically by inventor: Charles Buckingham, Thomas A. Edison, Elisha Gray, Samuel F.B. Morse, George Phelps, Joseph Stearn, John Skirrow, and Charles Wheatstone. The numbered patent specifications, 1900-1954, are Western Union Telegraph Company patents. They are organized by type of improvement or invention. Among the patents represented in this subseries are those relating to: signalling systems; switching systems; automatic message exchange system; multioffice systems; storage systems; facsimile systems; oscillator systems; frequency transformation systems; printing telegraph systems; reperforators; repeaters; oscillators; generators; radio antennas; rectifiers; condensers; detectors; static reducers; and batteries. Most of the miscellaneous patents are for improvements to the telegraph, though there are several for electric time-controlling systems and electric clocks.

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# 2,265,339 to 2,484,838, 1941-1949 (telegraph exchange systems, multi-office systems, storage systems, facsimile telegraph system).


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Kline, Et Al

#90,995 (Interference File)

"Electrically Inscribable Lithographic Offset Printing Plate"

Box 461, Folder 4

[Stamp "Received" from Patent Department, 1957, for the patent
Electrically Inscribable Lithographic Offset Printing Plate, page with rubber
stamp imprint], June 25, 1957

1 Item (ink on paper.; 2.3" x 2.5")

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Offset printing
Patents -- 1950-1970
Rubber stamps
Telegraph, Wireless

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D-6583

Wise & Zabriskie

#2,872,275

"Facsimile Apparatus For Use In Producing Tickets, Messages & the Like"
Box 462, Folder 2  D-6584  
Buckingham, W.D.  

#2,903,512  
"Facsimile Telegraph Scanning Apparatus"

Box 462, Folder 3  D-6585  
Buckingham, W.D.  

#2,794,775  
"Electroplating With Tungsten"

Box 463, Folder 1  D-6586  
Cannon, W.D.  

#728,261  
"Method & Means To Overcome Delay Distortion" (Canadian?)

Box 463, Folder 2  D-6587  
Turner, F.T.  

#2,794,856  
"Transistorized Keying & Mark-Hold Unit"

Box 463, Folder 3  D-6588  
Vernam, G.S.  

#2,938,944  
"Telegraph System"

Box 464, Folder 1  D-6589  
Parrott, R.D.  

No Patent Number  
"Telefax Mobile Recorder"

Box 464, Folder 2  D-6590  
Buckingham, W.D.  

#2,882,434  
"Tungsten Concentrated Arc Lamp"

Box 464, Folder 3  D-6592  
Markley, Et AL
#2,857,583
"Molded Modular Terminal Block"

Box 464, Folder 4
D-6593
Jelinek, C.

#2,919,304
"Facsimile Transmitting System"

Box 464, Folder 5
D-6594
Wise, R.J.

#No Patent Number
"Telefax-Transceiver EM 2127 Adapter"

Box 464, Folder 6
D-6595
Edgar, W.S.W.

#2,902,538
"Dial Facsimile System"

Box 465, Folder 1
D-6596
Wise, Ridings, & Hackenberg

#2,894,065
"Facsimile Optical Scanning System"

Box 465, Folder 2
D-6597
Buckingham, Et Al

#2,982,815
"Facsimile Transmitter"

Box 465, Folder 3
D-6598
Riding, G.H.

#2,903,517
"Record Communication Telephone System"

Box 465, Folder 4
D-6599
Hewett, Et Al

#2,868,874
"Message Accumulator & Stacker"
Box 465, Folder 5  D-6600
Hewitt, E.W.
#2,912,501
"Message Paper Cutter"

Box 466, Folder 1  D-6601
Zabriskie, D.M.
#3,039,104
"Copy Marker In Facsimile Apparatus"

Box 466, Folder 2  D-6602
Boughtwood, Et Al
#2,899,548
"Diversity Telegraph System"

Box 466, Folder 3  D-6603
Parrott, R.D.
#2,912,497
"Optical Scanner"

Box 467, Folder 1  D-6609
Light, G.
#2,929,864
"Telegraph System"

Box 467, Folder 2  D-6610
Kline, B.
#2,338,042
"Nonsmudging Copying Ink"

Box 467, Folder 3  D-6612
Buckingham, D.D.
#2,894,066
"Facsimile Transmitter for Telegraph Message Blanks & the Like"

Box 468, Folder 1  D-6613
Bedell, E.E.
#2,853,358

"Facsimile Stylus-Belt and Stylus Holder"

Box 468, Folder 2
D-6614
Steeneck, R.

#2,891,109

"Printing Telegraph Signal Normalizer"

Box 468, Folder 3
D-6615
Recca, Et Al

#3,033,925

"Loop Gate Transmitter"

Box 468, Folder 4
D-6616
Ridings, G.H.

#2,919,305

"Telautograph System"

Box 468, Folder 5
D-6617
Bedell, E.E.

#630,926

(Canada)

"Facsimile Stylus Holder"

Box 468, Folder 6
D-6617
Bedell, E.E.

#2,829,942

"Facsimile Stylus Holder"

Box 468, Folder 7
D-6618
Buckingham, W.D.

#2,938,721

"Copy Sheet Storage and Feed Mechanism"

Box 468, Folder 8
D-6619
Turner, F.J.

#2,803,792
"Motor Stabilizer"

Box 469, Folder 1  D-6620
Steeneck, R.

#3,012,097

"Single Channel Auto-Synchronizing Telegraph System"

Box 469, Folder 2  D-6621
Currie, F.L.

#3,001,008

"Telegraph System"

Box 469, Folder 3  D-6622
Duerr, K.B.

Abandoned

"Electronic Start-Stop Regenerative Repeater"

Box 469, Folder 4  D-6623
Hewitt, E.W.

#2,908,370

"Sprockett Feed Paper Synchronizer"

Box 470, Folder 1  D-6625
Pierson, O.E.

Abandoned

"Transistorized Amplifier with Automatic Gain Control"

Box 470, Folder 2  D-6626
Vernam, G.S., Et Al

#3,006,986

"Telegraph Switching System"

Box 470, Folder 1  D-6627
Allen, Currie & McManus

#2,874,218

"Phasing System"

Box 470, Folder 2  D-6628
Boughtwood, J.E.
Abandoned
"Keying Circuit for FM Carrier Transmitter"

Box 470, Folder 3

D-6629
Hill, A.S.
#2,914,607
"Facsimile Phasing and Repeating System"

Box 470, Folder 4

D-6630
Buckingham, Turner, & Ridge
Closed Out
"Facsimile Scouting Beam Scanning System"

Box 471, Folder 5

D-6631
Hartle & Moore
#2,952,930
"Means for Transmitting Tickets by Facsimile"

Box 471, Folder 6

D-6632
O'Brien, F.L.
Abandoned
"Magnetic Storage and erasing System"

Box 471, Folder 7

D-6633
Newell, E.L.
#3,007,000
"Submerged repeater Switching System"

Box 471, Folder 8

D-6634
Cannon, W.D.
Abandoned
"Method and Means to Overcome Delay Distortion"

Box 472, Folder 1

D-6635
Haupt, F.J.
#3,016,186
"Tape Reading Punch"

Box 472, Folder 2  
D-6636  
Zabriskie, D.M.  
#2,938,761  
"Facsimile Stylus and Damping Mechanism"

Box 472, Folder 3  
D-6578  
Hill & Zabriskie  
#2,805,115  
"Paper Feed Mechanism"

Box 472, Folder 4  
D-6579  
Light & Janson  
#2,878,305  
"Book Message Adapter With Number Checking"

Box 472, Folder 5  
D-6580  
Zabriskie  
#2,770,517  
"Facsimile Scanning Mechanism"

Box 472, Folder 6  
D-6693  
Johnson & Clan  
No Patent Number  
"Uniform Length Message Burster"

Box 473, Folder 1  
D-6808  
Sewnson, O.W.  
Not Patented  
"Tape Puller"

Box 473, Folder 2  
D-6855  
[Dodgson, R.S.?]  
No Patent Number  
"Handyasky One Hand Alphanumeric Keyset Terminal"

Box 473, Folder 3  
D-6871
Boughtwood, Krantz & Spilling

"Overall System Concept"

Box 473, Folder 4 D-6873
[Boughtwood?]
No Patent Number

"Synchronous Data Loop Transceivers"

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Box 474, Folder 10 January 1932-May 1932
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Box 475, Folder 1 February 1933-July 1933

Image(s)

Box 475, Folder 1 [Woman seated at work station gumming down strips of type on telegram form. Black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1940's
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 3.5" x 4.8")

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Telegraph, Wireless
Women employees

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The Money Transfer Service/Money Order Books, 1905-1939, instruct operators in the "proper way to send money" and include the names of offices authorized to receive and pay telegraphic money orders. The Operator code books were assigned to operators and each had a specific operating number.

Tariff and Cable information contains the Tariff Check Ledger of July 1874 to May 1877, includes tariff information for Highlands, New Jersey, other areas of New Jersey and parts of New York. The Tariff Bureau book of 1871-1872, contains statements arranged according to states, the amount of business conducted between the states and territories and also the business rates between important offices. There is also additional information about individual states in "remarks."

This series is divided into eight subseries:

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2. How to operate booklets, 1918
3. Money transfer service/money order books, 1905-1939
4. Operator code books/cipher books, 1880-1917
5. Rate and wire mileage information, 1863-1957
6. Tariff and cable information, 1871-1975
7. Rules and regulations, 1866-1937
8. Equipment catalogs, manuals and specifications, circa 1894-1956

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"No Errors, Better Service, Due to Electric Messenger System," [pages 22-23. article, with reproductions of photograph.], Circa 1925
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Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
Morkrum-Kleinschmidt Corporation (publisher?)
English.
Article containted in Report of A Special Investigation made by H.P. Gould Company about installation teletype.

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[Central Office Correspondence, 1925, about repairs to cable station in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, Canada.], October 16, 1925
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D.C. Weeks & Son, Inc., Author
English.

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Topic: Cable stations
Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Bay Roberts (Newfoundland, Canada)
Newfoundland

Genre/ Form: Correspondence -- 1920-1930

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The Plant Department was responsible for constructing, reconstructing and maintaining domestic telegraph plants; maintaining pole lines, wires and aerial and underground cables; installing and repairing equipment; and operating telegraph buildings.

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The Employee Relations Department, also known as the Industrial Relations Department, administered benefits programs, handled personnel and training matters, and employee communications through house organs such as the Western Union News.

The Employee Benefits Plan Booklets, 1912-1971, tell the story of Western Union pensions and benefits plans. Established in 1913, the plan for employees' pensions, disability benefits, and death benefits was a comprehensive non-contributory plan. This plan appears to have experienced several names changes from "Provisional Pension Plan" to "Plan for Employees Pensions Disability Benefits and Insurance" to Plan for Employees Pensions Disability Benefits and Death Benefits." One booklet, dated 1929, pertains specifically to the Postal Telegraph Cable Company.

Employee Stock Subscription plan materials (1914-1928) include correspondence and printed plans. The correspondence and the plans themselves set forth the regulations and restrictions for employees to purchase stock.

Employee Wage Cards, 1914-1922, consist of twelve shoeboxes. These records were maintained by the Western Union Cable System. They are arranged according to "live" and "dead" files, European side, North American Side, and Cable Office Errors. The records are then divided by geographic location (Ballenskelligs, Bay Roberts, Canso, Duxbury, Glasgow, Halifax, Hammels, Havre, Hearts Content, London Training School, London Western Union House, Liverpool, Manchester, North Sydney, Paris, Penzance, Penzance Training School, Rye Beach, St. Pierre, and Valentia.). The geographic locations are divided by job titles. Within job titles, the cards are arranged alphabetically by surname. There are two types of cards—an employee wage card and an employee service card. Both cards contain the same type of information—first name, surname, date of birth, sex, station employed at, dates of employment, title, monthly rating, special monthly payments, special allowances if any, and general remarks—but they differ in size. Remarks typically contained information about a death, resignation, drawing pensions, or job performance.

Minutes of Employee Benefits Fund Committee, 1912-1949, consist of reviewed applications for sickness and accident disability benefits, life insurance, and pensions. The committee also determined the applicability of the plan to employees in special circumstances. Western Union established the committee following its 1913 adoption of the Plan for Employees' Pensions, Disability Benefits and Death Benefits as a comprehensive non-contributory plan. The first five volumes (volumes A to E) are indexed with each book. Minutes for the periods July 1920 to May 1925 or January 1937 to March 1942 do not exist.

Job Classification, Contracts, and Agreements, 1966-1973, consists of six handbooks. These handbooks contain wage schedules, job titles, job descriptions, and pertinent employee information set forth in the official contract with Western Union. There is one handbook that deals specifically with an agreement between Western Union and the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO.

The American School of Correspondence, 1911-1921 subseries consists of published "instruction papers" on a variety of topics such as Banking and Banking Law, Direct Current Motors and Telegraph Repeaters. The "instruction papers" were prepared by Western Union divisions such as the Engineering Department or the Commercial Department and faculty members at various colleges and universities in the United States.

Service Records, 1883-1931, consists of four oversized bound volumes numbered one to four; one miscellaneous volume from 1907-1931, and service cards for seamen who served on various cable ships. These bound service records are organized alphabetically according to the name of city and/or town. For example, Grand Fork, North Dakota is followed by Great Falls, Montana. The majority of cities and towns represented are located in the mid west. An alphabetical index of cities for each volume precedes the records. These records, like the employee wage cards, provide similar information—name of office, date office opened, date office closed, name of employee, designation of occupation, rate of pay, date
employed, date left service, and remarks. The smaller miscellaneous volume, 1907-1931, is also arranged alphabetically by city/town, but contain only the name of the employee and what appears to be the date employment began. The volume deals with personnel serving in California and Arizona. The service cards, 1921-1922, are arranged alphabetically by cable ship name. The cards contain the name of the seaman, address (name of the cable ship), date of service, date salary became effective, job title, and rate of salary per month.

Employee Clippings contains employee signatures/autographs which consist of two small volumes of collected employee signatures, one dating 1871-1898, the other 1909-1949. The latter volume of signatures appears to be have been assembled for the purposes of the Western Union Museum. The signatures include a wide variety of employees, from presidents to telegraph operators.

*Researchers should consult Series 27: Notebooks, Subseries 7, for an employee work diary of 1942.

This series is divided into eleven subseries:

1. Western Union Employee History, 1910-1932
2. Employee Membership Cards and Passes, 1885-1940
3. Employee Handbooks, 1912-1971
4. Employee Stock Subscription, 1914-1928
5. Employee Wage Cards, 1914-1922
6. Minutes of Employees' Benefits Fund Committee, 1912-1949
7. Job Classification, Contracts, and Agreements, 1941-1973
8. American School of Correspondence, 1911-1921
9. Service Records, 1883-1931
10. Employee Awards, Citations, Commendations, 1915-1945
11. Employee Signatures and Autographs, 1871-1898, 1909-1949 (includes clippings and obituaries)
12. Telegraph Associations, 1852-1929

**Subseries 18.1: Western Union Employee History, 1910-1932**

Box 564, Folder 1 Employees History, 1910
Box 564, Folder 2 Flow chart, 1924
Box 564, Folder 3 Roaming the Western Union, 1932
Box 564, Folder 3A Margaret M.A. Donohue (first woman telegrapher), 1917 - 1917, 1913 - 1913

**Subseries 18.2: Employee Membership Cards and Passes, 1885-1940**
Box 564, Folder 4

Image(s)

Box 564, Folder 4  Association of Western Union Employees identification card for C.H. Stearns, 1939. (front & back) [card], 1939
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 2.3" x 3.7")

Image(s)
Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000109-01 (AC Scan)
AC0205-0000109-02 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Identity cards

Subseries 18.3: Employee Handbooks, 1912-1971

Box 564, Folder 5  Booklets, undated
Box 564, Folder 6  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1912
Box 564, Folder 7  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1913-1914, 1929
Box 564, Folder 8  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1954-1956
Box 564, Folder 9  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1967-1968
Box 564, Folder 10  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1971
Box 564, Folder 11  Rules for Instructions for Information and Guidelines of the Employees of Western Union, 1870
Box 564, Folder 12  Report of Women's League of Western Union, 1918-1919
Box 564, Folder 13  Plan for Employees Pensions, Disability Benefits and Death benefits, 1916, 1929
Box 564, Folder 14  Death Benefit Plan, 1930
Box 564, Folder 15  Articles of agreement between Western Union International, Inc., and American Comm. Association covering Canadian-St. Pierre Cable Stations, 1964-1965
Box 565, Folder 1  Western Union Training Program, 1944

Box 565, Folder 2  Western Union Employees Income Participation Plan, undated

Box 565, Folder 3  Telephone Directory for 60 Hudson Street, 1932

Box 827, Folder 2  Employee Information Kit, 1986

Subseries 18.4: Employee Stock Subscription, 1914-1928

Box 565, Folder 4  Correspondence, 1927-1928, 1914

Box 565, Folder 5  Subscription Plans, 1926

Box 565, Folder 6  Subscription Plans, 1928

Subseries 18.5: Employee Wage Cards, 1914-1922

Image(s)

Box 566  European Side (Liverpool; Paris; Valentia; Penzance Training School; Assistant General Management Office; Havre; London; Glasgow; Ballinskelligs)

Digital Content: European Side (PDF for box 566-567)

Box 567  European Side (Valentia; Paris, St. Pierre; Duxbury; Heart's Content; New York; Hammels; Canso; Miami; North Sydney; Bay Roberts)

Digital Content: European Side (PDF for box 566-567)

Box 568  Cable Office Error Records

Image(s)

Digital Content

[Cable] operating errors disclosed by complaint cases [file card], May 15, 1964
1 Item (ink on paper.; 5.2" x 8.4")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

This error note indicates that a telegram was sent to the wrong person and that the operator failed to ensure accuracy.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000068 (AC Scan)
Western Union Cable System Employee’s Wage Record card for C.F.P. Hains [file card], 1915-1922
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 4.9” x 7.9”)
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Card shows that Hains, born 1897, received a “house allowance” after he got married. Contains data from 1915-1922.
Series 18.5?

Box 569
European Side (Assistant General Management office-London; Glasgow; Havre; London Training School; London Western Union House)
Digital Content

Box 570
European Live (Liverpool; Manchester; Paris)
Digital Content

Box 571
Old Dead File/Out of Service (New York; Hammels; Duxbury; Rye Beach; Halifax; North Sydney; Bay Robert; Heart's Content; St. Pierre; Hammels-employees out)
Digital Content

Box 572
Live Files (Valentia; St. Pierre; Miami)
Digital Content

Box 573
Live Files (Ballinskelligs; Havre; Liverpool; London Training School; London Western Union House; Manchester, Paris, Penzance; Valentia)
Digital Content

Box 574
European Side/London dead file (Assistant General Management Office Traffic Office; Ballinskelligs; Glasgow; Havre; London Training School; London Western Union House; Penzance)
Digital Content

Box 575
Dead files for London, Penzance and Valentia
Digital Content

Box 576
North American Side live files
Digital Content

Box 577
Heart's Content
Digital Content
Local Numbers
AC0205-0000064 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Card files
Employee records

[Wage card for Margaret Rowe, born 1900; working at Hearts Content, Newfoundland, Canada, file card], 1917-1920
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 4.8” x 7.8”)

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Entries on card from 1917 to 1920; “Resigned to be married”

Series 18.5?

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000063 (AC Scan)

Topic: Marriage
Telegraph, Wireless
Place: Hearts Content (Newfoundland, Canada)
Newfoundland
Genre/Form: Card files

[Employment record of Harold Freeman Hannigan, File card.], 1916-1919
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 4.9” x 7.8”)

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Box 569?

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000062 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Card files
Employee records

Subseries 18.6: Minutes of Employees' Benefits Fund Committee, 1912-1949

Box 578 Vol. A: December 1912-May 1914

Box 578 Vol. B: June 1914-December 1915
Box 579  Vol. C: December 1915-January 1917
Box 579  Vol. D: January 1917-March 1918
Box 580  Vol. E: April 1918-April 1919
Box 580  Vol. F: May 1919-June 1920
Box 581  Vol. M: June 1925-March 1926
Box 581  Vol. N: Mar. 1926-December 1926
Box 582  Vol. O: January-October 1927
Box 582  Vol. P: October 1927-May 1928
Box 583  Vol. Q: May-December 1928
Box 583  Vol. R: January 1929-June 1929
Box 584  Vol. S: July 1929-November 1929
Box 584  Vol. T: December 1929-May 1930
Box 585  Vol. U: June 1930-December 1930
Box 585  Vol. V: January 1931-June 1931
Box 586  Vol. W: July 1931-December 1931
Box 586  Vol. X: January 1932-June 1932
Box 587  Vol. Y: July 1932-December 1932
Box 587  Vol. Z: January 1933-June 1933
Box 588  Vol. AA: July 1933-December 1933
Box 588  Vol. BB: January 1934-June 1934
Box 589  Vol. CC: July 1934-December 1934
Box 589  Vol. DD: January 1935-June 1935
Box 590  Vol. EE: July 1935-December 1935
Box 590  Vol. FF: January 1936-June 1936
Box 591  Vol. GG: July-December 1936
Box 591  Vol. OO: Apr. 1942-Dec. 1943
Box 592  Vol. PP: Jan.-Dec. 1944
Box 592  Vol. QQ: Jan.-Dec. 1945
Box 593  Vol. RR: Jan.-Dec. 1946
Box 593  Vol. SS: Jan.-Dec. 1947
Box 594  Vol. TT: Jan.-Dec. 1948
Box 594  Vol. UU: Jan.-Dec. 1949

Subseries 18.7: Job Classification, Contracts & Agreements, 1941-1973

Box 595, Folder 1  "Understanding" between Robert Elles and Western Union, 1941
Box 595, Folder 2  "As A Career Western Union Service" pamphlet, undated
Box 595, Folder 3  Supervisory Conference Programs, 1943 (or employees created by Industrial Relations Board)
Box 595, Folder 4  Management Orientation Booklet, 1958
Box 595, Folder 4A  Collective Bargaining Agreement, 1946
Box 595, Folder 5  Job Classification & Contracts, 1966
Box 595, Folder 5A  Contract, 1968
Box 595A, Folder 1  Job Classification & Contracts, 1971
Box 595A, Folder 2  Job Classification & Contracts, 1973
Box 595A, Folder 3  Job Classification & Contracts, 1978
Box 595A, Folder 4  Job Classification & Contracts, 1979
Box 595A, Folder 5  Job Classification & Contracts, 1982
Box 595A, Folder 6  Contract, 1985

Subseries 18.8: American School of Correspondence, 1911-1921
Box 600, Folder 1  Alternating Current Machinery, 1917
Box 600, Folder 2  Automatic and Printing Telegraph Systems, Pts. 1-2, 1918
Box 600, Folder 3  Automatic and Printing Telegraph Systems, Pts. 3-4, 1918
Box 600, Folder 4  Automatic and Printing Telegraph Systems, Pts. 4-5, 1919
Box 600, Folder 5  Banking and Banking Laws, 1912
Box 600, Folder 6  Bills, Notes, and Checks, 1920
Box 600, Folder 7  Chemistry of Combustion, 1920
Box 600, Folder 8  Direct Current Dynamos, Pt. 1, 1917
Box 600, Folder 9  Direct Current Motors, 1915
Box 600, Folder 10  District Telegraph and Time Service, 1917
Box 600, Folder 11  Duplex and Quadruple Telegraphy, 1917
Box 601, Folder 1  Elements of Alternating Currents, 1914
Box 601, Folder 2  Elements of Electricity and Magnetism, Pts. 1-2, 1917
Box 601, Folder 3  Elements of Electricity and Magnetism, Pts. 3, 1917
Box 601, Folder 4  Elements of Outside Plant Construction, 1919
Box 601, Folder 5  Laws of Agency, Pts. 1-2, 1917
Box 601, Folder 6  Laws of Contract, Pts. 1-2, 1917
Box 601, Folder 7  Management of Dynamo Electric Machinery, Pts. 1-2, 1914
Box 601, Folder 8  Mechanical Conveyors and Pneumatic Tubes, 1918
Box 601, Folder 9  Mechanical Drawing, Pts. 1-2, 1913, 1916
Box 601, Folder 10 Mechanical Drawing, Pt. 3, 1920
Box 601, Folder 11  Mechanism, 1908
Box 602, Folder 1  Outside Plant Construction, Pts. 1-2, 1918
Box 602, Folder 2  Outside Plant Construction, Pts. 3-4, 1918-1919
Box 602, Folder 3  Questions in Locational Geography, 1919
Box 602, Folder 4  Questions on Western Union Book of Rules and Tariffs, 1917
Box 602, Folder 5  Storage Batteries, Pts. 1-2, 1920
Box 602, Folder 6  Strength of materials, Pt. 1, 1912
Box 602, Folder 7  Submarine Telegraphy, Pts. 1-2, 1920
Box 602, Folder 8  Telegraph Office Bookkeeping Practice, 1920
Box 602, Folder 9  Telegraph Power Plants, 1917
Box 602, Folder 10  Telegraph Repeaters, 1918
Box 602, Folder 11  Telegraph Switchboards, 1918
Box 603, Folder 1  Telephony, Pt. 1, 1911
Box 603, Folder 2  Telephony, Pt. 2, 1911
Box 603, Folder 3  Telephony, Pt. 12, 1912
Box 603, Folder 4  Telephony, Pt. 13, 1912
Box 603, Folder 5  Telephony, Pt. 14, 1912
Box 603, Folder 6  Theory of Accounts, Pt. 1, 1912
Box 603, Folder 7  Types of Generators and Motors, 1914
Box 603, Folder 8  Underwriters Requirements, Pts. 1-2, 1915
Box 603, Folder 8A  Wire and Cable Testing, 1918
Box 603, Folder 9  Wireless Cable Testing, 1918
Box 603, Folder 10  Wireless Telegraphy, 1912
Box 603, Folder 11  Wire Testing, 1912

Subseries 18.9: Service Records, 1883-1931
Box 595A, Folder 7  Personnel Rosters/service records, 1907-1931
Box 596  Obsolete records for C.S. Clowry; C.S. Minia; C.S. Lord Kelvin; C.S. Venosta
Box 596  Personnel rosters, 1883-1931 (not inclusive)
Box 597  Personnel rosters, Vol. 1, 1883-1888
Box 597  Personnel rosters, Vol. 2, 1888-1892
Box 598  Personnel rosters, Vol. 3, 1892-1898
Box 598  Personnel rosters, Vol. 4, 1902-1909

Subseries 18.10: Employee Awards, Citations and Commendations, 1915-1945
Box 599, Folder 1

Subseries 18.11: Employee Signatures, Autographs, and Reminiscences, (includes clippings and obituaries), 1871-1945
Box 599, Folder 2-3  Signatures and Autographs, 1871-1898; 1909-1949 (includes clippings and obituaries)
                   Image(s)
Box 599, Folder 2  Old Time Telegraphers Association, [certificate], undated
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 9.5" x 12.1")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
For Col. R. C. Clowry

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000072 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Associations, institutions, etc.
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Certificates

Box 599, Folder 2-3 Employee Reminiscences, 1930s-1940s
Box 604, Folder 8 Barbour, J.M., 1940
Box 604, Folder 9 Burnheimer, June V. (messenger girl), 1937
Box 604, Folder 10 J.G.D., 1940
Box 604, Folder 11 Decatur, James G., 1940
Box 604, Folder 12 Drake, W.F. (manager), 1940
Box 604, Folder 13 Lukens, W.E., 1940
Box 604, Folder 14 May, A.H. (district superintendent), 1940
Box 604, Folder 15 Mifka, J.E.
Box 604, Folder 15 Meyers, C.E.
Box 604, Folder 15 McCormick, William C.
Box 604, Folder 15 Taylor, O.C.
Box 604, Folder 15 Wilson, W.H.
Box 604, Folder 16 Mooney, Ralph E., 1955
Box 604, Folder 17 Pennoyer, Shledon, 1938
Box 604, Folder 18 [Schwandt, W.F.?], 1940
Box 604, Folder 19 Sellsted, O. (chief operator), 1940
Box 604, Folder 20 Steinel, C.J.
Box 604, Folder 21 Vincent, Clarence, 1940
Box 604, Folder 22 Wray, John (night traffic manager), 1940

Subseries 18.12: Telegraph Associations, 1852-1929

Box 599, Folder 8 American Communications Association, 1937 - 1938
Box 599, Folder 4 Old Time Telegraphers and Historical Association, 1920, 1911 - 1911
Box 599, Folder 5 Old Time Telegraphers and Historical Association, 1924-1925
Box 599, Folder 6 Old Time Telegraphers and Historical Association, 1926-1929
Box 599, Folder 7 New York and Boston Telegraph Association, 1852, 1913
Box 599, Folder 7 North American Telegraph Association, 1858-1880
Box 604, Folder 1 North American Telegraph Association, Minutes, 1858-1863
Box 604, Folder 2 North American Telegraph Association Notes, (accompany minute book), 1880-07 - 1880-07
Box 604, Folder 3 North American Telegraph Association, Proceedings, 1861
Box 604, Folder 4 North American Telegraph Association, Annual Meeting reports, 1862-1863, 1860
Box 604, Folder 5 North American Telegraph Association, Decisions by English, French and American Courts Upon Questions Affecting Telegraph Communication, 1862 - 1862
Box 604, Folder 6 Telegraphers Mutual Benefit Association, 1872-1880
Box 604, Folder 7 Telegraph and Telephone Life Insurance Association, 1926, 1914 - 1914, 1923 - 1923
Box 812 Telegraph Centennial Scrapbook, Vol. 1, 1844-1944
Box 813  
Telegraph Centennial Scrapbook, Vol. 2, 1844-1944

Map-folder 23  
When Old Time Telegraphers Invite Their Wives and Sweethearts to Dinner in New York (newspaper clipping), The World, , 1905 September 2

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Series 19: Public Relations Department Records, 1858-1980

The Public Relations Department, formerly known as the Sales Department, promoted the company through sales, advertising, and marketing, and rate research.

The news clipping books, 1958-1962, were created by Western Union’s Public Relations Department to bring to the attention of local editors news about Western Union and to obtain publicity. Each news clipping book consists of photocopies and contains a preface page stating the nature of the clipping(s) and highlighting certain articles. There is no index accompanying these books. Some news clipping books are devoted to a subject. This is noted parenthetically in the container list. Several of the books bear a stamped number and the books have been arranged according to this number. The majority of the news clipping books belonged to Mr. Love, Comptroller for Western Union.

The news clipping binders, 1918-1975, are originals and appear to have been produced by the Public Relations Department. Like the news clipping books, the clippings have been assembled according to topics of interest to Western Union.

The publicity clippings, 1959-1978, were created by the Public Relations and Advertising Department and consist of three folders of photocopied material which is a representative collection of newspaper stories and magazine articles about Western Union services and people.

House Organs were publications produced in-house by Western Union for internal dissemination only. These included: Commercial Suggestions, a weekly pickup of sales ideas on "how the other fellow did it" and "how you can do it." Journal of the Telegraph, formerly known as Telegraphic Journal of New York, began on December 2, 1867 and ceased December 20, 1914. The Telegraph & Telephone Age, established in 1883, was a semi-monthly journal dedicated to commercial and railway telegraph, telephone, and submarine cable interests and radio telegraphy. Western Union News was introduced in July, 1914. It was edited by and for employees and provided up-to-date research information forum for more personal and social related matters. Western Union Technical Review began in July 1947.

This series is divided into fourteen subseries:

1. Now Our Next 100 Years, 1952
3. Sales Materials, 1941, 1966
4. Newsclippings, 1869-1956
5. Newsclipping Binders, 1918-1975
8. Press clippings, 1927-1939
9. Miscellaneous clippings, 1894-1954
11. Articles, 1935, 1944
12. Advertisements, undated
13. Posters (British), 1858-1936, undated
14. Western Union House Organs, 1867-1980

15. Publications by other companies, 1928-1937, 1963

Subseries 19.1: "Now Our Next 100 Years", 1952
Box 605, Folder 1

Box 605, Folder 2 Marketing Research Financial Appraisal, 1959
Box 605, Folder 3 Western Union Products & Services a Brief Description, 1962
Box 605, Folder 4 Western Union A Study of Market Factors for Telex-TWX Services, 1965

Subseries 19.3: Sales materials, 1966, 1941
Box 605, Folder 5 "Western Union Sales Manual," 1941
Box 605, Folder 6 Western Union Business Plan Manual, undated
Box 606, Folder 1 Western Union Study of Information Utility Business Opportunities Phase 1, January 1966
Box 606, Folder 2 Private Wire Services, Data Transmission by Western Union [1961?]
Box 606, Folder 3 Telecommunications Services for Government and Industry by Western Union (marketing brochure), 1962
Box 606, Folder 4 Info-Com A Computerized Message Data Service of Advanced Design (marketing brochure), 1969
Box 606, Folder 5 Western Union Innovates (marketing brochure), circa 1960s

Subseries 19.4: Newsclippings, 1869-1956
Box 621 1883-1893
Box 621 1891-1892
Box 607, Folder 1 September 1928-October 1931
Box 607, Folder 2 March 1930-March 1935
Box 607, Folder 3  

November 1934-December 1939

Image(s)

The Cabled Photo Is Perfected / This picturegram was cabled by Western Union from London to New York, April 1, 1939; crossed ocean in 20 minutes. It shows W. U. messenger boys delivering catalogs. [Caption below image] [Black and white picturegram], 1939

1 Item (6.4" x 4.25")

Image(s): The Cabled Photo Is Perfected / This picturegram was cabled by Western Union from London to New York, April 1, 1939; crossed ocean in 20 minutes. It shows W. U. messenger boys delivering catalogs. [Caption below image] [Black and white picturegram].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector  

English.

Reproduction of photograph pasted in scrapbook marked "newsclipping album", photographer unidentified.

Location not noted in scan meta data.

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Ink on paper.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000085 (AC Scan)

Topic:  
Messengers
Telegraph -- Employees -- 1930-1940

Genre/ Form:  
Albums
Cable photographs
Cablegrams
Clippings -- 1930-1950
Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Reproductions

As King George and Queen Elizabeth started on trip to North America [headline on newspaper clipping], May 7, 1939

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 7.7" x 8.2")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector  

English.

News clipping from the New York Times, May 7, 1939 with a Times Wide World Cablephoto of King George, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.

Series ?, box ?, folder?

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000066 (AC Scan)
Names: Elizabeth, Queen, consort of George VI, King of Great Britain, 900-2002
    George, King of Great Britain, VI., 1895-1952
Topic: New York times
      Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Clippings -- 1930-1950
      Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Reproductions

Box 607, Folder 4 December 1936-November 1943
Box 607, Folder 5 Miscellaneous, 1938; 1951, 1956
Box 607, Folder 6 Marshall, Texas, Telegraph History and Centennial Celebration, August 1954

Subseries 19.5: Newsclipping Binders, 1918-1975
Box 608, Folder 1-2 Binder, January 8, 1918-March 13, 1920
Box 608, Folder 3-4 Binder, 1919-1920 (Federal control of railroads)
Box 608, Folder 5 Binder, January-December 1946
Box 608, Folder 6 Binder, January 1944-October 1945
Box 609, Folder 1 Binder, January-December 1943
Box 609, Folder 2 Binder, January-December 1942
Box 609, Folder 3 Binder, November 1939-December 1941
Box 609, Folder 4 Binder, July 1942-October 1943 (Postal)
Box 609, Folder 5 Binder, 1947-1948 (Merger)
Box 609, Folder 6-7 Binder, October 1945-September 1946 (Strike)
Box 610, Folder 1 Binder, January 1947-December 1948 (Western Union cable strike)
Box 610, Folder 2 Binder, 1947-1952 (Western Union Land Lines)
Box 610, Folder 3 Binder, Cable Strike, 1948
Box 610, Folder 4 Binder, 1940-1946, (Miscellaneous, radio, ITT)
Box 611, Folder 1  Binder, 1940-1946, (Miscellaneous--personnel)

Box 611, Folder 2  Binder, 1974-1975 (clippings and news releases from teleprocessing Industries Inc.)

Box 611, Folder 3-4  Binder, 1939-1946 (Censorship & European Communication)

Box 612, Folder 1  Binder, 1939-1946 (Censorship & European Communication)


Box 613, Folder 1  No. 3, January 1958

Box 613, Folder 2  No. 4, January 1958

Box 613, Folder 3  No. 5, January 1958-February 1958

Box 613, Folder 4  No. 6, February 1958

Box 613, Folder 5  No. 7, March 1958-April 1958

Box 613, Folder 6  No. 8, 1958

Box 613, Folder 7  No. 10, 1958

Box 613, Folder 8  No. 13, 1958

Box 613, Folder 9  No. 16, December 1958

Box 613, Folder 10  No. 17, January 1959 (candygrams)

Box 613, Folder 11  No. 18, February 1959-March 1959

Box 613, Folder 12  No. 21, April 1959-May 1959

Box 613, Folder 13  No. 24, August 1959

Box 613, Folder 14  No. 26, October 1959

Box 613, Folder 15  No. 27, November 1959-December 1959

Box 613, Folder 16  No. 28, January 1960
Box 614, Folder 1  No. 29, April 1960-June 1960
Box 614, Folder 2  No. 30, Mid June 1960
Box 614, Folder 3  No. 32, October 1960
Box 614, Folder 4  No. 33, November 1960
Box 614, Folder 5  No. 34, December 1960-January 1961
Box 614, Folder 6  No. 35, February 1961-March 1961
Box 614, Folder 7  No. 36, April 1961
Box 614, Folder 8  No. 37, May 1961-June 1961
Box 614, Folder 9  No. 38, July 1961-September 1961
Box 614, Folder 10 No. 39, December 1961-February 1962
Box 615, Folder 1  No. 40, February 1962-April 1962
Box 615, Folder 2  No. 41, October 1962

Subseries 19.7: Newsclipping Books, Unnumbered, 1864-1967

Box 616  1864-1869 (Collins Overland Telegraph, Atlantic Telegraph and Cable, Morse Banquet, Western Union and Postal Telegraph, Telegraph Rates)
Box 617  1900-1903 (Robert C. Clowry, Western Union-Pennsylvania Railroad Controversy, Western Union Employees Union, Telegraph Strike)
Box 618  1905-1907 (Telegraph Strike, Military Telegraph Under Lincoln)
Box 615, Folder 3  October 1959-December 1959 (Wirefax)
Box 615, Folder 4  November 1960
Box 615, Folder 5  November 1960-January 1961
Box 615, Folder 6  December 1960-January 1961
Box 615, Folder 7  October 1961
Box 615, Folder 8  January 1962 (Personal opinion message service)
Box 619, Folder 1  August 1962-September 1962
Box 619, Folder 2  November 1964 (Microwave inaugural)
Box 619, Folder 3  January 1967-April 1967

Subseries 19.8: Press clippings, 1927-1939

Box 619, Folder 4

Subseries 19.9: Miscellaneous clippings, 1894-1954

Box 619, Folder 5-6  Clippings and press releases, 1913-1954
Box 645, Folder 1  Clipping book, 1894-1899
Box 645, Folder 2  Scrapbook of clippings, 1930s-1940s

Subseries 19.10: Publicity Clippings, 1959-1978

Box 620, Folder 1  August 1959 (Private wire service)
Box 620, Folder 2  November 1965-December 1965
Box 620, Folder 3  January 1966-March 1966 (2 c.)
Box 620, Folder 4  April 1966-May 1966 (2 c.)
Box 620, Folder 5  Miniature photographs, undated
Box 620, Folder 6  Miscellaneous clippings, 1917-1978
Box 620, Folder 7  Miscellaneous clippings, 1923-1956

Subseries 19.11: Articles, 1935, 1944

Box 622, Folder 1  Fortune Magazine, November 1935 & December 1944

Subseries 19.12: Advertisements, undated
Box 622, Folder 2  Western Union Everywhere (ink and pencil), undated
Box 622, Folder 3  Messengers Never Cool Their Heels, undated
Box 622, Folder 4  Please mam we want to send a telegram to our mother, undated
Box 622, Folder 5  There are 16,200 Xcvilles in America, undated
Box 622, Folder 6  The yellow blank actually reaches delinquents when others fail, undated
Box 622, Folder 7  Western Union Gift Order, undated
Box 622, Folder 8  Western Union Messenger Distribution Service, undated
Box 622, Folder 9  Don't become a stranger to your relatives, undated
Box 622, Folder 10  Wire ahead for hotel reservations
Box 622, Folder 11  Time saved by yellow blank today, undated
Box 622, Folder 12  The pulse of a nations business throbs over Western Union tickers, undated
Box 622, Folder 13  Western Union pick-up of packages, undated
Box 622, Folder 14  Western Union shopping service, undated
Box 622, Folder 15  Western Union 24 hr. a day money order service, undated

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1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10.9" x 7.8")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Newsletter contains halftone reproductions of photographs.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000114 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Newsletters -- 1920-1940

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Names: Trippe, Norman

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Wit and humor

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Series contains materials related to the Western Union Telegraph museum, a separate entity within the Western Union Telegraph Company. These materials are of several types. The material was placed in the museum from other divisions or departments of the company and was created by the museum itself. The Western Union Company placed many records into the Western Union Telegraph museum. The provenance of many items is unclear and often inconsistent. Many of the manuscript materials are similar to other materials in the collection. Most of the materials in this series have been marked as museum objects, i.e., they have been given museum identification numbers. Much of this material was assembled and either attached or placed together in notebooks. However, some items in this series are not marked as museum items and it is unclear whether those unmarked items are museum items or company records that came to the museum when the material was transferred.

The correspondence of the Western Union Telegraph museum deals with donations of old telegraph equipment to the museum, 1925-1961. All correspondence concerning donations is arranged in the order it was received by the museum. Other correspondence represented in this subseries concerns Western Union Telegraph museum donations to other museums. These include the Franklin Institute, 1933; the Smithsonian Institution, 1913-38, 1959-61; and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Museum, 1954-1956. One folder contains correspondence regarding donations to other museums, 1933-1943. This subseries also contains correspondence of Samuel Morse, 1937-1938, and Henry Sayre Potter, 1930s, regarding paintings for the museum. There is also correspondence with several movie studios seeking the museum's help with several motion pictures, 1938-1939. Also included is correspondence concerning telegraph history. The miscellaneous folders contain correspondence concerning many aspects of Western Union museum administration and business. Acquisitions to the museum consists of notebooks detailing museum acquisitions, 1937-1940. The exhibit information contains a notebook on work and material in museum exhibits, 1936-1940 and a New York Museum of Science and Industry exhibit newsletter. The brochures and pamphlets consist of a variety of German language brochures with a Netherlands and Smithsonian guide. The catalogues in this series describe a variety of telegraph equipment.

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   Image(s)

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Map-folder 9  Southern Pacific Railway, undated

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Map-folder 9  Boston and Maine Railroad, undated

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Map-folder 9  Louisiana Railway and Navigation Co., undated

Map-folder 9  Pennsylvania Lines, West of Pittsburgh, 1913

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Map-folder 19  Partial map of downtown Chicago, Illinois (possibly Baltimore & Ohio Railroad related), undated

Map-folder 19  Baltimore and Ohio Railroad routes map, undated

Box 838  Board of Design Drawings for New York World's Fair, 1939
  1 Roll

[Cable connections between United States, South America, Africa, Azores, and Cape Verde. map], undated
  1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10.4" x 7.8")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Series ?, box ?, folder?

Local Numbers
  AC0205-0000067 (AC Scan)

Topic:  Cable stations
  Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form:  Maps

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Series 22: Telegrams, 1852-1960s

The Telegrams series consists of material documenting the telegram forms used by the Western Union Telegraph Company and other telegraph companies.

The advertisements, product booklets and pamphlets provide substantial documentation on the types of telegram services Western Union offered. Several types of telegraph service were available including: full rate telegrams that were transmitted at any hour; day letters which were slightly deferred telegrams; cablegrams which were sent standard rate using plain or cipher cable messages at any hour; overnight telegrams, accepted at any hour up to 2 am for delivery the following day; cable night letters for overnight service of business or social communications; photograms which were facsimiles of original communications as prepared by the sender and were transmitted electrically and photographically reproduced; and sing-o-grams delivered in song. Additionally, information pamphlets and booklets describing training and careers as Western Union messengers and the dependability of Western Union Time Service and its clocks is found in this series. Of note is the art work represented in the mast head of many telegrams. In many instances, Norman Rockwell is the artist.

In some instances, copies of blank forms for holidays or specialty telegrams were collected and assembled into small albums. Loose telegram forms were interfiled according to subject/specialty. There is some duplication and overlap. Researchers should consult the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana for its series on "Telegraphs."

This series is arranged into fourteen subseries:

1. Western Union cable/telegraph system background, undated
2. Western Union telegram books, undated
3. Western Union telegrams-specialty, undated
4. Western Union miscellaneous telegrams, 1870-1960s
5. Western Union delivery and message envelopes, 1865-1941
6. Western Union wired telegrams, 1857-1954
7. Western Union advertisements for telegram services, 1872-1942
8. Telegrams scrapbooks, 1850s-1940
9. Commercial Cable Company, undated
10. Commercial Pacific Cable Company, undated
11. Morse American Telegraph Company, undated
12. Postal Telegraph, 1889, 1930s-1942
13. Other companies, 1852-1938

Subseries 22.1: Western Union Cable/Telegram system background, undated

Box 684, Folder 1

Image(s)
Box 684, Folder 1  

[Father's Day greeting, print advertisement], Circa 1930  
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 3.5" x 5.5")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Send Dad your greeting by telegraph on Western Union's new blank.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000113 (AC Scan)
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Advertisements -- 1930-1940

Box 684, Folder 1  

Greetings by / Western / Union / for / Easter / April 12, 1936. [blank form.], 1936  
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 3.5" x 5.5")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
Humphrey, Walter Beach, Artist
English.
Advertisement containing cartoon of a rabbit sending a telegram. With basket of eggs and telegram rates. "Created by / Walter Beach / Humphrey."

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000112 (AC Scan)
Topic: Easter
Easter eggs
Easter rabbit
Rabbits
Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Cartoons (humorous images) -- 1930-1960

Facts About the Western Union Cable System [pamphlet], date unknown  
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 5.6" x 4.0")

Image(s): Facts About the Western Union Cable System [pamphlet].
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
With map of North and South America and Europe showing cable lines on cover.

Box 4?

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000059 (AC Scan of front cover)
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Maps
Pamphlets

Box 707
Receipts for transmission of messages at Washington telegraph office, 1846
January 01-1846 March 31

Subseries 22.2: Western Union Telegram Books (blank forms), undated

Box 684, Folder 2
Order Blank book, 1870s

Box 685, Folder 1-3
Feature blanks--All Services (bound)

Box 684, Folder 3
Record of telegram booklets

Box 684, Folder 4
Obsolete forms, 1900s

Box 684, Folder 5-13
General/Generic forms

Image(s)

[Telegram form for senders to complete with suggested messages.],
undated

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 7.0" x 8.5")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
In series 22?, box 5 [684?], folder 2 [5-13?]

Soiled.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000016 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form: Forms (documents)

Subseries 22.3: Western Union Telegrams--Specialty, undated

Box 685, Folder 4
Airline Courtesy

Box 685, Folder 5
Airlines

Box 685, Folder 6
Airline Passenger's

Box 685, Folder 7
Air Traveler's
Box 686, Folder 1-5    All Occasions
Box 686, Folder 6    Anniversary
Box 686, Folder 7    Armed Forces
Box 687, Folder 1    Birthday Greetings
Box 687, Folder 2    Bon Voyage
Box 687, Folder 3    Boy Scouts of America
Box 687, Folder 4    Bunnygram (See Easter)
Box 687, Folder 5    Cablegram
Box 687, Folder 6    Cablegrama

Western Union Cablegrama [received in Havana, Cuba from Atlanta, Georgia, about condition of the cable. [Cablegram], August 1920
1 Item (ink on paper.; 6.8” x 8.3”)

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
Standard Imprints on telegram in Spanish, message in English.
Telegrams

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000065 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Place: Atlanta (Ga.)
Havana (Cuba)

Genre/ Form: Cablegrams

Box 687, Folder 7    Cablegrams & Envelopes
Box 687, Folder 8    Cable Message
Box 688    Candygram Box

CandyGram / The World's Sweetest Message [blank form], Circa 1960
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 6.5" x 7.8")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000116 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form: CandyGram
Forms (documents)
Telegrams

Box 689, Folder 1 Collect Cards/Tourate Cards
Box 689, Folder 2 Congratulations
Box 689, Folder 3 Day Letter
Box 689, Folder 4 Deliquent Accounts
Box 689, Folder 5 Easter (See Bunnygram)
Box 689, Folder 6 Facsimile (Carbon)
Box 689, Folder 7 Facsimile & Telephotograph
Box 689, Folder 8 Father's Day
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Box 690, Folder 2 General Electric
Box 690, Folder 3 Gift/Money Order (See Money Order Forms/Shoppin Order Forms)
Box 690, Folder 4 Half Rate Messages
Box 690, Folder 5-6 Holiday (Christmas)
Box 690, Folder 7 Jewish New Year
Box 690, Folder 8 Kiddiegram
Box 690, Folder 9 London
Box 691, Folder 1   Mailgram and Melody Gram
Box 691, Folder 2   Messenger Service
Box 691, Folder 3   Mexico

Image(s)

Box 691, Folder 3   Domestic Money Transfer Order, 1914-15
   1 Item (ink on paper; 9.7" x 7.5")
   Image(s): CandyGram / The World's Sweetest Message [blank form]
   Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
   English.
   Long vertical form, mounted on a board.
   Glue stains.

Local Numbers
   AC0205-0000107 (AC Scan)

   Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
   Genre/ Form: Financial records

Box 691, Folder 4   Money Order Forms/Shopping Order Forms
Box 691, Folder 5   Montreal, Canada
Box 691, Folder 6   Mother's Day
Box 692, Folder 1   Mother's Day
Box 692, Folder 2   Newfoundland, Canada
Box 693, Folder 1   New Year's Greeting
Box 693, Folder 2-3   Night Message/Night Letter
Box 693, Folder 4   Paramount Silver Jubilee
Box 693, Folder 5   Pep Telegrams
Box 693, Folder 6   Photograms and Telephotographs, 1929 - 1929
Box 693, Folder 7   Political Conventions
Box 693, Folder 7: Blank Forms, Political Conventions

[Blank telegram form for Democratic National Convention, Chicago 1932, with shadow images of Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, and Woodrow Wilson; printed form.], 1932
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 7.2" x 8.7")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000028.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Democratic National Convention (1932 : Chicago, Ill.).
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924

Topic: Democratic Party
Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Chicago (Ill.)
Genre/Form: Forms (documents)
Form: Telegrams

Box 693, Folder 7: Blank Forms, Political Conventions

[Blank telegram form for Democratic National Convention, 1936. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania] [printed form.], 1936
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 7.0" x 8.5")

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Form bears imprint of Liberty Bell with heading, "Democratic National Convention / June 1936 / Philadelphia".

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000027.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Democratic National Convention (1936 : Philadelphia, Pa.)
Democratic Party

Topic: Liberty Bell
Political conventions
Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Philadelphia (Pa.)
Genre/Form: Forms (documents)
Form: Telegrams

Box 693, Folder 8 Press
Box 693, Folder 9       Press Message
Box 693, Folder 10      Reservation Service (Motel and Hotel)
Box 693, Folder 11      RUSH
Box 693, Folder 12      Santagram
                       Image(s)
Box 693, Folder 12      Santa-Gram by Western Union, circa 1930
                       1 Item (ink on paper; 6.5" x 8.0")
                       Image(s): Santa-Gram by Western Union [blank form]
                       Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
                       English.
                       Local Numbers
                       AC0205-0000110 (AC Scan)
                       Topic: Christmas
                       Santa Claus
                       Telegraph, Wireless
                       Genre/Form: Forms (documents)
                       Form: Santa-Grams
                       Telegrams
Box 693, Folder 13      Shopping Order
Box 693, Folder 14      Singogram
Box 693, Folder 15      Social Message
                       Image(s)
                       Social Message / Western Union [blank form & envelope]
                       2 Items (ink on paper; 3.6" x 6.5" 6.4" x 8.0")
                       Image(s): Social Message / Western Union [blank form & envelope].
                       Image(s): Social Message / Western Union [blank form & envelope].
                       Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
                       English.
                       Text printed in white on blue surrounded by dark yellow field, with Doric
                       In series 22?, box 693? & 697?, folder 15? & 1-22?
                       Local Numbers
                       AC0205-0000092 (AC Scan)
                       AC0205-0000093 (AC Scan)
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form: Envelopes Forms (documents)

Box 693, Folder 16
Souvenir/Tourate

Box 694, Folder 1
Souvenir/Facsimile

Box 694, Folder 2
Spirit of St. Louis

Box 694, Folder 3
Storkgram
Image(s)

Box 694, Folder 3
[Storkgram telegram blank; illustration of stork carrying infant in diaper.], 1950
1 Item (ink on paper.; 6.2" x 8.0")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000012.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Infants
Storks
Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form: Storkgrams Telegrams

Box 694, Folder 4
St. Patrick's Day

Box 694, Folder 5
St. Pierre & Miquelon, Newfoundland, Canada

Box 694, Folder 6
Telefax

Box 694, Folder 7-8
Thanksgiving

Box 694, Folder 9
Thank You's

Box 694, Folder 10
United Nations Conference

Box 694, Folder 11
Valentine Greeting
Image(s)

Box 694, Folder 11
[Illustrated Valentine greeting by Western Union, blank form.], 1939
1 Item (ink on paper.; 7.1" x 8.6")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Two illustrations, one showing a young couple in vaguely medieval dress, and one of a Cupid figure wearing a messenger cap. The form includes standard messages which can be checkmarked and blank spaces for the customer to complete.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000111 (AC Scan)

Topic:  Cupids (Art)
        Messengers
        Telegraph, Wireless
        Valentine's Day

Genre/ Form:  Forms (documents)
        Valentines

Box 695, Folder 1 Valentine Greeting

Subseries 22.4: Western Union Miscellaneous Telegrams, 1870-1960s

Box 695, Folder 2-4 Miscellaneous, 1870-1910

Box 696, Folder 1 Miscellaneous-Sent, 1857-1880

Box 696, Folder 2 Miscellaneous-Sent, 1882-1912

Box 696, Folder 3 Miscellaneous-Sent, 1921-1954

Image(s)
[Telegram to Mohican Stores, Inc, New York City from Westerville Creamery, Westerville, OH], July 23, 1954
1 Item (ink on paper.; 5.7" x 7.9")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Stamped "School copy" in red.

In series 22?, box 696?, folder 3?

Wrinkled and puckerad.

Local Numbers
AC0205-00000091 (AC Scan)
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Telegrams

Box 696, Folder 4-5
Miscellaneous-Blank Forms, 1928-1941

Box 696, Folder 6
Miscellaneous, 1960s

Map-folder 14
Text (copy) of telegram message about execution of John Copeland, accomplice of John Brown, 1859

Map-folder 23
Photograph of the original message "What Hath God Wrought," 24 May 1844

Subseries 22.5: Western Union Delivery and Message Envelopes, 1865-1941

Box 697, Folder 1-22
1865-1941

Image(s)

[Kiddiegram envelope with colorful nursery rhyme drawings, including image of Mother Goose.], 1936
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 3.6" x 6.5")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
In series 22?, box 5 [697-698?], folder 2 [1-22, 1?]

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000017 (AC Scan)

Topic: Fairy tales
Kiddiegrams
Mother Goose
Nursery rhymes
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Telegrams

Box 698, Folder 1
Miscellaneous, undated

Subseries 22.6: Western Union Wired Telegrams and Envelopes, 1857-1954

Box 698, Folder 2

Subseries 22.7: Western Union Advertisements for Telegram Services, 1872-1942

Box 698, Folder 3-5

Image(s)
Box 701, Folder 1  Franks and Advertising Stamps, ca. 1907-1909

Box 701, Folder 1A Franks and Advertising Stamps, ca. 1940s

Box 703 Franks and Stamps, Vol. 1, 1872-1942 and Vol. 2, 1912-1947

Box 703, Volume 2, Page 6 [Western Union Complimentary Stamps to be used to pay for personal, social messages] : [card], 1914

1 Item (ink on paper.; 10.2" x 7.9")

Image(s): [Western Union Complimentary Stamps to be used to pay for personal, social messages] : [card].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Card containing two sets of six stamps, with caption: "Western Union Telegraph Co. / 1914 / Signature of Theo N. Vail / Engraved by the E.A. Wright Bank Note Co. / Perf. 12." One set of stamps has a 5 cent denomination, the other 25 cents.

Local Numbers

AC0205-00000108 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Stamps (exchange media)

Box 704 Franks and Stamps, Vol. 3, 1881-1941

Childhood's newest thrill / The new Western Union KiddieGram [advertising brochure], 1937

1 Item (ink on paper.; 5.5" x 9.7")

Image(s)

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Illustrated with nursery rhyme characters, such as Little Bo Peep, Humpty Dumpty, etc., and suggested wording for telegrams; cost 25 cents.

In series 22?, box 5 [698?], folder 2 [3-5?]

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000015-01 (AC Scan)

AC0205-0000015-02 (AC Scan)

Topic: Fairy tales

Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Kiddiegram

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Morse Line Eastern, Western & Southern Telegraph [telegram], 1851
1 Item (telegram)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Ink on paper.

Local Numbers
91-18145 (OIPP Neg. No.)

Genre/Form: Telegrams

Morse Line Eastern, Western and Southern Telegraph [telegram], Dec. 2, 1851
1 Item
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Morse Line, Eastern Western & Southern Telegraph, sent from Boston.

Local Numbers
91-18145 (OPPS Neg.)

Topic: Telegrams -- 1850-1860

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Series 23: Photographs, circa 1870-1980

The photographs contain a wide variety of images representing all aspects of Western Union and the telegraph industry.

Subseries 1 has photos of Western Union buildings from all over the world, dating from the nineteenth century until 1965. Buildings which are identified include those in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, New York City, Key West, FL, Rochester, N.Y., Hamilton, Ohio, Morristown, N.J., Sacramento, CA, Cumberland, Md., and Sandesville, GA, among others. Unfortunately, most of the photoprints are not captioned.

Poleyards and Construction, contains two folders of photoprints of telegraph poleyards, where poles are prepared for service. There are also photoprints of the locations where the finished poles were used. Some of the locations represented are: Minneapolis, Minn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Nashua, N.H.; Slidell, La.; Rutherford, N.J.; Tacoma, Wash.; Miami, Fla.; and Elizabethtown, N.J. Folder three contains specifications and photoprints for pole line construction.

Western Union put many photographs into albums. The albums themselves have been taken apart, but the order has been preserved. These albums cover a wide variety of subjects, including antiquated telegraph instruments; Telefax switching systems; switchboard, plugs, and jacks; office interiors; tickers; "Western Union Automatic Telegraph"; and miscellaneous equipment.

The cable station photographs, 1917-1961, are arranged alphabetically by location and include Western Union stations in the United States, Europe, and Caribbean. Also included in this subseries are negatives of the cable stations. The cable ships photographs include Western Union ships-Robert C. Clowry, C.S. Colonia, C.S. Cyrus Field, C.S. Lord Kelvin, C.S. Neptune, C.S. Dellwood, C.S. Silverado-and other unidentified ships.

Telegraph equipment includes: early telegraph tickers, 1866; the Western Union cable boat Robert C. Clowry, 1903; switching systems; "Multifax," c. 1940; equipment from World War II; Varioplex equipment; Carrier systems; Mono Pulse Printing Telegraphic Sets; and Deep-Sea Cable exhibit material. There is also a great deal of unidentified miscellaneous equipment which is not identified.

Western Union "People" consists mostly of messengers and many individuals are not identified. Photographs of Western Union presidents are found in the subseries, including J.L. Egan, John W. Mackay, William Orton, Norvin Green, R.C. Clowry, Newcomb Carlton. Additionally, there are several images of Samuel F.B. Morse. There is a photoprint of a group of telegraphers present at the Battle of Gettysburg, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of that battle. There is also a folder of photos of drawings of Pony Express riders.

The Samuel F.B. Morse photographs consists of Morse Family images and some correspondence.

Cable Photographs, contain many news images transmitted via the facsimile process in the 1920s through the 1940s. These news photos can be found throughout the subseries. There are also many other photos, some in albums, that were transmitted by facsimile, but were not for newspaper use. The majority of facsimile photographs are from Europe and many of the subjects concern World War II such as the bombings in London, the British Royal Family, Adolph Hitler, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and other military and political leaders.

The oversized photographs cover a wide range of topics from portraits to equipment to interior building views. There are some architectural drawings in this subseries for Western Union storefronts and advertisements.

The series is divided into thirteen subseries:

1. Western Union Buildings, 1900-1965
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Subseries 23.1: Western Union Buildings and Property, 1900-1980

Box 711, Folder 1-3 Pre-1900
Box 711, Folder 4 Post 1900

Box 711, Folder 4 Image(s)

[Tube Center at Western Union's 60 Hudson Street, New York, New York building, with women employees : black-and-white photoprint.], Circa 1940
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 7.5" x 9.4")

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Caption (on negative) : "Tube Center / 60 Hudson St. / New York." Shown are four female employees and three male employees.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000019.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Labor
Telegraph, Wireless
Women employees

Place: New York (N.Y.) -- 1930-1940
Box 711, Folder 4  [Exterior of Western Union office in Peoria, IL, 1905. Left to right: Tom McGraw, Miss Hughes, Homer Barlow, Jas. Talliaferro, Victoria Wilde, Cass Salm, Wm. Howard, Ed Mahoney, Larry O'Laughlin, Bruce E. Brill.], 1905

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.6" x 6.5")

Image(s): [Exterior of Western Union office in Peoria, IL, 1905. Left to right: Tom McGraw, Miss Hughes, Homer Barlow, Jas. Talliaferro, Victoria Wilde, Cass Salm, Wm. Howard, Ed Mahoney, Larry O'Laughlin, Bruce E. Brill.

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

A bicycle wheel can be seen on the right. Sepia-colored print.

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Poor, fragile. Mounted on acidic, broken board.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000135 (AC Scan)

Topic:  Bicycles -- 1880-1920
Office buildings
Telegraph, Wireless

Place:  Illinois -- 1900-1910
Peoria (Ill.)

Genre/  Photographs -- 1900-1910 -- Black-and-white
Form:  photoprints

Box 711, Folder 5  Western Union laboratory and offices, April 1926

Box 711, Folder 6  Interior shots, various locations, undated

Image(s)

Box 712, Folder 1  Interior shots, various locations, undated

Box 712, Folder 2  North Sydney, Nova Scotia, Western Union Cable Station, 1875-1903

Box 712, Folder 3  Miscellaneous, 1874-1926

Box 712, Folder 4  AT & T Building, New York, NY, 1965 (newspaper clipping)

Box 712, Folder 5  Photoprints of exhibits--American Exposition, San Diego 1935; Texas Centennial Exposition 1936.

Box 712, Folder 6  Locust & 11th Streets, Philadelphia, PA
Box 712, Folder 7  Western Union Building in New Orleans, LA

Map-folder 19  Western Union Building [black-and-white photoprint], 1880
Image(s): The Western Union Telegraph Building [black-and-white graphic arts print].
Mounted photoprint with caption: "Western Union Building, 195 Broadway, New York / Before the Fire of 1890." Number R-2519 in lower right corner of print. Eight-story Victorian-style building with elaborate rooftop elements.

Box 751, Folder 1  [American District Telegraph] 195 Broadway New York City, 1897

Box 751, Folder 1  General Electric Communication Center by Western Union

Box 751, Folder 1  Wheatstone Department of NY Main, 1888

Box 778, Folder 1  Ocean Cable System Leased Property, as of 1933

Box 778, Folder 2  Ocean Cable System Leased Property (includes: London, Belfast, and Birmingham), undated

Box 785, Folder 1  Western Union Office, Kabelkantoor, Amsterdam, undated

Box 785, Folder 2  Western Union Operating Room, Ellicott Square, Buffalo, NY, 1896

Map-folder 23  General Operating Department, New York office (7th floor), 1900 March 27

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Box 828, Folder 1  Western Union offices

Box 828, Folder 1  Flagstaff, Arizona

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Box 828, Folder 1  Moses Lake, Washington
Box 828, Folder 1  Olympia, Washington

Box 830  Western Union Offices: Oakland, California and San Francisco, California, undated
         Image(s)

Subseries 23.2: Poleyards and Construction, 1901-1927

Box 718, Folder 1-2  Poleyard photoprint album, 1919-1926

Box 718, Folder 3  Photoprints of telegraph poles, 1901, 1927

Subseries 23.3: Western Union Albums (numbered), 1856-1953

Box 713, Folder 1  Album # 279 (66-49) Miscellaneous early equipment & memorabilia, compiled ca. 1933
         Image(s)

Box 713, Folder 1  [Western Union Call Boxes, 1910, 1923, and 1933 : photoprint.],
                   Photograph undated
                   1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.2" x 9.4")
                   Image(s)
                   Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
                   English.
                   Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
         AC0205-0000122 (AC Scan)

       Topic:  Electrical equipment
                Telegraph, Wireless

       Genre/ Form:  Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Black-and-white
                   photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 713, Folder 2  Album #1237, Miscellaneous equipment, ca. 1920s-30s

Box 713, Folder 3  Album # 2100, Photographic notebook, 1872-1914 (not inclusive)
         Image(s)

Box 713, Folder 3  [Morse Recorder. Black-and-white photoprint.], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 9.0" x 7.4")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872, Inventor
English.
Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000018.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Box 714, Folder 1
Album # 2100 Photographic notebook, 1856-1940 (not inclusive)
Image(s)

Box 714, Folder 1
[Morse telegraph set, ca. 1870] [black-and-white photoprint], 1922?
1 Item (6.8" x 9.3")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Creator
English.
Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000011.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/
Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
Form: photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 714, Folder 2
Album # 219 Photographic notebook, 1900s.

Box 715, Folder 1
Album # 219 Photographic notebook, 1930s.

Box 715, Folder 2
Album # 219 Photographic notebook, undated

Box 715, Folder 3
Album #2101 #84-47, WUTC Laboratories, Offices, Cable Stations, Exhibitions, 1913-39
Image(s)

[Small building with "cable" painted on side in a rural setting with a wooden fence: black-and-white photoprint.], Circa 1900
1 Item (2.8" x 3.7")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
In series 23? box Ph-6?, Folder 3?.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000094 (AC Scan)

Topic: Cable stations
Telegraph, Wireless

Box 716, Folder 1-2 Album #2103 #84-52, "Equipment by Kleinschmidt, Morkum, Teletype, Potts & others, ca. 1918-29."

Box 716, Folder 3 Album #2107/#84-48, Miscellaneous equipment, 1926-31; 1937, 1940

Box 717, Folder 1 Album #2195, Antiquated Telegraph Instruments donated to Western Union Museum

Box 717, Folder 2 Album #2340, Subcenters & Concentrator, ca. 1930s

Box 717, Folder 3 Album #2342, Telefax Switching Systems, 1953

Box 719, Folder 1 Album #2382, The Consolidated Telegraph and Electrical Subway Company, undated

Box 717, Folder 4 Album #2385, Reperferator Switching System, Philadelphia, Pa., undated

Box 720, Folder 1 Album, Switchboard, Plugs and Jacks, 1922-1931.

Box 720, Folder 2 Album #2389 Switchboard, Plugs and Jacks, 1928-29

Box 721, Folder 1 Album #66-43, #607-651, Tickers
Image(s): Album #66-43, #607-651, Tickers: undated

Box 721, Folder 2 [Western Union operating room, Ellicott Square Building, Buffalo, New York : black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1896
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 7.6" x 9.2")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Office interior with male and female employees typing. Caption under photograph: "Buffalo, N.Y. -- operating room / Ellicott Square Building about 1896."

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000121 (AC Scan)

Topic: Offices -- 1890-1920
Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Buffalo (N.Y.)

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1890-1910 -- Black-and-white photoprints

Box 721, Folder 1
Universal Ticker and Pedestal [photoprint], undated

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 9.4" x 5.5")

Image(s): Universal Ticker and Pedestal [photoprint].
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000120 (AC Scan)

Topic: Stock ticker
Telegraph, Wireless

Box 721, Folder 2
Album # 66-51, Operating room, Buffalo, N.Y., ca. 1896.

Image(s)

Box 721, Folder 3
Album #84-47, WUTC Laboratories, offices, cable stations, exhibitions, 1913-1939

Box 722, Folder 1
Album #84-48, Miscellaneous equipment, 1913-1930s

Image(s)

Box 722, Folder 1
Stock & Grain Quotation furnished by the Western Union Telegraph [photograph of photomechanical image.]
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 9.0" x 7.1")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Label is on the base of a stock ticker machine, with ticker tape feeding through it.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000137 (AC Scan)

Topic: Stock ticker
      Telegraph, Wireless
      Ticker tape

Box 722, Folder 2
Album, Reperferator switching systems, 1935-1940s

Image(s)

Box 722, Folder 3
Album, Western Union Automatic Telegraph

Box 723, Folder 1
Album, Chattanooga Works of WUTC/Var Shops/Pole Yard Operations, 1929.

Box 723, Folder 2
Album, Reperferator switching systems, ca. 1947.

Box 724, Folder 1
Album, Equipment; office interiors; employees at work.

Image(s)

Ninth floor of the Phoenix Building in Chicago, Illinois 1901. Western Union operating room [black-and-white photoprint], 1901
1 Item (5.0" x 9.8")

Image(s): Ninth floor of the Phoenix Building in Chicago, Illinois 1901. Western Union operating room [black-and-white photoprint].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
In black copy print notebooks.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000138 (AC Scan)

90-16525 (SI Neg. No.)

Names: Phoenix Building (Chicago, Ill.)
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Place: Chicago (Ill.)
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1900-1910

Box 724, Folder 2 Album, Miscellaneous equipment--Boston, Plan 21-A by floor, undated

Box 724, Folder 3 Album, Miscellaneous equipment--Boston, undated

Subseries 23.4: Cable Stations, 1908, 1917-1961

Box 725, Folder 1 Amsterdam and Antwerp, 1921-1922

Box 725, Folder 2 Barbados and Miscellaneous West Indies, 1920-1921

Box 725, Folder 3 Bay Roberts Office/Flat Rock Cove/Spaniards Bay, 1925

Image(s)

C.S. Cyrus Field landing cable at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, Canada in June 1926, June 1926
1 Item (10.9" x 7.2")

Image(s): The Cabled Photo Is Perfected / This picturegram was cabled by Western Union from London to New York, April 1, 1939; crossed ocean in 20 minutes. It shows W. U. messenger boys delivering catalogs. [Caption below image] [Black and white picturegram].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Two photoprints mounted on a sheet, each captioned.

In series 23?, box 725?, folder 3?

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000082 (AC Scan)

Names: C.S. Cyrus Field
Topic: Ships
Telegraph, Wireless
Place: Newfoundland

Box 725, Folder 4 Bristol and Liverpool, 1922, 1924

Box 725, Folder 5 Duxbury and Rye Beach, 1917, 1922-1934
Box 725, Folder 6

European Branch Offices, 1924

Image(s)

Box 725, Folder 6

[Interior and exterior views of the Western Union Cable System office, in Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland, England: 2 photoprints mounted on one sheet of black paper, December 1924]  
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper, mounted on black paper.; 10.9" x 8.4")

Image(s): [Interior and exterior views of the Western Union Cable System office, in Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland, England: 2 photoprints mounted on one sheet of black paper].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Captions: (Top) "#1 Side St., Newcastle-on-Tyne [sic], Northumberland, England / Dec. 1924"; (Bottom) "Newcastle-on-Tyne Office / Dec. 1924."

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000020.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Offices -- 1920-1930
    Telegraph, Wireless

Place: England
    Newcastle upon Tyne (England)
    Northumberland (England)

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
    photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 725, Folder 7

Galveston, Texas, 1930

Box 726, Folder 1

Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, Canada, 1913-1919

Box 726, Folder 2

Havana and Cojimar and Miscellaneous Cuba, 1919-1920; 1954

Box 845, Folder 1-8

Havana and Cojimar and Miscellaneous Cuba, 1919-1920; 1954

Image(s)

[Letters to the editor newspaper clippings by Samuel Morse and Francois Gouraud on pages 51-52 in scrapbook.], 1840

2 Items (Ink on paper.; 12.8" x 9.8")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000048-01 (AC Scan)
AC0205-0000048-02 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form: Clippings/ Scrapbooks

Box 845, Folder 6
[Great Eastern(?), b&w photoprint], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 4.1" x 3.0")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Children dance around a flag pole flying a British flag; lion on guard from an overlooking cliff; ship and bi-plane in the background.

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000032 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: British
Electronics
Lions -- Design elements

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 845, Folder 6
[Unidentified group of men wearing suits and hats, b&w photoprint],
October 1925
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 1.8" x 2.6")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Signed "for Mr. Trippe, cordialement [cordially] Jacob"

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000033 (AC Scan No.)

Names: Trippe, Norman

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 845, Folder 6
[Unidentified group of men wearing suits and hats, b&w photoprint],
undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 3.2” x 3.2”)

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Photograph is faded with two corners broken off.

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000034 (AC Scan No.)

Box 845, Folder 6

[Two unidentified men wearing thigh high boots carrying long poles, possibly a fishing pole in a case, and a wicker creel, standing near a fence in open country with rolling hills b&w photoprint], undated

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 2.5” x 4.3”)

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Possibly two men going to or coming from fishing.

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000035 (AC Scan No.)

Box 845, Folder 6

Rantem, [Newfoundland, Canada, b&w photoprint], August 1925

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 2.5” x 4.3”)

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Landscape with town in the distance.

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000036 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Landscapes
Box 845, Folder 6  Unidentified house, b&w photoprint, Circa 1925
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 3.3" x 5.6")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Two story house with shallow pitched roof, separate garage, four cars and
white fence near small river or lake. Forrest in the background

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled
with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000037 (AC Scan No.)

Topic:
Houses
Landscapes

Genre/
Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
Form:
photoprints -- Silver gelatin
Place:
Newfoundland

Box 845, Folder 6  Rantem and Island Cove, [b&w photoprint], August 1925
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.0" x 3.0")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Group of seven men in work clothing standing in front of a canvas sided
structure. Possibly a work crew for the Rantem and Island Cove cable
station.

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled
with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000038 (AC Scan No.)

Topic:
Cable stations
Workmen

Genre/
Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
Form:
photoprints -- Silver gelatin
Place:
Newfoundland

Box 845, Folder 6  [Norman Trippe, on right, and two other men in front of a Western Union
window, b&w photoprint], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 4.4" x 2.6")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000039 (AC Scan No.)

Names: Trippe, Norman

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white

photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 845, Folder 6

Birds eye view of Rantem - JC Cable looking towards JC, [b&w photoprint], August 1925

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.0" x 3.0")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000040 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Landscapes

Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white

photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 845, Folder 6

Laying [cable at] Rantem - Island Cove, [b&w photoprint], August 1925

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.0" x 3.0")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000041 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Cable stations

Landscapes

Telegraph, Wireless

Workmen
Box 845, Folder 6  Laying Rantem - J.C. cable, [b&w photoprint], August 1925
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 5.0" x 3.0")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Small group of men in two row boats laying cable.
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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000042 (AC Scan No.)

Topic:
Cable stations
Landscapes
Telegraph, Wireless
Workmen

Genre/
Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
Form:
photoprints -- Silver gelatin
Place:
Newfoundland

Box 845, Folder 6  [Unidentified men and small boats laying cable, b&w photoprint], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 5.9" x 7.9")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000043 (AC Scan No.)

Topic:
Cable stations
Landscapes
Telegraph, Wireless
Workmen

Genre/
Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
Form:
photoprints -- Silver gelatin
Place:
Newfoundland

Box 845, Folder 6  [Unidentified men and boats laying cable with icebergs and ship in background, b&w photoprint], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.9" x 8.0")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000044 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Cable stations
      Icebergs
      Landscapes
      Telegraph, Wireless
      Workmen

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
            Photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Place: Newfoundland

Box 845, Folder 6

[Wooden buildings, sheds, and platforms on the shore of a cove with icebergs and ship in background, b&w photoprint], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 5.9" x 7.9")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000045 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Cable stations
      Icebergs
      Landscapes
      Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
            Photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Place: Newfoundland

Box 845, Folder 7

[Charles Trippe (left) sitting with Samuel Morse (right) in garden, b&w photoprint], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 4.4" x 6.0")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.
Local Numbers

AC0205-0000046 (AC Scan No.)

Names: Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872
       Trippe, Charles

Topic: Cable stations
       Gardens
       Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
             photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 845, Folder 6

Anglo American Telegraph Co's staff Hearts Content 1908 / With the
Season's Greetings, [b&w photoprint], 1908
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 7.9" x 6.8")

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Card with 50 oval portraits and a listing of their names.

Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled
with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000047-01 (AC Scan No.)

AC0205-0000047-02 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Cable stations
       Employees
       Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
             photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Place: Hearts Content (Newfoundland, Canada)

Box 845, Folder 4

N. [Norman] F. Trippe, [business card], undated
1 Item (ink on paper.; 2.0" x 3.5")

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Asst. American Traffic Manager, Western Union Cable System, New York.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000049 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Employees
       Telegraph, Wireless
Norman Trippe, [b&w photoprint], Circa 1935
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 4.1" x 3.3")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Unrestricted research use by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000050 (AC Scan No.)
Names: Trippe, Norman
Topic: Cable stations
Employees
Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
photoprints -- Silver gelatin

[Congratulations from W. T. Jones to N. (Norman) F. Trippe, letter], May 4, 1920
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10.9" x 8.4")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000051 (AC Scan No.)
Names: Trippe, Norman
Topic: Employees
Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form: Correspondence

[Promotion notification from Mr. Blenheim to N. (Norman) F. Trippe, letter], April 1, 1920
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10.9" x 8.2")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000052 (AC Scan No.)
Names: Trippe, Norman
Box 845, Folder 2

[Thank you from J. T. Groves to N. (Norman) F. Trippe, telegram], May 26, 1927

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 6.4" x 8.5")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000053 (AC Scan No.)

Names: Trippe, Norman

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Correspondence

Box 845, Folder 2

Norman F. Trippe, of Western Union, [newspaper clipping, photocopy], September 19, 1944

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10.9" x 8.5")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Head of its cable office dies - son of man who helped lay first line to Europe.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000054 (AC Scan No.)

Names: Trippe, Norman

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Obituaries

Box 845, Folder 1

The Late Charles Trippe, [typed article], June 22, 1910

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 11.0" x 8.5")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.


Local Numbers

AC0205-0000058-01 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000058-02 (AC Scan No.)

Names: Trippe, Charles
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Articles

Box 845, Folder 1

[Funeral of Charles Trippe, [typed article], June 18, 1910
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 11.0" x 8.5")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
by T.M.W.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000060 (AC Scan No.)

Names: Trippe, Charles
Topic: Funeral rites and ceremonies
Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Articles

Box 845, Folder 2

[Laying the first Atlantic Cables from Norman Trippe, letter], 1937
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 9.4" x 7.5")
Image(s)
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Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Letter to Carrie about the early history of laying Atlantic cables.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000061-01 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000061-02 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000061-03 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000061-04 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000061-05 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000061-06 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000061-07 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000061-08 (AC Scan No.)
AC0205-0000061-09 (AC Scan No.)

Names: Trippe, Charles
       Trippe, Norman

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Correspondence

Box 726, Folder 3-4 Horta, Azores Islands

Box 727, Folder 1 London, 1925-1954 (not inclusive)

Image(s)

Box 727, Folder 1, London Album [Cable printer circuit 3VA operated by Mr. Finlayson, London : black-and-white photoprint], 1925
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 7.7" x 5.7")
Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000123 (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Place: London (England)

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 727, Folder 2 Manchester, England, 1930

Box 728, Folder 1 Mexico City, Mexico, 1948

Box 728, Folder 2 Miami Beach and Miami City, 1922-1925, 1954

Image(s)

Box 728, Folder 2, Miami Beach and Joining Miami-Barbados Cable to Underground [black-and-white photoprint], August 1922
Miami City Album; Florida

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 6.6" x 7.1")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

From scrapbook. Group of men (fully dressed) on beach. Caption under photograph provides names.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000124 (AC Scan)

Bibliography

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Topic: Beaches -- Florida

Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Florida

Box 728, Folder 3
Montreal, 1954, 1961

Box 728, Folder 4
Paris and Le Havre, 1924-1927, 1954

Box 728, Folder 5
Penzance, England, 1925

Image(s)

Penzance Cable Station [Penzance, England, black--and-white photoprint], 1925

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 4.2" x 5.0")

Image(s): Penzance Cable Station [Penzance, England, 1925; black--and-white photoprint].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-000021.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Buildings -- England

Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Penzance (England)

Box 784
Miami-Barbados Cable Album
Box 784    Sennen Cove-Valentia Cable Album
Box 729, Folder 1  Penzance and Sennen Cove, England, 1921-1925, 1954
Box 729, Folder 2  Placentia Colinet & Misc. Newfoundland, Canada, 1919, 1943
Box 729, Folder 3  Puerto, Mexico Office, 1948
Box 729, Folder 4  Rantem and Island Cove, 1921-1925
Box 730, Folder 1  Saint Pierre, 1930, 1950-1954
Box 730, Folder 2  Tampico, 1929-1930, 1948
Box 733, Folder 2  Valentia, Ireland, 1929-1931; 1952;1954;
Box 733, Folder 3  Vera Cruz, 1929, 1948
Box 731, Folder 1  Negatives of Cable Stations-Summer, 1939

Image(s)
Box 731, Folder 2  Negatives of Cable Stations-Hammel
Box 731, Folder 3  Negatives of Cable Stations-Duxbury
Box 731, Folder 4  Negatives of Cable Stations-Canso
Box 731, Folder 5  Negatives of Cable Stations-Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, Canada

Image(s)
Box 731, Folder 5  [Children playing on the back steps and yard of Western Union Cable Station in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, Canada, b&w negative], Circa 1930
1 Item (Silver gelatin on film.; 5.8" x 4.0")
Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
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with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000077 (AC Scan No.)

Topic:  Cable stations
        Telegraph, Wireless
Box 731, Folder 5

[Man standing next to "Telegraph Cables" sign outside of Western Union Cable Station in Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, Canada, b&w negative], Circa 1930

1 Item (Silver gelatin on film.; 3.2" x 4.2")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000078 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Cable stations

Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Black-and-white negatives

Place: Newfoundland

Box 731, Folder 6

Negatives of Cable Stations-Heart's Content

Image(s)

Box 731, Folder 6

[Cable station at Hearts Content, Canada : twenty-eight assorted photonegatives.], undated

28 Items (items, assorted sizes; Silver gelatin on film.)

Image(s)

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Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000014-01.tif (AC Scan)

AC0205-0000014-02.tif (AC Scan)

AC0205-0000014-03.tif (AC Scan)

AC0205-0000014-04.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Cable stations

Telegraph, Wireless
Series 23: Photographs

Place: Canada -- 1890-1900

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1890-1900 -- Black-and-white negatives -- Acetate film

Box 731, Folder 7 Negatives of Cable Stations-Rantem and Island Cove
Box 731, Folder 8 Negatives of Cable Stations-Valentia, Ireland
Box 731, Folder 9 Negatives of Cable Stations-Penzance/Sennen Cove, England
Box 731, Folder 10 Negatives of Cable Stations-Cojimar/Havana
Box 731, Folder 11 Negatives of Cable Stations-C.S. Lord Kelvin (land and ship views)
Box 731, Folder 12 Negatives of Cable Stations-Miami, Key West /JW. Atkins Schooner
Box 731, Folder 13 Negatives of Cable Stations-Colinet/Freshwater Huts, Newfoundland, Canada
Box 731, Folder 14 Negatives of Cable Stations-Unidentified
Box 732, Folder 1 Negatives of Cable Stations-Cable ships and equipment
Box 732, Folder 2 Negatives of Cable Stations-Horta, Azores Islands
Box 732, Folder 3 Negatives of Cable Stations-Halifax
Box 732, Folder 4 Negatives of Cable Stations-Tampico
Box 732, Folder 5 Negatives of Cable Stations-Vera Cruz
Box 732, Folder 6 Negatives of Cable Stations-Unidentified
Box 732, Folder 7 Negatives of Cable Stations-Miscellaneous
Box 732, Folder 8 Negatives of Cable Stations-New York/Penzance Loaded Cable

Subseries 23.5: Cable Ships, 1924-1954

Box 718, Folder 4 Robert C. Clowry, 1909
Box 733, Folder 1 C.S. Colonia, 1926 (laying #4 BR-PZ loaded cable)
Box 733, Folder 1 C.S. Colonia Album

Cable Paying Out Machinery -- C.S. Colonia / July 1926 [scrapbook: scrapbook page with two photoprints], July 1926

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 9.2" x 5.8")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000125 (AC Scan)

Topic: Cable
Ships
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Albums -- 1920-1930

S.S. Colonia [steamship with sailing masts] : [monochrome photoprint], Date unknown

1 Item (6.1" x 9.3")

Image(s): S.S. Colonia [steamship with sailing masts] : [monochrome photoprint].
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
Wigham-Richardson & Co. Ltd. (photographers?)
English.
Sepia-toned image. "S.S. Colonia" and "Wigham-Richardson & Co. Ltd" inscribed in negative at bottom.

In series 23?, box 733 or 779?, folder 1?

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000083 (AC Scan)

Names: S.S. Colonia

Topic: Steamboats
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Sepia toning
Toning (photography)

Box 779, Folder 1 C.S. Colonia, undated
Box 735, Folder 1

C.S. Cyrus Field, 1924 (includes photos of C.S. Lord Kelvin)

Image(s)

Box 735, Folder 1 - C.S. Cyrus Field Album

[C.S. Cyrus Field (ship) : black-and-white photoprint], 1924

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 5.4" x 7.8"

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000126 (AC Scan)

Topic: Ships

Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin

[Launching of C.S. Cyrus Field : black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1920

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 6.5" x 8.7"

Image(s): [Launching of C.S. Cyrus Field : black-and-white photoprint.

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

C.S. Cyrus Field in a shipyard.

In photographs, location not recorded.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000079 (AC Scan)

Topic: Ships

Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1900-1910 -- Black-and-white photoprints

Box 779, Folder 2

C.S. Cyrus Field (special survey), 1960-1961

Box 734, Folder 1

C.S. John W. Atkins, 1929;1954 (includes Key West & Punta Rassa cable station)

Box 734, Folder 2

C.S. Lord Kelvin, 1938

Box 734, Folder 3

C.S. Lord Kelvin, undated

Box 779, Folder 3

C.S. Lord Kelvin (propellers), undated
Box 779, Folder 4  C.S. Lord Kelvin, 1938-1941

Box 779, Folder 5  C.S. Neptune, undated

Box 779, Folder 6  Miscellaneous cable ships (C.S. Dellwood, C.S. Silverado, Guardian, Neptune, Norderney, William H.G. Bullard)

Image(s)

C.S. Chiltern landing the Duxbury (Massachusetts?) end of the Dy-SP Cable [b & w photograph], 1869
1 Item (4.3” x 6.5”)

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Many men standing on beach and hill, holding cable.

In series 23?, box ?, folder ?

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000084 (AC Scan)

Topic:  Telegram, Wireless

Genre/ Form:  Photographs -- 1860-1870 -- Black-and-white

Subseries 23.6: Miscellaneous Albums, 1912-[1954?]

Box 734, Folder 4  Cable Stations--Personnel and Equipment, 1912;1923-1925

Box 742, Folder 1  Station Equipment/Submerged Repeater Program, [1954?]

Box 742, Folder 2  Western Union Album, undated (miscellaneous images)

Box 742, Folder 3  Miami Hurricane, September 1926 (printed booklet of photos)

Subseries 23.7: Equipment, 1866-1957

Box 736, Folder 1  Lecture Room at New York University where Morse first demonstrated his telegraph in December, 1835; Bell Telephone Receiver, 1876 (glass plate); Bell Telephone Transmitter, 1876 (glass plate); Sprague Motor, 1909 (broken glass plate); Pittsburg, PA, Operating Room occupied, March 31, 1899.
Box 736, Folder 2  Early telegraph tickers, 1866

Box 737, Folder 1  Atlantic Cable photos, 1866-1904

Box 737, Folder 2  Anglo-American Telegraph Co., Ltd., Hearts Content, Newfoundland, ca. 1872. Image(s)

Portion of the staff of the Anglo American Telegraph Company, Limited, and View of Hearts Content, Nfld., Station about 1872 [typed caption under photoprint], 1872
1 Item (10.3" x 8.9")

Image(s): Portion of the staff of the Anglo American Telegraph Company, Limited, and View of Hearts Content, Nfld., Station about 1872 [typed caption under photoprint].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
Anglo-American Telegraph Company, Ltd.

English.
Twelve men and a dog standing outside building.

In series 23?, box Ph-24?, Folder 2?, Photograph of men.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000095 (AC Scan)

Topic:  Telegraph, Wireless
Place:  Hearts Content (Newfoundland, Canada) Newfoundland

[Hearts Content, Newfoundland, Canada: village streetscape with bicycle.] [black-and-white photoprint.], Circa 1900
1 Item (4.2" x 6.0")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.
Albumen print?

Photographs, Anglo-American

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.
Local Numbers
AC0205-0000090 (AC Scan)

Topic: Streets -- Canada
Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Hearts Content (Newfoundland, Canada)
Newfoundland

Genre/Form: Albumen prints -- 19th century

Box 737, Folder 3
Western Union Cable boat, Robert C. Clowry, 1903.

Image(s)

[Western Union cable boat, Robert C. Clowry being pushed by tugboat : photoprint.], 1903
1 Item (7.7" x 9.5")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
In series 23?, box 737?, folder 3?

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000088 (AC Scan)

Topic: Boats
Telegraph, Wireless
Tugboats

Box 737, Folder 4
"Installation of Raritan Bay Submarine Cable, 1917."

Image(s)

Box 737, Folder 4
[Installation of Raritan Bay submarine cable, Keansburg, New Jersey : black-and-white photoprint.], 1917
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 6.4" x 6.9")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Caption under image: "25. Cable on beach just before pulling / into manhole at Keansburg, N.J." Photographer unidentified.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.
Local Numbers

AC0205-0000127 (AC Scan)

Topic: Beaches
Cables
Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Keansburg (N.J.)
New Jersey -- 1910-1920
Raritan Bay

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1910-1920 -- Black-and-white
Photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 737, Folder 5
Calgan Switches; Spring Jack Switchboards; Small Western Office Equipment, 1920s; Promontory Point, 1869 (reproduction).

Box 737, Folder 6
Ticker switchboards, May, 1920; various interior locations, (31 photos).
Image(s)

Box 738, Folder 1
(Switchboards) 1927-48, (16 numbered R-photos, 15 unnumbered).

Box 738, Folder 2
Chicago Century of Progress Exhibition, 1933.

Box 738, Folder 3
"New Equipment Designed & Developed by Western Union for the Advancement of the Art of Telegraphy," June, 1938, (including facsimile equipment).

Box 738, Folder 4
Switching Systems, ca. 1930s

Box 739, Folder 1
Western Union clocks and time displays, 1930s

Box 739, Folder 2
Reperferator equipment, Atlanta, Oakland, St. Louis, 1930s-1940s.

Box 739, Folder 3

Box 740, Folder 1
"Multifax," ca. 1940

Box 740, Folder 2

Box 740, Folder 3
Reperferator switching systems (US Steel), 1941.

Box 740, Folder 4
World War II, 1944
Image(s)

[Western Union Cable Photo; WWII soldiers with blindfolded prisoners.
b&w photoprint], Circa 1944
1 Item (5.1" x 7.2")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Photographs series.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000089 (AC Scan)

Topic: Soldiers

Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Cable photographs

Box 741, Folder 1-2

World War II, 1944

Image(s)

[Woman seated in front of and typing on a Western Union Teleprinter; Black-and-white photoprint.], May 16, 1944

1 Item (9.9" x 8.1")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

"No objection to publication, Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, Washington" stamped on back of photo.

Box 471, Folder 1.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000022.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Labor

Telegraph, Wireless

Typists

Women in war

World War, 1939-1945

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1940-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin
[General Dwight D. Eisenhower in uniform : black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1945
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 7.4" x 4.3")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Apparently a copy print.
Series ?, Box ?, Folder ?

Local Numbers
   AC0205-0000069 (AC Scan)

Names: Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
       Uniforms, Military -- 20th century.
Genre/ Form: Copy prints
          Photographs -- 1940-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 742, Folder 3   World War II, 1945-46
Image(s)

[Woman seated in front of and typing on a Western Union Telekrypton, black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1940
1 Item (8.1" x 10.0")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Box 471, Folder 3.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
   AC0205-0000023.tif (AC Scan)

       Topic: Labor
             Telegraph, Wireless
             Typists
             Women employees
             World War, 1939-1945

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1940-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 742, Folder 4   World War II, 1946
Box 743, Folder 1 Leased switching systems, 1940s, undated
Box 743, Folder 2 Switching Systems and miscellaneous equipment, undated, 1956.
Box 743, Folder 3 Western Union Cable ship (photoprint of painting by Van Nobel, 1957)
Box 743, Folder 4Varioplex equipment, undated, (20 R-photos, 1 unnumbered).
Box 743, Folder 5 Relays; Automatic Telegraph, undated, (24 R-photos, 10 others).
Box 743, Folder 6 Carrier Systems, undated
Box 744, Folder 1 Mono Pulse Printing Telegraphic Sets, undated
Box 744, Folder 2 Cable Relay developed by W. G. Flahardy, undated
Box 744, Folder 3 Deep-Sea Cable exhibit material, undated
Box 744, Folder 4 Early equipment, undated
Box 744, Folder 5 Intaglio engraving plate: Cartoon of President and General Manager of Western Union (no name), undated
Box 780, Folder 1 Laying and testing of experimental cable, Devonshire Bay, Bermuda, undated
Box 780, Folder 2 Cable laying [England?], 1934-1938
Box 781, Folder 1 Miscellaneous cable laying (includes C.S. Darcia), undated
Box 781, Folder 2 Miscellaneous cable laying (includes C.S. Lord Kelvin), undated
Box 781, Folder 3 Miscellaneous cable laying, undated
Box 781, Folder 4 Miscellaneous cable laying, undated
Box 744, Folder 6 Miscellaneous equipment, 1910-1940s
Box 744, Folder 7 Miscellaneous equipment, 1916-1951, (6 R-photos, 15 unnumbered).
Box 745, Folder 1-3 Miscellaneous equipment, 1930s-1940s
Box 746, Folder 1-2 Miscellaneous equipment, some ca. 1940s, (7 R-photos, 33 others).
Box 746, Folder 2  
[Woman seated in front of and typing on a Western Union machine with tape coming out of side : black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1930-1940  
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 7.4" x 8.6")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000024.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
        Typists
        Women employees

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1900-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin
                     Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 746, Folder 3  Miscellaneous equipment, most undated, some 1948, 1950

Box 747, Folder 1  Miscellaneous equipment, undated; G. R. Benjamin Teletype

Box 747, Folder 2-4  Miscellaneous equipment, undated

Box 747, Folder 5  Miscellaneous equipment, undated, (53 R-photos, 18 others)

Box 823  Photograph album (bound) of equipment , 1895-1904

Box 847, Folder 1-2  A-C, 1942-1952, undated (with index)
Photographs in box 847 relate to: sending and receiving tables, trunk tape sending, traffic routing boards, reperforators, teletypes, concentrator racks, and tie line switching tables.

Box 847, Folder 3  D-H, 1948 and undated (with index)

Image(s)

Box 847, Folder 4  I-N, 1939-1942 and undated (with index)

Box 847, Folder 5  O-P, 1955 and undated (with index)

Box 847, Folder 6  Sa-Sz, 1951 and undated (with index)
Box 847, Folder 7  Racks, 1955 and undated (with index)

Box 847, Folder 8  Th-Z, 1939-1943 and undated (with index)

Box 847, Folder 9  Telecar-Telex, undated (with index)

Box 847, Folder 10-11  Apparatus telegraph, 1945-1953 and undated (with index)

Box 848, Folder 1  Access readout, undated

Box 848, Folder 2  Anti-static paper guide, 9250-A, undated

Box 848, Folder 3  Western Union operations, Atlanta, Georgia, 1941

Box 848, Folder 4  Autodin, CONUS monitor console crypto control console, undated

Box 848, Folder 5  Autodin, mode V async 75 baud terminal, undated

Box 848, Folder 6  Autodin, mode V sync 300 baud terminal, undated

Box 848, Folder 7  Autodin, master clock, synchronizer, test equipment, undated

Box 848, Folder 8  Autodin, 150 baud sync (terminal by IBM), undated

Box 848, Folder 9  Autodin, 1200 baud sync, 100 IBM 1931 reader punch, undated

Box 848, Folder 10  Automatic message numbering machine, undated

Box 848, Folder 11  Book message table 6756, undated

Box 848, Folder 12  Moveable book message table, 7044-A, undated

Box 848, Folder 13  Book messaging transmitting table 6756-B, undated

Box 848, Folder 14  Burster format converter, 12325-A, undated

Box 848, Folder 15  CND moveable operating table 7434-A, undated

Box 848, Folder 16  Concentrator rack 7252-A, undated

Box 848, Folder 17  Concentrated trunk sending cabinet, 7478-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 18  Concentrated turret, 7388-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 19  Collect message editor, 7778-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 20  Credit card reader, undated
Box 848, Folder 21  Flexowriter, undated
Box 848, Folder 22  Info-Mac terminal, 12517-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 23  Messenger station cabinet, 7208-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 24  Mobile radio trans receiver, undated
Box 848, Folder 25  Number generator prototype, 12306-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 26  Operating table, 5048-A and 5592-A, Long Island City, New York [1954?]
Box 848, Folder 27  Operating table, 6784-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 28  Operating table 6976-B, undated
Box 848, Folder 29  Operating table 7389-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 30  Operating table 8079-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 31  Operating table 9368, undated
Box 848, Folder 32  Printer reperforator 33-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 33  Operating table 151-A/turret 13-A (Washington, D.C.) [circa 1940s?]
Box 848, Folder 34  Operating table 8256-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 35  Power supply 12388-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 36  Printer cabinet 12218-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 37  Punched card transmitter, 11890-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 38  Printer reperforator 33-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 39  Rack framework 7779-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 40  Receiving cabinet, 7502-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 41  Receiving rack 9480-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 42  Regenerative repeater, undated
Box 848, Folder 43  Reperforator control chassis, 12524-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 44  Reperforator switching (Richmond, Virginia), undated
Box 848, Folder 45  Reperforating system (Atlanta, Georgia), undated
Box 848, Folder 46  Reperforator receiving table and switching rack, undated
Box 848, Folder 47  [Reperforator?], undated
Box 848, Folder 48  Rotary switch shelf, 6922-A (Chattanooga works), 1953 February
Box 848, Folder 49  Route chart leaf and holder undated
Box 848, Folder 50  Sending and receiving tables, racks, undated
Box 848, Folder 51  Sequential concentrator, undated
Box 848, Folder 52  Sequential enumerator, undated
Box 848, Folder 53  Switching equipment, undated
Box 848, Folder 54  Switching system 35-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 55  Switching turret table, undated
Box 848, Folder 56  Tape comparison table, 7262-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 57  [Tape feed?] used on reperforator, undated
Box 848, Folder 58  Tape hold over rack 9128-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 59  Tape reader electronic chassis, 12453-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 60  Tape transmitter, undated
Box 848, Folder 61  Telefax concentrator console 6844-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 62  Telefax concentrator console 6849-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 63  Telefax table, 6466.1.A, undated
Box 848, Folder 64  Telekrypton-5A, undated
Box 848, Folder 65  Telephone table, 12604-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 66  Teleprinter, undated
Box 848, Folder 67  Teleprinter, 31-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 68  Teleprinter, 401-A (R-8172) undated
Box 848, Folder 69  Teletype, undated
Box 848, Folder 70  Teletype 150 baud async terminals (Federal Reserve), undated
Box 848, Folder 71  Teletype 150 baud async terminals (Veteran's Administration), undated
Box 848, Folder 72  Telefax online translator cabinet 12246-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 73  Telefax supervisory control cabinet 9136-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 74  Telefax transmitting console 6840-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 75  Test console for overseas autodin, undated
Box 848, Folder 76  Tester 13050A, logic card, undated
Box 848, Folder 77  Ticker--bid/ask and deleting, undated
Box 848, Folder 78  Translator cabinet, 12446-A, undated
Box 848, Folder 79  Universal ticker with automatic tape feed out, undated
Box 848, Folder 80  Wiring cabinets used on operating tables, undated
Box 848, Folder 81  Equipment (album), undated
Box 848, Folder 82-84 Equipment (unidentified), undated
Box 848, Folder 85 P-2726 to P2735
Box 848, Folder 86 [R-1389?]
Box 848, Folder 87 R-6979
Box 848, Folder 88 R-7011 to R-7562
Box 848, Folder 89 R-7692 to R-7700
Box 848, Folder 90 R-7721 to R-7846
Box 848, Folder 91 R-8468
Box 848, Folder 92 R-9022 to R-9023; R-9160
Box 848, Folder 93 R-9445; R-9713 to 9714
Box 848, Folder 94 R-11087; R-11319; R-11090
Box 848, Folder 95 R-12050 to R-12051
Box 848, Folder 96 R-12077 to R-12078
Box 848, Folder 97 R-14062; R-14382; R-14799 to R-14801
Box 848, Folder 98 R-15052; R15078
Box 848, Folder 99 R-15316 to R-15317
Box 848, Folder 100 R-15376 to R-15377
Box 848, Folder 101 R-15405 to R15406
Box 848, Folder 102 R-15663
Box 848, Folder 103-104 Various images--Western Union buildings, messengers, equipment (CD-ROM)
Box 848, Folder 105 Federal Aviation Agency plan 59 switching system, 1961 April
Box 848, Folder 106  Circuit map for ticker distribution, 1928 September 25

Box 848, Folder 107  Western Union decal, undated

Subseries 23.8: People, 1869-1940s

Box 748, Folder 1  Western Union Messengers, 1869-1930s

Image(s)

Box 748, Folder 1  [Western Union messenger Raymond Taylor of San Antonio, Texas, with bicycle, holding a loving cup], 1930
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 9.5" x 6.4")

Image(s): [Western Union messenger Raymond Taylor of San Antonio, Texas, with bicycle, holding a loving cup; 1930.]

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000004.tif (AC Scan)
89-13048 (SI Neg. No.)

Names:  Taylor, Raymond

Topic:  Awards
        Bicycles
        Messengers
        Telegraph, Wireless

Place:  San Antonio (Tex.)
        Texas -- San Antonio

Box 748, Folder 2  Western Union Messengers, 1885-1933

Image(s)

Box 748, Folder 2  Take Pride in Your Job / and in Your Appearance / Correctly Uniformed Western Union Messenger, Circa 1920-1940
1 Item (Ink on paper; 5.9" x 4.0")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Sponsor

English.

Photomechanical reproduction of a photograph of a young uniformed messenger, multi-colored, with notes about specific points of correct attire, and arrows pointing to the figure.

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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000106 (AC Scan)

Topic: Messengers
Telegraph -- Employees
Telegraph, Wireless
Uniforms

Box 748, Folder 2
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 8.6" x 5.8")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Engraving (?) of Western Union messenger holding telegram.]

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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000006.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Messengers
Telegrams
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Copy photographs

Box 748, Folder 2
[Copy photograph of portrait of Samuel Morse when he was a professor of art and design at New York University: black-and-white photoprint\], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 9.9" x 8.1")
Image(s): [Copy photograph of portrait of Samuel Morse when he was a professor of art and design at New York University: black-and-white photoprint.
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000007.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1900-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints
Portraits -- Men
Box 748, Folder 2

Use of Harley Davidson Motorcycles by Western Union messengers. Left to Right -- Jack Creech, William Tye, Charles Exley, Mallory Dutton, and John Zeigler. [Black-and-white photoprint], 1930, undated

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 8.0" x 9.9")

Image(s): Use of Harley Davidson Motorcycles by Western Union messengers. Left to Right -- Jack Creech, William Tye, Charles Exley, Mallory Dutton, and John Zeigler. [Black-and-white photoprint.]

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Five uniformed Western Union motorcycle messengers with their machines.

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Major loss, upper right corner.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000005.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Messengers

Motorcycles

Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1900-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 749, Folder 1

Western Union Messengers, 1900-1940s

Box 749, Folder 2

Western Union Messengers, 1926 (negatives)

Box 749, Folder 3

Western Union Messengers, ca. 1930s

Image(s)

[Three telegraph messenger boys in Kentucky : black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1900-1904

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 9.1" x 6.7")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Mounted photograph with text.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000105 (AC Scan)

Topic: Messengers

Telegraph, Wireless
Place: Kentucky
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1900-1910 -- Black-and-white photoprints

Box 750, Folder 1-2

Western Union Messengers, ca. 1930s

Image(s)

Box 750, Folder 2

[Western Union messengers, black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1930
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 5.5" x 9.6")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Seventeen messengers, some with bicycles, in two groups on both sides of an automobile in front of a Western Union office.

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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000129 (AC Scan)

Topic: Automobiles -- 1930-1940
Bicycles
Messengers
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 750, Folder 1

[Western Union messenger boys, London, England : black-and-white photoprint], 1939
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 7.5" x 9.4")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Messengers unloading Western Union van. See also image AC0205-0000085.

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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000128 (AC Scan)

Topic: Automobiles -- 1930-1940
Messengers
Streets -- England -- London
Telegraph, Wireless

Place: London (England)
Box 750, Folder 1

[Telegram messenger class with young men in classroom, instructor at the blackboard. Black-and-white photoprint.], Circa 1930
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 7.1” x 9.2”)

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000104 (AC Scan)

Topic: Classrooms
       Messengers
       Telegraph, Wireless

Box 750, Folder 1

[Western Union messenger delivering a telegram to a woman at the door, b&w photoprint], Circa 1940
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 9.7” x 7.6”)

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000071 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Employees
       Messengers
       Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
           Photoprints -- Silver gelatin
           Telegrams

Box 750, Folder 3

Western Union Delivery Service, 1938 Ford

Box 750, Folder 4

Men working on cable ship, undated

Box 751, Folder 2

Driving the last spike, 1869

Box 751, Folder 3

Portraits/groups, pre-1900

Box 751, Folder 4

Portraits/groups, 1900-1920
Box 751, Folder 5  Portraits/groups, ca. 1920s-1940s

Box 751, Folder 6  Portraits/groups, Pony Express

Box 752, Folder 1  Photoprint of Battle of Gettysburg, fiftieth anniversary, 1913.

Box 752, Folder 2-4  Portraits/groups, undated

Box 753, Folder 1  Miscellaneous photos, including correspondence (J. Haggerty), 1940s-1950s.

Box 753, Folder 2  Western Union Presidents (Newcomb Carlton, R. C. Cowry, Thomas Eckert, J.L. Egan, Norvin Green, William Orton, Henry L. Potter, Hiriam Sibley, Thomas Vail, Roy Barton White A.N. Williams). Also included, but not a president is Edward Creighton.

Box 753, Folder 2  Newcomb Carlton / President of Western Union Tel. Co. / April 15, 1914--June 1, 1933 [portrait], Circa 1933
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 9.6" x 7.4")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Photomechanical reproduction of a studio portrait photograph.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000139.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Carlton, Newcomb
Topic: Executives
Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Black-and-white
photoprints -- Reproductions
Portraits -- Men
Studio portraits

Box 753, Folder 2  Robert C. Clowry / President of Western Union Tel. Co. / March 12, 1902--Nov. 23, 1910 [portrait], Circa 1910
1 Item (Ink on paper, mounted on paper.; 8.7" x 6.1")

Image(s): Robert C. Clowry / President of Western Union Tel. Co. / March 12, 1902--Nov. 23, 1910 [portrait].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Halftone reproduction of a portrait photograph, mounted on another sheet of paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000140.tif (AC Scan)
Names: Clowry, Robert C.

Topic: Executives
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Halftones
Photographs -- 1900-1910 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Reproductions

Box 753, Folder 2

Thomas T. Eckert... [portrait], Circa 1902
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 9.3" x 7.1")
Image(s): Thomas T. Eckert... [portrait].
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Halftone reproduction of a portrait photograph, mounted on paper. Eckert was the president of Western Union Telegraph Company from February 13, 1893- March 12, 1902.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000141.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Executives
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Halftones
Photographs -- 1900-1910 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Reproductions
Portraits -- Men
Studio portraits

Box 753, Folder 2

[J.L. Egan : studio portrait.,], undated
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 3.3" x 2.6").
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000142.tif (AC Scan)

Topic: Executives
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1900-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints
Studio portraits

Box 753, Folder 2

Norvin Green / President of Western Union Tel. Co. / Apr. 22, 1878 - Feb. 13, 1893. [Caption on mount.] Engraving., Circa 1893
1 Item (ink on paper.; 9.2" x 6.9")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Mounted.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000143.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Green, Norvin

Topic: Executives

Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Engravings

Portraits -- Men

Box 753, Folder 2

Henry L. Potter / President of Western Union Tel. Co. / Apr. 4, 1856 - July 30, 1856, Circa 1856

1 Item (ink on paper.; 8.9" x 6.1")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Photographic copy of a drawing based on a photograph? Caption on mount.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000145.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Potter, Henry L.

Topic: Executives

Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/ Form: Copy photographs

Photographs

Box 753, Folder 2

Theodore N. Vail / President of Western Union Tel. Co. / Nov. 23, 1910--April 15, 1914 [photomechanical reproduction of photograph], Circa 1910-1914

1 Item (ink on paper.; 8.6" x 6.2")

Image(s): Theodore N. Vail / President of Western Union Tel. Co. / Nov. 23, 1910--April 15, 1914 [photomechanical reproduction of photograph].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Theodore N. Vail was the president of Western Union Telegraph Company from November 23, 1910- April 15, 1914.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000146.tif (AC Scan)
Names: Vail, Theodore N.
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1910-1920 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Reproductions

Box 753, Folder 2
Roy Barton White / President of Western Union Tel. Co. / June 1, 1933-June 1, 1941 [print portrait], Circa 1933-1941
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 7.9" x 7.1")
Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Mounted print.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000147.tif (AC Scan)

Names: White, Roy Barton
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Box 753, Folder 2
A. N. Williams / President of Western Union Tel. Co. [sic] [black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1940
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 9.6" x 7.6")
Image(s): A. N. Williams / President of Western Union Tel. Co. [sic] [black-and-white photoprint].
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Mounted on board.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000148.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Williams, A.N.
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin Portraits -- Men

Box 753, Folder Missing
Wire Club of NY--photos and ephemera

Map-folder 19
Members of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (photogravure), 1904 December

Subseries 23.9: Samuel F.B. Morse, 1840s, undated
Box 753, Folder 3  
Photoprint of Morse commemorating Centennial of Telegraph.

Box 753, Folder 3  
Samuel F.B. Morse sending the first telegram, May 24, 1844 [title under image] [color lithograph], 1944

1 Item (Ink on paper.; 8.6" x 11.0")

Image(s): Samuel F.B. Morse sending the first telegram, May 24, 1844 [title under image] [color lithograph].

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Under title: Centennial of the Telegraph / 1844-1944.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000009.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Lithographs

Box 753, Folder 4  
Painting of S.F.B. Morse, portraits & correspondence, 1840s.

Box 753, Folder 4  
Samuel F.B. Morse at the US Capitol opening the first commercial telegraph circuit between Washington and Baltimore on May 24, 1844 [photoprint, copy of woodcut.], Date of woodcut unknown

1 Item (8.1" x 9.9")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Oval image.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000008.tif (AC Scan)

Names: Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Woodcuts

Box 753, Folder 5  
Morse family history photos, undated

Image(s)

Box 753, Folder 5  
[Samuel F.B. Morse in his study : black-and-white photoprint.], Circa 1870
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 7.0" x 9.1")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Victorian interior with book-strewn table in foreground.

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Local Numbers
AC0205-0000132 (AC Scan)

Names: Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872
Topic: Interior architecture -- Victorian.
Telegraph, Wireless

Box 864 Morse Telegraph One Hundredth Anniversary 9album), 1944 May 24
1 Photographic album

Subseries 23.10: Cable Photographs (Facsimiles), 1925-1942

Box 754, Folder 1 Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1925-1935
Box 754, Folder 2 Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1938
Facsimile test charts and lab tests and charts
Box 754, Folder 3 Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939
Mrs. Chamberlain and King of England
Box 754, Folder 4 Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939
Clipper and Newcomb Carlton
Box 754, Folder 5 Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939
Expander test
Box 754, Folder 6 Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1940
Proxy test, 7B, Drawings
Box 754, Folder 7 Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1941
Fax, engineering test
Box 754, Folder 8 Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1942
Engineering fax, Cyrus Field, trumpet player, conscription, sample greeting card, Mr. Williver
Box 754, Folder 9 Cable Photographs--Negatives, undated
Overturned car, King and Queen at life preserver drill

Box 754, Folder 10  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939-1940
Landing cable, Chart 7B, 42nd Broadway Street, shaping test, print matter, LD equipment

Box 754, Folder 11  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939-1940
LD equipment, Chart 7B, test of max size, 75 line

Box 755, Folder 1  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1940
60/75/80 line tests

Box 755, Folder 2  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939-1942
Scanning tests/100 line, chart 8 with expander, tube center, Graf Spee, Western Union mobile office and building, King and Queen at life preserver drill, test type chart

Box 755, Folder 3  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939-1940
Test Chart 7B, Chart 7B, Simultaneous readings on old and new machines, lab test on new machine, test picture

Box 755, Folder 4  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939
Chart 7B traffic test, test of expansion, engineering fax 7, engineering fax 8, engineering fax 9, Hicks, Time Inc., Chart &A test transmission, concentration camp, Generals Gort and Ironside, tests

Box 755, Folder 5  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939
LD Equipment, HM test, printed matter

Box 755, Folder 6  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939-1942
Chart 7B, test faxes, LD Equipment, test strips of 4VA corrector, London equipment, examples of drawings, Mr. McKisick, Lawton, Western Union Mobile Office Bldg., Newcomb Carlton, engineering test fax 36, Cyrus W. Field Cable ship

Box 755, Folder 7  Cable Photographs--Negatives, 1939-1940
Cable Photographs--Negatives, February 1939-June 1939

Box 756, Folder 1  Cable Photographs--Negatives, February 1939-June 1939
Image(s)
First picture on cable, Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain, British princess, Eleanor Roosevelt, scan test results, Hitler speaking, Clipper in new York, Hitler at parade, burning of S.S. Paris, Kennedy's and King and Queen of England, Jewish refugees, submarine Thetis.

[First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt guided by a man in military uniform through a European city bombed during World War II; "Western Union Cable Photo" : photoprint.], Circa 1944
1 Item (4.6"x7.1")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
In series 23?, box 756?, folder 1-2?

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Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000086 (AC Scan)

Names: Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless
World War, 1939-1945
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1940-1950 -- Black-and-white printographs -- Silver gelatin

Box 756, Folder 2
Cable Photographs-Negatives, February 1939-June 1939
Eleanor Roosevelt, Yankee Clipper, Horse Race, type size chart, vogue hat design, King and Queen of England, King Zog, LD equipment, Western Union Mobile Office, map mediation action, Chamberlain and flower girl, Clipper, English girl, Newcomb Carlton, vogue cartoon, printed matter, chart 5B.

Box 756, Folder 3
Cable Photographs-Negatives, March 1939-June 1939
Test, printed matter, Cyrus Field, test, tie design, messenger boy and lady, English girl, Newcomb Carlton, DeLapp's wife and baby, Cyrus Field, printed matter, speaker, messenger and lady, Stanhope eating, girl, Foley, bad gear pattern, dress design, girl, Western Union Mobile Office, mansion house, messenger boy and lady, Clipper, King ? troops marching?

Box 757, Folder 1
Cable Photographs-Negatives, April 1939-August 1940
Vogue fashion picture Mr. Willever, Mr. White, Mr. Titley, Mr. McKisick, Mr. Shute, Mr. D'Humy, Mr. Carlton, Mansion house, girls, mobile Western Union Office, changing guard, abbey, screen stars, tube center, Yankee Clipper, S.S. Paris, dress design, messenger boy and lady, test, dress design, tennis players, LD equipment, 60 line, lab test, drawing 50676, hat design, messenger boys, Clipper in New York, snapshot of boy, Big Ben.

Box 757, Folder 2
Cable Photographs-Negatives, April 1939-August 1940
Image(s)
Messengers, messenger delivering basket, Mr. Shute? Tests, C.S. Scotia, samples for expanders, chart recordings, LD equipment, expander data, chart 7B, chart 3, fax 3 and 4, expander tests for LD, test charts, naval ship, dress design, conscription, anti aircraft gun, Dutchess of Kent, war preparations, Winston Churchill.
[Copy of a framed photograph of a young uniformed Western Union messenger with bicycle : black-and-white photoprint.], undated
1 Item (9.9" x 8.0")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
From black copy print notebooks in reading room.

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Silver gelatin on paper

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000003.tif (AC Scan)

89-12937 (SI Neg. No.)

Topic: Bicycles
Messengers
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Copy photographs
Photographs -- 1900-1950

[Monument for Samuel Morse with flowers and flags, with sign, "What Hath God Wrought" : black-and-white photoprint.], undated
1 Item (9.9" x 8.0")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Statue has American flags and flowers at base.

From black copy print notebooks in reading room

Unrestricted research access onsite, by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000002.tif (AC Scan)

95-20400 (SI Neg. No.)

Names: Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872

Topic: Flags -- United States
Monuments
Sculpture
Telegraph, Wireless
Box 758, Folder 1  Cable Photographs-Negatives, March 1939-October 1941
Mr. Williams, engineering test, Clipper in New York, parade, Yankee Clipper, Newcomb Carlton, Western Union Mobile office and Building, messenger boys, Cyrus Field, changing of the guard, Parliament Building, abbey,

Box 758, Folder 2  Cable Photographs-negatives, stock proxies, 1939

Box 759, Folder 1  Miscellaneous photo prints transmitted by cable, circa 1937-1939

Box 759, Folder 2  Miscellaneous photoprints, August 12, 1924; February 20, 1939-April 27, 1939

Box 759, Folder 3  Miscellaneous photoprints and negatives, September 7, 1939-February 6, 1941

Box 759, Folder 4  Photoprints of Shipbuilding Instruction, March 2, 1941

Box 759, Folder 5  Photoprints, January 18, 1942-June 15, 1942

Box 760, Folder 1  Photoprints, June 18, 1942-September 30, 1942

Box 760, Folder 2  Photoprints, October 3, 1942-November 14, 1942

Box 760, Folder 3  Photoprints, February 1943

Box 761, Folder 1  News clipping Album of cable photoprints #783, April, 1939

Box 761, Folder 2  News clipping Album #784, May, 1939

Box 761, Folder 3  News clipping Album, #779, June-July, 1939

Box 761, Folder 4  News clipping Album, #778, August, 1939

Box 761, Folder 5  News clipping Album, #780, September-December 1939

Box 761, Folder 6  News clipping Album, #781, January 1, 1940-May 31, 1940

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Box 761, Folder 8  News clipping Album, #785, January 1941-January 1942

Box 762, Folder 1  Cable photoprints & news clippings, ca. 1920s, [Album #2172] 86-04A

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| Box 763, Folder 1 | From files of Vice Pres. F.E. d'Humy, 1949 |
| Box 765, Folder 3 | Cable photos, London-New York, Vol. 2, June 1, 1939-August 31, 1939 |
| Box 766, Folder 1 | Cable photos, London-New York, Vol. 2, June 1, 1939-August 31, 1939 |
| Box 766, Folder 2-3 | Cable photos, London-New York, Vol. 3, September 1, 1939-December 31, 1939 |
| Box 763, Folder 2 | Cable photoprints, London-New York, Vol. 4, June 1, 1940-May 31, 1940 (facsimiles) |
| Box 763, Folder 3 | Cable photoprints, London-New York, Vol. 6, September 1, 1940-September 18, 1940 (facsimiles) |
| Box 764, Folder 1 | Cable photoprints, London to New York, Vol. 6, September 19, 1940-October 9, 1940 (facsimiles) |
| Box 764, Folder 2 | Cable photoprints, London-New York, Vol. 6, October 10, 1940-December 29, 1940 (facsimiles) |
| Box 782, Folder 1 | Cable photos, London-New York, Vol. 7, December- November 1941 |
| Box 782, Folder 2 | Cable photos, London-New York, Vol. 7, September-October 1941 |
| Box 782, Folder 3 | Cable photos, London-New York, Vol. 7, August-July 1941 |
| Box 782, Folder 4 | Cable photos, London-New York, Vol. 7, June-May 1941 |
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Box 767, Folder 2  "Bartlane" miscellaneous photo clippings and blank sheets, 1923-1935
Box 767, Folder 3  "Bartlane" wirephotos (European) received in New York, 1925-1928
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Box 768, Folder 1  "Bartlane" wirephotos received in London, 1930-1931
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Box 768, Folder 3  "Bartlane" wirephotos (European) received in New York, 1934-1936
Box 769, Folder 1  Wirephoto transmission comparisons, 1924-1932.
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Box 769, Folder 3  "Bartlane" wirephotos received in New York, 1925-1926.
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Subseries 23.12: Slides, undated

Box 770, Folder 4-5

Subseries 23.13: Oversized Photographs, 1870-1962

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| Box 771, Folder 2 | Facsimile of aircraft, boarding passengers on water, undated |
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| Box 771, Folder 8 | Women working in a central operating room, undated |
| Box 771, Folder 9 | Unidentified machine, undated |
| Box 771, Folder 10 | Women depositing telegram in Western Union Automatic Telegraph, undated |
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| Box 771, Folder 15 | Early model recorder, 1935 |
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| Box 771, Folder 18 | Cablephoto recorder, undated |
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| Box 771, Folder 20 | Cyrus W. Field ship, undated |
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| Box 771, Folder 22 | Facsimile of John Wayne, undated |
Box 771, Folder 23  Facsimile examples of: Unidentified man, unidentified building, telegram of 1941, best and Company advertisement, and typical methods of actuating time recorders, undated

Box 772, Folder 1  Western Union Commercial Dinner, 1913

Box 772, Folder 2  Portrait of Newcomb Carlton, 1930

Box 772, Folder 3  Portrait of unidentified man, 1909

Box 772, Folder 4  Herb Carlson, illustrator

Box 772, Folder 5  Report of Western Union Museum (photo album), 1937-1938

Box 772, Folder 6  Early street scene/NYC of Western Union building, 195 Broadway, undated

Image(s)

Box 772, Folder 6  Early street scene in New York City before telegraph wires were laid underground. Maze of wires is in the vicinity of Old Western Union Headquarters, 195 Broadway. [illustration], undated

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 13.9" x 11.0")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000013.tif (AC Scan)

Topic:  Telegraph, Wireless

Place:  Broadway (New York, N.Y.) -- 1890-1900

New York (N.Y.)

Box 772, Folder 7  Western Union Telecar, undated

Box 772, Folder 8  Modern Push Button Switchboard, undated

Box 772, Folder 9  Western Union High Speed Message Center, undated

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Box 773, Folder 7  Testimonial Dinner to R.W. Basset, 1928

Box 773, Folder 8  Portrait of Western Union messenger (woman), undated

Box 773, Folder 9  Portrait of unidentified men, undated

Box 773, Folder 10  Prof. Morse Sending historic telegram

Box 773, Folder 11  Portrait of U.S. Military Telegraph Corps, 1907 (2 copies)

Box 773, Folder 12  Ceremony on opening of WU-Ital Cable connecting NYC to Rome, 1925

Box 773, Folder 13  Western Union A Century of Progress, Chicago, 1934

[Western Union employees at "A Century of Progress", b&w photoprint], 1933-1934

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 11.0" x 14.1")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Kaufmann-Fabry photographers.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000070 (AC Scan No.)

Names:  Century of Progress International Exposition
        (1933-1934 : Chicago, Ill.)

Topic:  Employees
        Exhibitions
        Telegraph, Wireless
        World expositions

Genre/ Form:  Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white
             photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 773, Folder 14  Portrait of Western Union Employees, 1933

Box 773, Folder 15  U.S. Steel-Western Union, 5th Anniversary Dinner, 1944

Box 773, Folder 16  Farewell Dinner to R.B. White, 1941
Box 773, Folder 17  Complimentary dinner to William Milne, 1919
Box 773, Folder 18  Dinner for R.C. Clowry, 1906 (2 copies)
Box 773, Folder 19  Unidentified men gathered around desk, undated
Box 773, Folder 20  Portrait of men at Mt. Vernon, undated
Box 773, Folder 21  Western Union Conference in NYC, 1914
Box 773, Folder 22  Portrait of unidentified man at desk, 1908?
Box 773, Folder 23  Photo of ticker machine, undated
Box 773, Folder 24  Portrait of Taylor Terry, undated
Box 773, Folder 25  Unidentified machine, undated
Box 773, Folder 26  Cable photo courtesy International News, 1940s
Box 773, Folder 26  Cablephoto courtesy Acme news pictures, 1940s
Box 773, Folder 26  Cablephoto courtesy Times Wide World, 1940s
Box 773, Folder 26  Cablephoto courtesy Associated Press, 1940s
Box 773, Folder 26  Cablephoto-London courtesy Cablephoto transmitter, undated
Box 773, Folder 26  Cablephoto, test transmission of R.B. White, undated
Box 773, Folder 26  Cablephoto of Queen Elizabeth courtesy Associated Press, undated
Box 773, Folder 26  Cablephoto of Western Union Mobile Telegraph Office, undated
Box 773, Folder 27  Bicycle messengers, Vancouver, B.C., 1916
Box 774, Folder 1  Western Union facsimile, 1938 (bound)
Box 774, Folder 5  Unidentified building (Clowry Building?), undated
Box 774, Folder 4  Portrait, Key West, Fla., 1898
Box 774, Folder 4  Operating Dept., Western Union Telegraph Company, Pittsburgh, Penn., ca. 1900

Box 774, Folder 2  Unidentified sailing vessel, undated

Box 774, Folder 3  First commercial message received, 1930

Box 774, Folder 3  U.S. Department of Commerce Citation to Western Union, 1962

Box 774, Folder 3  Franklin Institute Certificate Western Union, 1944

Box 774, Folder 3  Franklin Institute Certificate Western Union, 1948

Box 774, Folder 3  Edward Longstreth medal

Box 774, Folder 2  Great Eastern?, undated

Image(s)

The Great Eastern in Hearts Content [Newfoundland] Harbor in 1866. [Black-and-white photoprint.], 1866
1 Item (6.7" x 11.0")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Label on mount at left.

In series 23?, Box Ph-24?, Folder 1?.

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Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000096 (AC Scan)

Names: Great Eastern (ship)

Topic: Ships
Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Hearts Content (Newfoundland, Canada)
Newfoundland

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1860-1870 -- Black-and-white photoprints

Box 774, Folder 4  Photo of 4 people around telegraph machine (reenactment?), undated
Box 774, Folder 4  Signed photo of Cecil B. deMille
Box 774, Folder 4  Portrait of Goulding, 1914
Box 774, Folder 5  Modern Telegraph Switching Counter, undated
Box 774, Folder 2  C.S. Lord Kelvin, undated
Box 774, Folder 5  Telegraph power switchboard, motor generator plant, and main line telegraph switch, 60 Hudson Street, New York City, undated
Box 774, Folder 5  Oakland Center, January 1945
Box 775, Folder 1  Retirement Dinner of C.W. Frey, 1942
Box 775, Folder 2  White House reception by Hoover to Western Union Messenger from Eastern States, 1930
Box 775, Folder 3  Western Union Bowling Association Dinner and Entertainment, 1926.
Box 775, Folder 4  Western Union Group of 1890
Box 775, Folder 5  General Conference, 1940
Box 775, Folder 6  Construction Crew of Western Union, June 18, 1892
Box 775, Folder 7  [Morse Telegraph?]
Box 775, Folder 7  Unidentified men working, undated
Box 775, Folder 8  Edison Telegraph Perforator, 1871-1872
Box 775, Folder 8  [Henry Ford and Thomas Edison], undated
Box 775, Folder 9  Tape Receiving Printer
Box 775, Folder 9  Page Teleprinter Type 200
Box 775, Folder 9  Telefax Tape Recorder
Box 775, Folder 10  Western Union Teletape
Box 775, Folder 10  Telefax
Box 775, Folder 10  Large telegraph and telfax machine?
Box 775, Folder 10  General Electric Communication Center by Western Union
Box 775, Folder 10  Women at teleprinters
Box 775, Folder 10  Dial telefax system
Box 775, Folder 11  Unidentified woman [Morrison?] Hollywood star?
Box 775, Folder 11  Invitation of Morse to operation of Electro Magnetic Telegraph. 1838 (copy and negative)
Box 775, Folder 11  Trailer tintypes comic
Box 775, Folder 12  Drawing of Morse Recorder 1835. Method of setting up the instrument. (blueprint)
Box 775, Folder 13  Western Union Everywhere To-Day To-Morrow, undated
Box 775, Folder 13  Unidentified people with headsets listening, undated
Box 776, Folder 1  Railroad Tracks and pole lines, undated
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Box 776, Folder 1  State of Washington 20% western red cedars logging, undated
Box 776, Folder 1  Southern Pacific Lines, Soda Springs, CA. 1914.
Box 776, Folder 1  Ice on pole lines, 1940; 1927, 1936
Box 776, Folder 1  Illinois Central Line, Cairo, IL, 1937
Box 776, Folder 1  Southern Pacific Lines, 1927
Box 776, Folder 1  Wires and transformer, undated
Box 776, Folder 1  Western Red Cedar, undated
Box 776, Folder 2  Cable cutters, undated
Box 776, Folder 2  Unidentified man plotting on chart, undated

Box 776, Folder 3  Unveiling of Morse Statute. 1871. (print of sketch)

Box 776, Folder 3  Charles Curtiss, Chief Engineer of Commercial Cable, undated

Box 776, Folder 4  Samuel F.B. Morse
  Image(s)

Box 776, Folder 4  [Samuel F.B. Morse self-portrait, copy of a painting.], undated
  1 Item (Ink on paper.; 11.9" x 8.9")
  Image(s)
  Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
  English.
  Local Numbers
  AC0205-0000010.tif (AC Scan)
  Names:  Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872
  Topic:  Self-portraits
  Self-portraits, American
  Telegraph, Wireless
  Genre/ Form:  Paintings -- Reproductions

Box 776, Folder 4  Self-portrait of Morse
  Image(s)

  [Samuel F. B. Morse self portrait : reproduction of a painting.], 1812
  1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 9.8" x 7.8")
  Image(s)
  Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
  English.
  In series ?, box Ph-40?, folder 5?.
  Local Numbers
  AC0205-0000100 (AC Scan)
  Names:  Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872
  Topic:  Telegraph, Wireless
  Genre/ Form:  Paintings -- Reproductions

Box 776, Folder 5  Men on power lines, undated
Box 776, Folder 6  Proposed open canopy for existing counter at Penn Station, New York, 1937 (ink and pencil)

Box 776, Folder 7  Western Union Philadelphia office storefront. 1936. (ink and pencil)
*Image(s)*

Box 776, Folder 7  Western Union proposed illuminated sign for over Central Hanover Bank 1931 (ink)

Box 776, Folder 7  Western Union Highway Agency Sign (ink/paint)

Box 776, Folder 7  Western Union Elevation of Alcoves A Century of progress Chicago. 1933 (ink, paint, pencil)

Box 776, Folder 7  Western Union Philadelphia Office Interior. 1936 (ink and pencil)
*Image(s)*

Box 776, Folder 7  Telegraph Here WU Sign. (ink and paint)

Box 776, Folder 8  Western Union Teleprinter (ink on paper)
*Image(s)*

Box 776, Folder 8  Telegraph here Western Union [sign painted on mat board], undated
1 Item *(Ink on paper.; 11.0" x 18.1")*
*Image(s): Telegraph here Western Union [sign painted on mat board].*

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Local Numbers

AC0205-0000026m.tif (AC Scan)

Topic:  Telegraph, Wireless
Genre/ Form:  Signs (declaratory or advertising artifacts)

Box 776, Folder 8  Western Union Everywhere (ink and paint)

Box 777, Folder 1  C.S.Colonia, undated

Box 777, Folder 2  Unidentified ships, undated

Box 777, Folder 3  Map of Franklin Co & Southampton Co., undated

Box 777, Folder 3  Unidentified women, undated
Box 777, Folder 4  Supervisory Force, 1888

Box 777, Folder 5  Wheatstone Department of NY Main. 1888

Box 777, Folder 6  Group of postal telegraph messengers. 1898

Image(s)

[Printer department operators on break, Dallas, Texas [photoprint], [1912.]
1 Item (6.0" x 9.3")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
"Beat this if you can," written in the margin. Photographer unidentified.

In Series ?, Box ?, Folder ?

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Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000075 (AC Scan No.)
94-1818 (OPPS Neg.)

Bibliography

Topic:  Offices -- 1900-1920
Place:  Dallas (Texas)
        Texas
Genre/Form:  Photographs -- 1910-1920 -- Black-and-white
            photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 777, Folder 7  Western Union Conference, 1914

Box 777, Folder 8  Western Union Dinner, 1915 (2 copies)

Box 777, Folder 9  Western Union Early Plant 1880/Modern Plant 1933

Box 777, Folder 10  Christmas Wreath? And Letter of Alfred Vail. 1847.

Box 777, Folder 11  Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, MO. 1915. (2 copies)
Box 777, Folder 12  Annual dinner Morse Electric Club, 1909.

Box 777, Folder 13  Testimonial Dinner for William Quinn, 1915 (2 copies)

Box 777, Folder 14  Old Time Telegraphers and Historical Association Reunion, 1910.

Box 777, Folder 15  First Western Union Bowling Association Banquet, 1916.

Box 777, Folder 17  Farewell dinner to G.E. Palmer, 1918

Box 777, Folder 16  Morse Club Outing, College Point, Long Island, 1909 and 1912.

Box 777, Folder 18  Operating Room, 1910

Box 777, Folder 19  Electronics Laboratory, Watermill, LI 1925-1926.

Image(s)

Box 777, Folder 19  [Electronics laboratory building in Watermill, Long Island, b&w photoprint], 1925-1926

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper; 12.2" x 16.4")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000031 (AC Scan No.)

Topic: Electronics

Laboratories

Telegraph, Wireless

Place: Long Island (N.Y.)

Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1920-1930 -- Black-and-white

photoprints -- Silver gelatin

Box 870, Folder 1  Testimonial Dinner tendered to James N. Dages and Merton D. St. John, 1944-05-11

Box 870, Folder 2  San Antonio Messenger Force, 1925-06-25

Box 870, Folder 3  Telegram Messenger Boys, undated

Box 870, Folder 4  Six unidentified men, undated
Box 870, Folder 5  How Telegrams Are Sent

Box 870, Folder 6  ADT bicycle messengers, undated  
                   2 Copies

Box 870, Folder 7  Line from Vera Cruz to Mexico City

Box 870, Folder 8  Morse Electric Club, 1912

Box 870, Folder 9  Facsimile Department with women, undated

Box 870, Folder 10  Women operators, undated

Map-folder 22  Unidentified man at machine, undated

Box 871, Folder 1  Western Union Agency Sign

Box 871, Folder 2  Yankee Clipper in England, 1939 (newspapers mounted)

Box 871, Folder 3  Unidentified ship, undated

Box 871, Folder 4  Combination Duplex-Duplex Half Repeater single leg

Box 871, Folder 4  Combination Duplex-Duplex Half Repeater single leg drop

Box 871, Folder 5  Supervisory force, 1888

Map-folder 22  New York Central & HR railroad cars

Box 830, Folder 3-4  Unidentified glass plate negatives (in sink mats), undated

Box 839, Folder 1-4  Unidentified glass plate negatives (in sink mats), 1926 and undated.

Map-folder 10  Delegates to International radio Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1947  
                1 Panoramic print

Map-folder 10  Old Timers Telegraphers Historical Association, 1929-08  
                1 Panoramic print

Map-folder 10  Fourth Service Company Signal Service, 1918  
                1 Panoramic print
Map-folder 10

Members de la Conference Internationale Radiotelegraphique (American Telephone and telegraph Company, New York telephone Company, and Bell Telephone Laboratories), 1927-10-31
1 Panoramic print


Image(s)

Box 866 Delivery to Receiver, R-4092
Box 866 Rotary Switch, M-3377
Box 866 Commercial crystal microphone and switch control unit, M-3002
Box 866 The Switch General Operating Department, 1881
Box 866 Tape Splicer, M-2890
Box 866 Western Union uniform, Eau Clair, Wisconsin, 1916 - 1917
Box 866 Group photograph of bike messengers force, Oklahoma, 1917
Box 866 American District Telegraph Company, 1896
Box 866 Drawing of first canvas stretcher, Morse, CF 768
Box 866 Western Union after the fire, negatives and news clipping, 1889
Box 866 Rapid time calculator, undated
Box 866 Flood in Cleveland, 1938
Box 866 Charlotte, North Carolina, 1932
Box 866 Rain cape, undated
Box 866 Postal Telegraph in London, undated
Box 866 Rotary switch, undated
Box 866 Telegraph office with crowd, undated
Box 866 H-560, undated
Box 866  Paper tape reader/punch, M-3009, undated

Box 866  Samuel F.B. Morse wearing medals, undated

Image(s)

[Samuel F. B. Morse as an elderly man with a beard, wearing medals: reproduction of drawing.], Circa 1872
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 10.7" x 7.8")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000097 (AC Scan)

Names:  Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872
Topic:  Telegraph, Wireless

Box 866  Old timers Reunion, Boston, Massachusetts, undated

Box 866  Western Union messengers in front of American Legion Building, New brunswick, new jersey, undated

Box 866  Western Union employees (messengers), circa 1920s

Box 866  Telegraph equipment, 1926

Box 866  Plow suspended from derrick, London Daily Herald, undated

Box 866  Western Union messenger, undated

Box 866  Western Union messengers, undated

Box 866  [Cable Ship Lord Kelvin?], undated

Box 866  Cable Ship Lord Kelvin, test rooms, undated

Box 866  Morse canvas stretcher, undated

Box 866  Repeater station, Camp Douglas, undated

Box 866  Circuit allotter, undated
Box 866  Circuit allotter, undated
Box 866  Automatic numbering machine, undated
Box 866  Automatic numbering sheet machine, 1941
Box 866  Western Union office
Box 866  Western Union Office, undated
Box 866  Western Union office, undated
Box 866  Western Union Office, undated
Box 866  Equipment room, 1926
Box 866  Telegraph equipment room, 1926
Box 866  Western Union Automatic Telegraph, undated
Box 866  Equipment, undated
Box 866  Western Union Office,
Box 866  Unidentified negative, undated
Box 866  Switchboard at repeater station, Camp Douglas, Wisconsin, 1919
Box 866  Repeater Station, Camp Douglas, Wisconsin
Box 866  Cable Ship Lord Kelvin
Box 866  Messengers with bikes, Hartford, Connecticut
Box 866  Western Union messenger delivering telegram, undated
Box 866  Stock quotation machine, Stock Quotation Telegraph Company, undated
Box 866  Cable plow used on cable ship, undated
Box 866  Cable plow used on cable ship, undated
Box 866  Western Union call boxes, undated
Box 866  Cable Ship Lord Kelvin, Hoboken, New Jersey, undated
Box 866  Western Union Telegraph Office, Birmingham, Alabama, undated
Box 866  [Two women from Western Union movie?], undated
Box 866  Unidentified equipment, undated
Box 866  Western Union messengers, Ashland, Kentucky, undated
Box 866  Western Union, Philadelphia, undated
Box 866  Cable Ship Cyrus Field, undated
Box 866  Cable Ship Cyrus Field, wheel house, undated
Box 866  Western Union employees at work, undated
Box 866  Texas cowboy shooting insulator, from Leslie's Weekly, undated
Box 866  Lineman, pole and snowstorm, undated
Box 866  Postal telegraph, Bellingham, Washington, undated
Box 866  Western Union employees and buildings, undated
Box 866  Messengers learning to deliver telegrams, undated
Box 866  Western Union work, undated
Box 866  Drawing of building the first transcontinental telegraph line in 1861, undated
Box 866  Scene from a Western Union motion picture, 1941
Box 866  San Francisco to Omaha line with exposed insulator, undated
Box 866  Map of San Francisco to Omaha line, undated
Box 866  Zane Grey's Western Union for motion picture film, 1941
Box 866  C.S. Lord Kelvin
Box 866  C.S. Lord Kelvin, undated
Box 866  Cable samples, undated
Box 866  Western Union office, Salt Lake City, Utah, undated
Box 866  Poles loaded, undated
Box 866  Western Union building?, undated
Box 866  Drawing of a Pony Express rider, undated
Box 866  Relay key register (1844), duplex and quad instruments (1875), undated
Box 866  Desk Fax, Intrafax, undated
Box 866  Scenes of Western Union work areas, undated
Box 866  Ticker tape, undated
Box 866  A.D. Telegraph Company, 1878
Box 866  Siphon Recorder
Box 866  Ten Mile Run Tower, undated
Box 866  Communications Computer Center, New York City, undated
Box 866  SICOM equipment with UNIVAC 418 computers, undated
Box 866  Reperforator interrupter 9A, 1940
Box 866  Teleprinter, undated
Box 866  Microwave tower, undated
Box 866  Dial-A-Wire, 1960s
Box 866  Message Number Strip Shelf, 2_A, undated
Box 866  Loud speaker system, undated
Box 866  Loud speaker system, undated
Box 866  Messengers and new Buick, 1932
Box 866  Brooklyn Druggist Convention, undated
Box 866  Products delivered, circa 1936
Box 866  Millions Addressed Delivered advertisement, undated
Box 866  Delivery of products, locally and nationally, advertisement, undated
Box 866  Distribution advertisements, undated
Box 866  Publicity advertisements, undated
Box 866  Marconi replica, undated
Box 866  Office setting, 1926
Box 866  Work area, 1926
Box 866  Work room with recorders on the floor, 1926
Box 866  Automobile Number Sheet Machine, undated
Box 866  Store front with messengers bikes, 1932
Box 866  Safety Marches On advertisement
Box 866  Street front with messenger bikes, Bellingham, Washington, undated
Box 866  Western Union messengers, undated
Box 866  High speed start and stop reperforator, model 41B, undated
Box 866  {Tickers?} at 195 Broadway Street, New York City, undated
Box 866  Western Union building, Broadway, New York City, 1875 - 1890

Image(s)

American Telegraph Company Building, 145 Broadway [photoprint], [1866.]
Western Union Building [black-and-white photoprint], Circa 1880
1 Item (11.0” x 7.2”)

Image(s): Western Union Building [black-and-white photoprint].
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Mounted photoprint with caption: "Western Union Building, 195 Broadway, New York / Before the Fire of 1890." Number R-2519 in lower right corner of print. Eight-story Victorian-style building with elaborate rooftop elements.

In series 23?, box Ph-1?, folder 1.

Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000101 (AC Scan)

Topic: Buildings -- New York (N.Y.)
Office buildings -- New York (State)
Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1880-1890 -- Black-and-white photoprints
Box 866  
Job advertisements, undated

Box 866  
Push button assembly, R-7103, undated

Box 866  
Push button assembly, R-7104, R-7105, undated

Box 866  
Push button assembly, R-7106, undated

Box 866  
[Frame?], undated

Box 866  
Push button assembly, R-7090, undated

Box 866  
Push button assembly, R-7104

Box 866  
UAW Convention, auditorium, 1937

Box 866  
Unidentified equipment

Box 866  
Aircraft printer perforator, undated

Box 866  
Printer perforator, undated

Box 866  
Equipment, R-7226, undated

Box 866  
Uniformed messenger, undated

Box 866  
Advertisement for the two foot rule, undated

Box 866  
Portrait of Morse, undated

Box 866  
Automatic message number machine, undated

Box 866  
Impulse unit, undated

Box 866  
Automatic message number machine, R-6444, undated

Box 866  
Automatic message number machine, R-7056, undated

Box 866  
Various thumbnail images of equipment, undated

Box 866  
Messengers in front of American Legion Post 125

Box 866  
Telegram examples from 1881 and 1905
Box 866  Telegram, 1918

Box 866  Photo of W.H. Jackson's painting The Telegraph Goes West

Box 866  Messenger service sign

Box 866  Uniformed employee, undated

Box 866  Western Union advertisements, undated

Box 866  Emergency Routing Board, undated

Box 866  Unidentified equipment, undated

Box 866  Automatic number sheet machine, R-6013, undated

Box 866  Unidentified equipment, R-7405, undated

Box 866  Reperforator/interrupter, R-6005, undated

Box 866  Western Union office, street scene, undated

Box 866  Western Union Museum, undated

Box 866  Morse canvas stretcher, undated

Box 866  What Hath God Wrought, undated

Box 866  Replica of Morse telegraph, undated

Box 866  Western Union office in Eldorado, California, 1863

Box 866  Samuel F.B. Morse, undated

Image(s)

[Portrait of Samuel F.B. Morse : black-and-white photoprint.], Circa 1860
1 Item (10.1" x 7.8")

Image(s)

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
In series 23?, box Ph-40?, folder 5?.
Unrestricted research access by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper.

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000098 (AC Scan)

Names: Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872
Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Box 866
Reperforator, 10-A, R-4772, undated

Box 866
Insulator pin, 8-9876, undated
Can I Send a Cablegram by Western Union? [Pamphlet], Date unknown
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 5.4" x 3.2")

Image(s)
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Image printed in green and black with image of Art Deco building.

Box 4?
Local Numbers
AC0205-0000057 (AC Scan)

Topic: Art deco (Architecture)
Television, Wireless

Genre/Form: Cablegrams
Pamphlets -- 1900-1930

How...is a cablegram sent and received? [brochure], Date unknown
1 Item (Ink on paper.; 5.4" x 3.2")

Image(s): How...is a cablegram sent and received? [brochure].
Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
English.
Box 4?

Local Numbers
AC0205-0000056 (AC Scan: cover)

Topic: Telegraph, Wireless

Genre/Form: Brochures
Cablegrams

Subseries 23.15: Lantern Slides, [circa 1930s-1940s]
Box 869, Item 1  A telegram of congratulations will be appreciated by the successful candidates, circa 1930s

Box 869, Item 2  Blank telegram (copy 1), circa 1930s

Box 869, Item 3  Blank telegram (copy 2), circa 1930s

Box 869, Item 4  The Clock in This Theatre is Regulated by Western Union Time Signals (copy 1), undated

Box 869, Item 5  The Clock in This Theatre is Regulated by Western Union Time Signals (copy 2), undated

Box 869, Item 6  To Send Packages by Railway Express Call a Western Union Messenger (copy 1), undated

Box 869, Item 7  To Send Packages by Railway Express Call a Western Union Messenger (copy 2), undated

Box 869, Item 8  Holiday Greetings for telegrams (Christmas), undated

Box 869, Item 9  Teletype Room, circa 1940

Box 869, Item 10  Test pattern, 1946

Box 869, Item 11  Test pattern, undated

Prayers for Victory Westminster Cathedral. Western Union Cable Photo [photoprint], [ca. 1939-1945]

1 Item

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector
Western Union Telegraph Company, Donor
English.

Captions above imprinted with photograph. Subject is Roman Catholic cathedral in London, Westminster Cathedral (not Westminster Abbey). High-angle view, probably taken from choir loft, showing cathedral filled with people.

Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves.

Silver gelatin on paper, glossy surface, 6 x 8.5 in.

In Series 24, Box 11, Folder 3.

Topic: Cathedrals
World War, 1939-1945
Place: London (England)
Genre/Form: Cable photographs
Cablegrams
Photographs -- 1940-1950 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin

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Series 24: Scrapbooks, 1835-1956

The scrapbooks, 1835-1956, contain both loose and bound materials, consisting mostly of news clippings. Loose pages from a scrapbook of C.H. Murphy contain information on Western Union's time service and clocks. Two small scrapbooks, titled "The Little Traveller," were kept by an unnamed Western Union employee who visited the company's offices in the West. There are photoprints of various Western Union offices and employees, with comments by the author and those he visited. There are two scrapbooks of Edward C. Brown, one in loose form, the other bound. The loose material contains memorabilia and news clippings announcing his retirement in 1938 after 51 years of service as Western Union's general supervisor of messenger equipment. The bound scrapbook contains news clippings that depict messenger boys’ encounters with the law.

There is one scrapbook attributed to Samuel F.B. Morse, 1835-1858. It consists of news clippings and other articles assembled by Morse.

Box 786, Folder 1-2 Scrapbook of Edward C. Brower, 1897-1902, 1938

Box 786, Folder 1-2 Scrapbook of Samuel F.B. Morse, 1835-1858

Box 787 Part 1, pages 1-64, 1835-1844 November

Box 788 Part 2, pages 1-73, 1847-1855

Box 789 Part 2, pages 74-104, 1855-1858

Box 786, Folder 3-4 Scrapbook of Telegraphers Strike, 1919

Box 786, Folder 5 Scrapbook about John Skirrow, 1888-1904

Box 790, Folder 1-2 Scrapbook--The Little Traveler, undated

Image(s) [Clerks and messengers, Raleigh, North Carolina : photoprint, [1912]

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper.; 6.1" x 9.4")

Image(s): [Clerks and messengers, Raleigh, North Carolina : photoprint, 1912.]

Western Union Telegraph Company, Collector

English.

Photographer unidentified.

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Local Numbers

AC0205-0000073 (AC Scan No.)

94-1819 (OPPS Neg.)
Bibliography

   Genre/ Form: Photographs -- 1910-1920 -- Black-and-white photoprints
              -- Silver gelatin

Box 790, Folder 3  Newspaper clippings from C.H. Murphy Scrapbook (time service), 1909-1914
Box 790, Folder 4  Miscellaneous clippings from unknown scrapbook (clocks), 1909-1911
Box 790, Folder 5  Miscellaneous scrapbook, 1883-1884
Box 790, Folder 6  Miscellaneous scrapbook, 1924-1928
Box 790, Folder 7  Scrapbook of Atlantic Cable Lifeboats, Atlantic Telegraph Expedition, and Atlantic Cable, 1864-1866
Box 791, Folder 1  Miscellaneous scrapbook, 1870-1871
Box 818, Folder 1-6 100th Birthday Celebration of the Western Union Telegraph Company, April 4, 1956
Box 824            George Prescott Scrapbook, 1874-1876
Box 825            Scrapbook of Morse Information and Telegraphers Mutual Life Insurance Association, 1852-1885
Box 826            Scrapbook of Official Notices, Atlantic Cable, Pacific Telegraph and Siberian Expedition, 1856-1870

   [Two newspaper articles, one entitled "Twenty Foot Hand for Tower Clock" and the other, "Fall of the Ball of Confuses Cohoes"
   2 Items
   English.

Local Numbers
   91-2125 (OIPP Neg. No.)

Topic: Time -- Systems and standards
Genre/Form: Clippings

[Advertisement of Self Winding Clock Co., Brooklyn, N.Y. : photoprint], [ca. 1914,]
1 Item
Western Union Telegraph Company, Creator
English.
Shows exteriors of 10 major office buildings with clocks in New York and Washington, D.C.
Silver gelatin on paper.
Local Numbers
Pending (OIPP Neg. No.)
Names: Self Winding Clock Co. (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
Topic: Clocks and watches -- 1910-1920
Commercial buildings -- 1910-1920
Place: New York (N.Y.) -- 1910-1920
Washington (D.C.) -- 1910-1920
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1910-1920

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Series 25: Notebooks, 1880-1942

Series 25 includes a few personal and many laboratory notebooks from employees and engineers of Western Union.

The numbers noted in the container list presumably refer to some Western Union Museum identification number. H.W. Drake's notebooks kept at 195 Broadway contain materials lists; equipment costs; descriptions and drawings of telegraphic equipment; lists of telegraphic line routes; accounts collected for telegraphic service (Central Division, 1880s); accounts of revenues; compensations for employees, expenses, receipts and rates; a comparative statement of remittances from various railroads, 1881-1892; electrical diagrams and blueprints; and a Vacuum Tube Investigation Daily Record Book #2.

H. P. Gilbert's laboratory workbooks consist of laboratory reports on the results of tests of meters, rectifiers, relays, jacks, tubes, call boxes (with photoprints of the test results), and shellac. Included are negatives, some deteriorating. J. Schmid was an engineer working at the Hudson Street office. His notebooks contain laboratory reports on batteries (Waterbury "Tele" Cells, Waterbury Battery Company, Waterbury, Conn.); test results on call box knobs, relay test tables, rectifiers, signal lamps, time service units, keepers and magnets, clocks, 400-w Call Circuit Register, relays (with photoprints of test results), motor generator set, wire samples, bells and buzzers, lamp-type resistance units, plugs, cords, microfarad meters (Jewel & Weston), volt-ammeters, diamond flasher buttons, and dry cells. There also are two notebooks of the Apparatus Engineer's Office at 195 Broadway consisting of calibrations of electrostatic voltimeters and test results on switches, relays, repeaters, zinc and iron electrodes in different cells, sounders, and quadruplexes. Also included are oscillograms.

Other notebooks of unknown origin contain tests on dry cells, transmission studies, and entries from Selector Maintenance Cards turned over by the Repair Shop after removal from the field. The cards include reasons for the return of the equipment.

The series is divided into six subseries:

1. H.W. Drake, 1880-1933
2. H.P. Gilbert, 1928-1932
3. J. Schmid, 1926-1931
5. Unsigned Laboratory Notebooks, 1919-1936
6. Personal Notebook, 1942 (employee work diary)

Subseries 25.1: H.W. Drake, 1880-1933

Box 792, Folder 1  Drake Notebook, 1880-1915
Box 792, Folder 2  Drake Notebook, 1906-1909 (personal)
Box 793, Folder 1  Drake Notebook, 1926-1933 (personal)
Box 793, Folder 2  Drake Notebook, 1926-1928 (laboratory)

Subseries 25.2: H.P. Gilbert, 1928-1932
Box 794, Folder 1  Gilbert Notebook, 1928-1930 (notes/#1233)

Box 794, Folder 2  Gilbert Notebook, 1929-1930 (laboratory/#1234)

Box 795  Gilbert Notebook, (negatives)

Box 796, Folder 1  Gilbert Notebook, 1929-1930 (laboratory/#1234)

Box 796, Folder 2  Gilbert Notebook, 1932 (laboratory)

Box 797, Folder 1  Gilbert Notebook, 1930-1933 (laboratory notebook)

Subseries 25.3: J. Schmid, 1926-1931

Box 797, Folder 2  J. Schmid Notebook, 1926 (laboratory)

Box 798, Folder 1  J. Schmid Notebook, 1926-1927 (laboratory)

Box 798, Folder 2  J. Schmid Notebook, 1926-1930 (laboratory)

Box 799, Folder 1  J. Schmid Notebook, 1927-1930 (laboratory)

Box 799, Folder 2  J. Schmid Notebook, 1927-1929 (laboratory)

Box 800, Folder 1  J. Schmid Notebook, 1927-1930 (laboratory)

Box 800, Folder 2  J. Schmid Notebook, 1927-1931 (laboratory)

Subseries 25.4: Apparatus Engineer's Office Laboratory Notebook, 1915-1924, 1928

Box 801, Folder 1  Apparatus Engineer's Office Laboratory Notebook, 1915-1917

Box 801, Folder 2  Apparatus Engineer's Office Laboratory Notebook, 1917-1924

Box 801, Folder 3  Apparatus Engineer's Office Laboratory Notebook, 1928

Subseries 25.5: Unsigned Laboratory Notebooks, 1919-1936

Box 802, Folder 1  Notebook, 1919-1923

Box 802, Folder 2  Notebook, 1927-1932
Box 802, Folder 3  Notebook, 1929 (transmission studies)

Box 803, Folder 1  Notebook, 1932

Box 803, Folder 2  Notebook, 1936

Subseries 25.6: Personal Notebook, (employee work diary), 1942

Box 803, Folder 3

This series consists of 16mm films, 3/4" videotape cassettes, 35mm film elements, and 1/2" VHS videotape cassettes. The bulk of the series is 16mm film.

Employee Training films includes films from the 1920s to the 1940s depicting how Western Union wanted its telegraph operators to do their jobs, how to work accurately and efficiently in order to maintain speed of operation, detailed operation of complex telegraphic equipment, and more recent sales and customer service employee incentive films.

Public Relations/Promotional Films, circa 1929-1980s, includes consumer awareness segments from NBC's "Today" show and WNBC-TV in New York featuring Betty Furness reporting on Mailgram, Telegram, and Money Transfer; and numerous films and videos which emphasize Western Union's wide variety of services, its modernity, and ability to keep up with the changing communications field. Heavily featured are films from the 1970s and 1980s on Westar, the first telecommunications satellite (launched in 1974), and its influence on Western Union service. Several films and videos depict early facsimile machines in the 1940s and 1950s, and two films depict underwater cable laying operations.

Television Commercials, circa 1974-1991, emphasize the ease of use of the company's services, the firms modernity and competitive edge in the telecommunications market; the return of the singing telegram in the 1980s; videoconferencing; satellite communications; and several recent Spanish language commercials.

Acquired Films, circa 1946-1989, includes several videotape copies of the 20th Century Fox production of WESTERN UNION [1941], films produced outside Western Union using Western Union footage or mention Western Union or its products, and depictions of various aspects of the history of telegraphy.

Films Documenting Corporate Activities, circa 1928-1994, contains films made at the building site of Western Union's old New York headquarters during construction; videotapes of various company executives addressing employees on the company's financial situation, restructuring plans, and consequences of the AT&T divestiture in the 1980s; short compilation videos looking back nostalgically at the history of Western Union through archival photographs and footage; films depicting office operations; and a parody of Gone with the Wind about the corporate buyout of Western Union in 1994.

The microfilm contains selected reels for Board of Directors Meetings, Executive Committee Minutes, and Subsidiaries. See Series 3: Executive Records, 1848-1987 for additional materials regarding these executive functions.

The series is arranged in six subseries:

1. Employee Training Films, 1925-circa 1980s
2. Public Relations/Promotional Films, ca.1929-1993
4. Acquired Films, circa 1946-1989
5. Films Documenting Corporate Activities, circa 1928-1994
6. Microfilm, undated

Subseries 26.1: Employee Training Films, 1925-circa 1980s

Reel OF 205.1 [Wade, North Carolina, Flood], circa 1925
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent print, 412 feet)
Footage of flooded town and of telegraph poles and wires. Western Union truck and boat come in and men repair damage to poles and wires.

Reel OF 205.2  X Messages, circa 1927
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 235 feet)

Box 811, Item RV 205.2  X Messages
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.2  X messages
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP) (reversal, 235 feet)
Telegrams ordering the purchase or sale of stocks and bonds listed on the large exchanges are called x' messages." Examples of telegrams, how and why to deal with "x" messages.

Reel OF 205.3  The Fulton Fish Market, circa 1928
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 207 feet)
A day in the life of the Fulton Street, New York City, Fish Market. Unloading catch of the day, boats, peddlers, ice suppliers, Western Union office and John J. Driscoll, its manager. "The perishable nature of the commodity makes necessary the prompt shipment of the catch and justifies and RX' handling for fish messages."

Reel OF 205.4  The 100 Wire Concentration Unit, ca. 1929
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original)
Depicts new unit in New York office, its uses for private business customer or public branch office. Close-up shots of machinery and how it works.

Box 810, Item RV 205.4  The 100 Wire Concentration Unit
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.4  The 100 Wire Concentration
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP) (reversal, 391 feet)

Box 810, Item OF 205.5  Keyboard Errors, circa 1929
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent print, 221 feet)
Shows several common telegraph operator errors. Slow motion used to illustrate "heavy thumb," long fingernails, misfingering, and poor rhythm all causing typographical errors.

Box 810, Item RV 205.5  Keyboard Errors
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.5  Keyboard Errors
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)
Reel OF 205.6  Accuracy First, circa 1929
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 250 feet)
How a Western Union operator’s errors in transcribing and transmitting a message cause a customer to lose $2200 in a stock transaction based on the incorrect transmission.

Box 810, Item RV
205.6  Accuracy First
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV
205.6  Accuracy First
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Reel OF 205.7  The Mechanical Call Distribution System For Receiving Telegrams By Telephone From Patrons of the Western Union Tel. Co., circa 1930
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 283 feet)
Demonstrations of calls, operators taking calls, teletype machinery.

Box 810, Item RV
205.7  The Mechanical Call Distribution System
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV
205.7  The Mechanical Call Distribution System
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Reel OF 205.8  [Relocating 14 Miles of Aerial Cable], circa 1930
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 658 feet)
On-site process of men working outdoors next to railroad to relocate aerial cable. Includes numerous shots of giant reel of cable. Incomplete; ends abruptly.

Reel OF 205.9  Speed Killers, circa 1930
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent print, 259 feet)
Depicts telegraph operators’ bad work habits that waste time and reduce productivity.

Box 810, Item RV
205.9  Speed Killers
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV
205.9  Speed Killers
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Reel OF 205.10  Gumming, circa 1930
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 390 feet)
How the gumming of telegraph tape is to be done. Bad examples of work shown first, followed by proper examples.

Box 810, Item RV 205.10 Gumming 1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.10 Gumming 1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Reel OF 205.11 Western Union Relays, Part I, circa 1931
1 Motion picture film (reversal, 255 feet)
Western Union relays, "their principle construction, characteristics, maintenance, and application." Depicts three types of relays in use at the time: two types of polar relay, and single current relay. Schematic of how relays are set up.

Box 810, Item RV 205.11 Western Union Relays, Part I 1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.11 Western Union Relays, Part II 1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Reel OF 205.12 Western Union Relays, Part II, circa 1931
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 287 feet)
How to clean a relay and how it properly operates. Schematics included.

Box 810, Item RV 205.12 Western Union Relays, Part 1 1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.12 Western Union Relays, Part 1 1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Reel OF 205.13 Mechanized Telegraph, circa 1940
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent print, 339 feet)
Depiction of modernized, efficient, mechanized telegraph system. Many explanatory titles and close-up shots of machinery.

Box 810, Item RV 205.13 Mechanized Telegraph 1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.13 Mechanized Telegraph 1 Videocassettes (Digital Betacam)

Reel OF 205.14 [Odds and Ends Western Union Office Operations], circa 1942
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 379 feet)
Various types of telegraph machinery and Western Union employees operating it.

Reel OF 205.15
[Reperforator], circa 1942
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 158 feet)
How reperforator switching machinery operates. Incomplete: no title, no end credits.

Reel OF 205.16
Reperforator Switching in Modern Telegraphy, circa 1942
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 334 feet)
"The following scenes of our Atlanta office are designed to aid in training traffic personnel in the use of reperforating equipment." Telegraph operators using machinery.

Box 810, Item RV 205.16
Reperforator Switching in Modern Telegraphy
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.16
Reperforator Switching in Modern Telegraphy
1 Videocassettes (Betamax)

Reel OF 205.17
Reperforator Switching in Modern Telegraphy, circa 1943
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 334 feet)
Depicts number of steps it takes to relay a message manually (eight steps) versus by reperforator switching (four steps). How a telegraph proceeds through the system.

Box 810, Item RV 205.17
Reperforator Switching in Modern Telegraphy
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.17
Reperforator Switching in Modern Telegraphy
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Box 804, Item OV 205.18
Four Employee Incentive Short Films, circa 1980s
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 53 minutes)
Four segments:
1. "Memories at 60 Hudson Street," 3 min.--nostalgic piece about history of Western Union, focusing on headquarters building in New York City. Uses archival photographs.
2. "The Difference is You," 7 min.--narration and use of archival photos linking company success to employee efforts. Emphasizes business survival as keyed to ability to keep pace with changing markets.
3. "Remember Me," 10 min.--importance of good treatment of the customer, from customer's point of view.

4. "Middle Manager as Innovator," 33 min.--How three successful middle managers have done innovative things and how managers can learn from their experiences.

Box 804, Item OV

205.19

Three Employee Incentive Short Films, circa 1980s

1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 15 minutes)

Three segments:

1. J. Horowitz donation to Statue of Liberty--music of Lee Greenwood singing "I'm Proud to be an American."

2. "Memories at 60 Hudson Street," 3 min.--nostalgic piece about history of Western Union, focusing on headquarters building in New York City. Uses archival photographs.

3. "The Difference is You," 7 min.--narration and use of archival photos linking company success to employee efforts. Emphasizes business survival as keyed to ability to keep pace with changing markets.

Subseries 26.2: Public Relations/Promotional Films, circa 1929-1993

Reel OF 205.20

The Western Union Cable to Germany, circa 1929

1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent print, 324 feet)

Cable from Emden, Germany, via Horta in the Azores. Shows route, cross sections of cable, machinery close ups.

Reel OF 205.21

Business In Great Waters, circa 1934

1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white composite optical track print, 532 feet)

Life on board ship which is laying cable between Newfoundland and the Azores. Many shots of shipboard cable equipment. Narrated throughout.

Box 810, Item RV

205.21

Business in Great Waters

Box 811, Item MV

205.21

Business in Great Waters

1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Box 808, Item RV

205.22;

Reel OF 205.22

Telegram For America, 1951

1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white composite optical track print, 727 feet)

Western Union services and office operations through the years, including Storkgram, Deskfax, Call Box, Telecar, Micro-Wave. Emphasizes ease of use for modern businesses. Full credits.

Reel OF 205.23

Inside Western Union: The First 117 Years Are The Hardest, circa 1967
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 660 feet)
Office operations of Western Union. Emphasis on computer technology of the times.

Reel OF 205.24
[CBS News Interview], circa 1971
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 120 feet)
From can: "Newsfilm on Western Union featuring interviews with EDH and other employees, circa 1971." Interview with 3 Western Union employees, mentions plans for Hughes Aircraft to build 3 satellites, hard times for the company, decline in services.

Reel OF 205.25;
Box 808, Item RV 205.25
The Fastest Way To Get The Word Around, 1973
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 476 feet)
Nostalgic beginnings of Western Union seen through archival footage and photographs. Segues into modernization efforts and current services: Telex, Westar, Datagram, Mailgram. Full end credits.

Reel OF 205.26
Westar Inaugural Transmission, 1974
1 Motion picture film (16mm color silent print, 33 feet)
Footage of celebrities and Western Union executives present in Los Angeles, California during Westar inaugural transmissions between Los Angeles and New York. Celebrities present: Ephraim Zimbalist, Jr., Arthur Hill, Victoria Principal, Mayor Tom Bradley.

Box 804, Item OV 205.27
Western Union Inaugural Transmission, 1974
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 62:27 )
Video shot from behind the dais at inaugural transmission from Los Angeles to New York and back via Westar. Television celebrities, Mayor Tom Bradley, Western Union executives appear. No audio.

Reel OF 205.28
National Women's Speak Out Seminar, circa 1975
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 138 feet)
First National Women's Speak Out Seminar, sponsored by Western Union. Meeting of women from 15 national women's groups at a one-day conference with young college women. Russell McFall, President of Western Union, is present and speaks.

Reel OF 205.29
Your Public Broadcasting Satellite, circa 1978
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 413 feet)
Footage of Westar launch April 13, 1974; various public broadcasting stations and programs nationwide. Full credits.

Reel OF 205.30
[From Wire to Westar], circa 1970s
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 136 feet [35mm elements exist for this film])
Historical images of telegraphy and Western Union products interspersed with modern systems: Westar, InfoMaster, microwave towers, Telex, TWX, network television programming, electronic mail, SICOM, INFOCOM, DATACOM, Response Phone, NewsAlert, Hotline, Spacetel.
Box 804, Item OV 205.31 [Betty Furness: Companies Ripping Off Mailgram Look], circa 1980s
1 Videocassettes (U-matic)

Box 804, Item OV 205.32 [Betty Furness: Western Union Money Transfer Service], 1981
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 10:00 minutes)
Western Union Money Transfer system, as tested by Betty and her daughter. Segment from NBC's "Today" show.

Box 804, Item OV 205.33 [Betty Furness: Mailgram], 1987 September 22
1 Videocassettes (VHS)
Full "Live at Five" news program from WNBC New York. Furness sequence at end discusses slow delivery of Mailgrams.

Box 804, Item OV 205.34 [Betty Furness: Telegram], circa 1987
1 Videocassettes (VHS)
Nostalgic look at telegram service, past and present, from NBC's "Today" show. Transcript available in processing file.

Box 805, Item OV 205.35 [Singing Telegram Story], 1993 February 10
1 Videocassettes (VHS)
Full news program on Channel 4, WNBC, New York. Segment at end is on 60th anniversary of the singing telegram, including interview with originator. Uses archival photos and film clips.

Box 805, Item OV 205.36 [Westar Satellite]
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 10:15)
St. Louis, Missouri, television program interview of William B. Payne, Area Vice-President of Western Union. Discusses benefits of and expanded services through Westar satellite. Videoconferencing, Braillegram, newspapers.

Box 805, Item OV 205.37, PAL format Braillegrams, 1975
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (PAL format)
1975 WNBC interview


Reel OF 205.38 [Mailgram Commercial]
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 77 feet)
Depicts Western Union from Pony Express days to modern times.

Box 805, Item OV 205.39 [Wall Street Journal Uses Westar], 1975 November
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration 00:30)
Television commercial for Wall Street Journal emphasizing speed of satellite-transmitted information gets the news on the stand faster. Does not mention Western Union or Westar.
Reel OF 205.40  [Three Television Commercials], circa 1974  
1 Motion picture film (16mm composite optical track print, 146 feet)  

Reel OF 205.41  [Five Television Commercials], circa 1975  
1 Motion picture film (16mm composite optical track print, 225 feet)  

Reel OF 205.42  [Two Television Commercials - Western Union Billion Dollar Modernization], circa 1975  
1 Motion picture film (16mm composite optical track print, 111 feet)  
Compilation roll of 2 commercials: 1. National Women's Speak Out Seminar sponsored by Western Union. 2. Modernization of office procedures, featuring actor Richard Mulligan as spokesman. [35mm elements exist for this commercial.]

Reel OF 205.43  [Four Television Commercials - Western Union services], circa 1975  
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 253 feet)  

Box 805, Item OV 205.44  [Western Union-Westar], 1977 November 8  
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 02:15 )  
Promotes largest coast-to-coast televised national sales conference from Atlanta to 12 other cities through Westar.

Box 805, Item OV 205.45  [Singing Telegram - Holiday], 1980 December  
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 00:60 sec. )  
Chicago-area television commercial for singing telegrams, emphasizing Christmas/New Years.

Box 805, Item OV 205.46  [Singing Telegram - Mother's Day, 1983], 1983  
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 00:30; )  
Los Angeles-area television commercial for singing telegrams, emphasizing Mother's Day.
Box 806, Item OV 205.47  
[Singing Telegrams Are Back], circa 1990  
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 00:30)  
Chicago-area television commercial for singing telegrams.

Box 806, Item OV 205.48  
Western Union Presentation Tape, 1991 March 5  
1 Videocassettes (U-matic) (Duration: 3:00 minutes)  
Compilation of Spanish-language commercials for Western Union Money Transfer services. Three commercials, two versions each, one with translation captions, one without: "Susana," "Farias-Mex.," and "Farias-USA."

Subseries 26.4: Acquired Films, circa 1946-1989

Reel OF 205.49  
[All In The Family television program segment], undated  
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print [faded], 224 feet)  
Incomplete program featuring a telegram as part of plot.

Reel OF 205.50  
[Westar V Pre-Launch], undated  
1 Motion picture film (16mm color silent print, 89 feet)  
NASA-KSC film of preparing satellite for launch. Also footage of launch with narration.

Reel OF 205.51  
A Hundred Years of Morse, circa 1946  
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent print, 215 feet)  
British film: "A GB Screen Services Production - British Acoustic Film." [no sound]. Fictionalized representation of story of early telegraphy, to telegraphic services of the time.

Reel OF 205.52  
Spanning the World, circa 1946  
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 278 feet)  

Reel OF 205.53  
Facsimile, 1946  
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 402 feet)  
Demonstration of facsimile transmission on various Finch Facsimile Co. machines. Animated schematics of how a fax machine works. Full credits.

Box 810, Item RV 205.53  
Facsimile  
1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 811, Item MV 205.53  
Facsimile  
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Reel OF 205.54  
Newspapers By Radio, circa 1957
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent print, 398 feet)
Finch Facsimile Company promotional film on uses of radio signals to send facsimile transmissions of newspaper stories. Close ups of machinery. Ends abruptly, no end credits.

Reel OF 205.55
[Delta 101/ Westar A Canning Operation], circa 1973
1 Motion picture film (16mm color silent work print [faded], 121 feet)
National Air and Space Administration - Kennedy Space Center film on process of "canning" the Westar satellite in preparation for launch.

Reel OF 205.56
Head Shots for Cable Film/Cable Film, Final Edited Version, circa 1974
Super 8mm color silent print.
Composite reel joined by the Archives Center. Two films on how cable is made and used. No intertitles to indicate if cable is telegraphic or bridge cables.

Reel OF 205.57
[Connecting America], 1978
16mm color composite optical track print, 641 feet
Creighton University Centennial Celebration film. Story of linking telegraph lines to the West Coast during the Civil War. John and Edward Creighton and Creighton family history heavily featured.

Box 808, Item RV 205.58; Box 806, Item OV 205.58
Westar V Launch, 1982 June 8
1 Videocassettes (U-matic)
3/4" videocassette tape, 9:40
NASA-Kennedy Space Center, Florida footage of actual launch, how satellite is prepared for launch and positioned in space.

Reel OF 205.59; Box 808, Item RV 205.58
Voices From The Deep: The Anzcan Cable Story, 1984
1 Motion picture film (16mm color composite optical track print, 916 feet)
1 Videocassettes (BetacamSP) (16mm color composite optical track print, 916 feet)
1 Motion picture film
Scenic film of process of laying cable from Sydney, Australia, to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada via Fiji. Excellent "Facts and Figures" section at end detailing cable diameter, length, depth, circuit capacity, and repeater spacing.

Box 806, Item OV 205.60
Cablegrams, circa 1980s
1 Videocassettes (VHS)
1 Videocassettes (VHS)
Advertisement for a videotaped theater performance preview service. No direct connection to Western Union.

Box 806, Item OV 205.61
Western Union
1 Videocassettes (VHS)
Tape copy of 1941 20th Century Fox film.
Box 806, Item OV 205.62 Speedwell and the Telegraph, circa 1988
1 Videocassettes (VHS) (Duration: 60 minutes)
Produced by Historic Speedwell, Inc. Theatrical production about Alfred Vail, Speedwell Iron Works, Speedwell Village, Morristown, NJ.

Box 806, Item OV 205.63 Smithsonian Institution, Information Age, 1989 March 13
1 Videocassettes (U-matic)
Video copy of original Western Union films, "X Messages," "Gumming," and "Speed Killers." Burned-in time codes present.

Subseries 26.5: Films Documenting Corporate Activities, circa 1928-1994

Box 807, Item OV 205.65.1-2 [Informational Seminar], 1983 December 12
2 Videocassettes (U-matic)
Two 3/4" videocassette tapes
Seminar by Al J. Chisholm, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Western Union on AT&T divestiture and its consequences.

Box 807, Item OV 205.66 [Western Union Restructuring], 1987 October
1 Videocassettes (U-matic)
3/4" videocassette tape, 13:08
LeBow Industries, Inc.’s plans for restructuring Western Union. Emphasizes company history, problems, possible solutions.

Box 807, Item OV 205.67 [Amman Speech to Western Union Employees], 1988 November 15
1 Videocassettes (U-matic)
3/4" videocassette tape, 62:18
Company president speaking to employees regarding financial losses and strategies for restructuring.

Box 807, Item OV 205.68 Western Union: First in Telecommunications, ca. 1980s
1 Videocassettes (VHS)
1/2" VHS videocassette tape, 25:00
Made for Western Union employees by the National Joint Labor/Management Board. Discusses various services of Western Union, then moves to corporate concerns with Local 1177 officials and Western Union president, who discusses financial position and plans for the company.

Box 807, Item OV 205.69 Gone With The Western Union, 1994
1 Videocassettes (VHS)
1 Videodiscs (DVD)
1/2" VHS videocassette tape, 11:03
Takeoff on GONE WITH THE WIND depicting companies and persons involved in 1994 Western Union takeover bid process.
Reel OF 205.70.1-5  The Florida Experiment, 1969
1 Motion picture film (16 mm training film which includes outtakes; one magnetic tape; one 1/2 " VHS, and one DVD)
Film documents a pilot program being conducted in the Florida division of Western Union. This pilot program implemented a new stream-lined single-line management system that extended down through all management levels. The program proved so successful in the Florida division that the Western Union Telegraph Company President implemented this stream-lined management system throughout the entire Western Union Telegraph Company. With the new system, the company reduced its management divisions across the country from 30 to 18 which also resulted in significant management cost reductions.

Box 817, Item MT  The Florida Experiment
205.70 1 Sound tape reel

Box 806, Item RV  The Florida Experiment, 1969
205.70 1 Videocassettes (VHS)

Box 817, Folder 13  The Florida Experience, storyboard documents, 1969

Box 817, Folder 14  The Florida Experience, slides and notes, 1969

Box 817, Folder 15  The Florida Experience, original script, 1969

Box 817, Item RDVD  The Florida Experiment
205.70 1 Videodiscs (DVD)

Box 817, Folder 16  The Florida Experiment, 1969

Reel OF 205.64  A New Home for Western Union, circa 1928
1 Motion picture film (16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 335 feet)
Depiction of ongoing construction of 24-story skyscraper for Western Union headquarters at 60 Hudson Street, New York City. Describes what will be in building; size; number of employees; construction details; views looking north, south, and west of site; the last rivet, etc.

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Box 831  Horton, Blanche M. Thompson. The Telegraph Hortons and Interwoven Lines, 1939
Box 831  American Wireless Communications Companies, [circa 1920s-1932?]
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Box 831  Kleinschmidt Perforator Catalogue (Double Solenoid), undated
Box 831  House of Reps. No. 270. Electro-Magnetic Telegraph, 1844
Box 831  Senate, Letter from Postmaster General about establishment of line of telegraphic communication between Mobile and New Orleans, 1846
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Box 831  Memorial to the stockholders of Western Union, 1878; Agreement of Jay Gould, 1883; and Western Union pamphlet compiled by Colonel Clowry., 1878, 1883
Box 831  Western Union Telegraph Company. Submarine Telegraphy, 1920
Box 831  Grant, E.B. Report on the Western Union Telegraph Company, 1869
Box 831  A Talk on Telegraph Topics, [circa 1880s?]
Box 831  Grant, E.B. Is Governmental Control of the Telegraph Desirable?, 1884
| Box 831 | Speech of Colonel Shaffner at Glasgow in the North Atlantic Telegraph, undated |
| Box 831 | Senate Doc. No 36. Act to establish government ownership and control of telegraph, 1894 |
| Box 831 | Modern Telegraphy Some Errors of Dates of Events and of Statement, 1867 |
| Box 831 | Copies of the claims and patents of Professor Morse, 1837 |
| Box 831 | Telegraphy Companion Devoted to the Science and Art of the Morse American Telegraph, 1855 |
| Box 831 | Western Union Telegraph Company Its Past, Present, and Future, 1883 |
| Box 831 | Magnetic Telegraph Controversy, statement of the case of the refusal to grant a patent for Morse's Telegraph in Great Britain, 1838, as published in the Poughkeepsie American, 1848 |
| Box 831 | The American Magnetic Telegraph, undated |
| Box 831 | Vail, Alfred. American Electro Magnetic Telegraph, 1845 |
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| Box 831 | Biographical Notice of the late Dr. Walker-Arnott, 1867-1868 |
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| Box 831 | The Relation of the Government to the Government, 1873 |
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| Box 831 | Price Waterhouse and Company chartered accountants on Property and Business of the Western Union Telegraph Company, 1910 |
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| Box 832 | Wire Fax, The Literary Digest, 1937-01 |
| Box 832 | Western Union inter office mail envelope, undated |
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Box 832 The Financial Observer, 1937

Box 832 Report of the Chief Engineer to the Electrical Commission of Baltimore, 1913

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Box 832 Report on Plans for the Improvement of Telegraph Service, 1944

Box 832 Technical notes, 1927-1947 (miscellaneous articles), 1927-1947
Catalog of parts for start and stop printing telegraph equipment by Western Electric, 1922

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Box 833  The Phillips Code, undated

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Box 833  Schedule of rates from Washington, D.C., 1867-1890

Box 833  Rate schedule for miscellaneous markets, 1922

Box 833  Tariff rates from Washington to Louisville, 1867

Box 833  Western Union Telegraph Company Tariff Book No. 76, 1950

Box 833  Operating Instruction No. OP-26 Public Facsimile Service Acceptance and Accounting, 1959

Box 833  Record of Daily operations at WU Louisville Office, 1877-1940

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Box 833  Western Union Multiplex System Catalogue, undated

Box 833  Assorted notes and formulas, (in pencil), undated

Box 833  Drawing of tape reel machine, ink on linen, annotated in pencil, undated

Box 833  V. H. Rowland's "rough working out book" (notebook about cables), 1925

Box 833  Drawings for table legs for Barclay printer (drawings rolled), undated
Box 833  Specifications for 2160-A Installation of lead sheathed cables, 1930

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