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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	James H. Nicholson Amateur Radio Collection
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0577
Date:	1920-1970.
Extent:	0.66 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Source:	Electricity and Modern Physics, Division of, NMAH, St. Nicholson, James H., 1897-
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Division of Electricity by Patricia Kilkenny, daughter of J.H. Nicholson, on 12/30/1994.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Electricity (now Division of Work and Industry), 6/21/96.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Radio operator during his service in the Navy, an operator on merchant ships after World War I, and a "ham" radio operator on shore. He set up a radio shop which included the first licensed radio station in Maine, WTAJ. During World War II he was in charge of Naval aviation radio and after the war he worked for the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, photographs, audio tapes and other documents relating to James H. Nicholson's career in radio, both as a long-time amateur operator and in his career in the U.S. Navy in both world wars and civilian government employment before and after World War II; Nicholson's autobiography; reminiscences by his daughter; and publications of amateur radio organizations (particular the "Old Old Timers Club") in which he was active.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Radio -- History
World War, 1939-1945 -- Equipment and supplies

Types of Materials:

Technical manuals -- Electrical equipment

Names:

Electricity and Modern Physics, Division of, NMAH, SI.
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