Guide to the Containerization Oral History Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Title: Containerization Oral History Collection

Identifier: NMAH.AC.0639


Extent: 0.5 Cubic feet

Creator: Harlander, Leslie
Gibson, Andrew
Donovan, Arthur
Cushing, Charles
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Pfeiffer, Robert
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Language: English

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition
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Ownership and Custodial History
Oral history created by Arthur Donovan and the Lemelson Center.

Processing Information
Collection processed by Alison Oswald, 2000.

Preferred Citation
Biographical / Historical

This project consists of oral history interviews with individuals who initiated and implemented the post-World War II revolution in the transportation industry known as containerization. This technological and organizational revolution, a product of American innovation and entrepreneurship, has transformed the way cargos are loaded and moved on ships, trains, trucks, and barges. The introduction of trailer-sized containers as the units for loading cargo abroad ships has transformed commercial shipping. Loading items abroad ship in boxes, barrels, and bags, a system known as break-bulk, was replaced by containerization. Containerization is one of the fundamental technologies in modern society.

Scope and Contents

Original audio cassettes and transcripts of oral history interviews with individuals involved in the transportation industry known as containerization: Arthur Donovan, interviewer.

Arrangement

Divided into 2 series: (1) Original audio cassettes; (2) Transcripts. Unarranged.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Container industry -- 1990-2000
- Container ships -- 1990-2000
- Containerization -- 1990-2000
- Containers -- 1990-2000
- Shipment of goods -- 1990-2000
- Shipping -- 1990-2000 -- United States
- Ships -- Cargo -- 1990-2000
Transportation -- 1990-2000
Transportation equipment industry -- 1990-2000

Types of Materials:
Audio cassettes -- 1990-2000
Interviews -- 1980-2000
Oral history -- 1990-2000
Transcripts