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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Containerization Oral History Collection
Date:	1995-1998
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0639
Creator:	Harlander, Leslie Gibson, Andrew Donovan, Arthur (Interviewer) Cushing, Charles Boylston, John Seiberlich, Carl Pfeiffer, Robert Powell, Stanley Richardson, Paul Seaton, Bruce Horvitz, Wayne Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. Katims, Ron Morrison, Scott
Extent:	0.5 Cubic feet (3 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Commissioned for the National Museum of American History.

Ownership and Custodial History

Oral histories created by Arthur Donovan and the Lemelson Center.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, 2000.

Preferred Citation

Containerization Oral History Collection 1995-1998, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Restrictions on Access

Original audio cassettes not available to researchers.

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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 aboard ships has transformed commercial shipping. Loading items aboard 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 was the principal interviewer.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into two series.

Series 1: Audio cassettes, 1995-1998

Series 2: Transcripts, 1995-1998

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

Container Listing

Series 1: Audio Cassettes, 1995-1998

Box 1, Item Unknown

Box 1, Item OTC 639.1-3	Boylston, John, 1998-12-07
Box 1, Item OTC 639.2.1-2	Cushing, Charles, 1995-05-08
Box 1, Item OTC 639.3.1-3	Gibson, Andrew, 1998-04-28
Box 1, Item OTC 639.4.1-2	Harlander, Leslie, 1997-06-19
Box 1, Item OTC 639.5.1-2	Horvitz, Wayne, 1997-04-11
Box 1, Item OTC 639.5.3-4	Horvitz, Wayne, 1997-04-21
Box 2, Item OTC 639.6.1-3	Katims, Ron, 1997-04-09
Box 2, Item OTC 639.7. 1-3	Morrison, Scott, 1997-03-27
Box 2, Item OTC 639.8.1-2	Pfeiffer, Robert and Powell, Stanley, 1997-06-18
Box 2, Item OTC 639.9.1	Richardson, Paul, 1997-07-01
Box 2, Item OTC 639.10.1-2	Seaton, Bruce, 1997-06-19
Box 2, Item OTC 639.10.3	Seaton, Bruce, 1997-07-01
Box 2, Item OTC 639.11.1-2	Seiberlich, Carl, 1997-06-21

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Series 2: Transcripts, 1995-1998

Box 3, Folder 2	Boylston, John, 1998-12-07
Box 3, Folder 3	Cushing, Charles, 1995-05-08
Box 3, Folder 4	Gibson, Andrew, 1998-04-28
Box 3, Folder 5	Harlander, Leslie, 1997-06-19
Box 3, Folder 6	Horvitz, Wayne, 1997-04-11
Box 3, Folder 7	Horvitz, Wayne, 1997-04-21
Box 3, Folder 8	Katims, Ron, 1997-04-09
Box 3, Folder 9	Morrison, Scott, 1997-03-27
Box 3, Folder 10	Pfeiffer, Robert and Powell, Stanley, 1997-06-18
Box 3, Folder 11	Richardson, Paul, 1997-07-01
Box 3, Folder 12	Seaton, Bruce, 1997-06-19
Box 3, Folder 13	Seaton, Bruce, 1997-07-0
Box 3, Folder 14	Seiberlich, Carl, 1997-06-21

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