

Harold Sunde Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Harold Sunde Papers

Span Dates: 1925-1948

ID No.: MSS82200

Creator: Sunde, Harold, 1900-1990

Extent: 440 items

Extent: 4 containers plus 4 oversize

Extent: 5 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Engineer. Correspondence, legal documents, reports, blueprints, articles, speeches, and printed matter pertaining to Sunde's work as an engineer for the Radio Corporation of America.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Sunde, Harold, 1900-1990.

Organizations

Radio Corporation of America.

Subjects

Acoustical engineering.

Sound motion pictures.

Sound--Recording and reproducing--Equipment and supplies--England.

Sound--Recording and reproducing--Equipment and supplies--Soviet Union.

Sound--Recording and reproducing--Equipment and supplies.

Occupations

Engineers.

Provenance

The papers of Harold Sunde, engineer for Radio Corporation of America, were acquired by the Library of Congress as an exchange from John Ptak, Science Books, Alexandria, Virginia, in 1993.

Processing History

The papers of Harold Sunde were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Harold Sunde is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Harold Sunde are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Harold Sunde Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harold Sunde (1900-1990) span the years 1925-1948 and consist of correspondence, memoranda, legal documents, reports, blueprints, articles, speeches, notes, and printed matter pertaining to Sunde's work as an engineer for Radio Corporation of America, especially the promotion of the RCA Photophone. The collection documents Sunde's role in the introduction of the first film sound reproducing equipment in England and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein by subject or name of organization.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Blueprints, 1928-1936, undated <i>See also Oversize</i> (3 folders)
BOX 1	Catalogs and price lists, 1928-1937, undated
BOX 1	Correspondence, memoranda, and notes, 1928-1941, undated
BOX 1	Legal documents, 1930-1931, 1939 (1 folder)
BOX 2	(2 folders)
BOX 2	Miscellaneous printed matter, 1929-1934, undated
BOX 2	Operating instructions
BOX 2	Amplifiers, 1935
BOX 2	Bearings and Morse chains, undated
BOX 2	Cathode ray oscillograph, 1943
BOX 2	Film stock, 1933-1935
BOX 2	General, 1932 (4 folders)
BOX 2	Printers, 1935-1936
BOX 2	Projectors, 1928-1932, undated
BOX 3	Radios and Photophone turntables, 1929, 1934, undated
BOX 3	Recording equipment, 1929-1934, 1946 <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 3	Sound and picture reproducing equipment, 1929
BOX 3	Sound cameras, 1934-1935
BOX 3	Theremin musical instrument, 1929
BOX 3	Vibrators and vibration meters, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 3	Reports
BOX 3	British national films, sound studio proposal, undated
BOX 3	Cathode ray tube, 1948
BOX 4	Engineering and testing, 1928-1935 (4 folders)
BOX 4	General Electric Co., 1927-1941
BOX 4	<i>Harrison's Reports</i> , 1928-1929
BOX 4	Journal reprints, 1925-1941 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Marconi-Stille recording and reproducing equipment, undated
BOX 4	Miscellaneous, 1929-1947, undated
BOX 4	<i>Orpheus</i> , Installation and Service Department newsletter, 1929
BOX 4	Radio Corporation of America, 1928, 1946, undated
BOX 4	RCA Manufacturing Co., 1935, undated
BOX 4	RCA Photophone, 1929-1932, undated
BOX 4	RCA Victor Co., 1932-1934
BOX 4	Standards for motion picture apparatus, 1930
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Blueprints, 1928-1936, undated (Container 1)

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX OV 2	Operating instructions
BOX OV 2	Recording equipment
BOX OV 2	Blueprints of table assembly and connections, 1929 (Container 3)
BOX OV 3	Blueprints of modified amplifier and recording equipment, 1929 (Container 3)
BOX OV 4	Vibrators and vibration meters
BOX OV 4	Vibrator inverter service adjustment chart, undated (Container 3)