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Collection Summary

Title: Jack S. Kilby Papers

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Summary: Engineer and inventor. Correspondence, memoranda, patents and related material, drawings, blueprints, transparencies, photographs, subject files, speeches, writings, newspaper clippings, and printed matter relating primarily to Kilby's inventions and projects while an engineer and later a consultant for Texas Instruments. The papers also document Kilby's work as a consultant and adviser to various companies and organizations.

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

Adcock, Willis, 1922-2003--Correspondence.

Bucy, J. Fred, 1928-2021--Correspondence.

Cameron, Janet K. 1954-2016--Correspondence.

Emmons, Stephen P.--Correspondence.

Gross, Al--Correspondence.

Haggerty, Patrick E. (Patrick Eugene), 1914-1980--Correspondence.

Hashimoto, Kazuo, -1995--Correspondence.

Johnson, Peter--Correspondence.

Kilby family--Correspondence.

Kilby, Ann--Correspondence.

Kilby, Jack S. (Jack St. Clair), 1923-2005.

Kilby, Jane, 1925-2004--Correspondence.

Lathrop, Jay W. (Jay Wallace), 1927-2022--Correspondence.

Mize, Jack P., 1923-

Phipps, Charles H., 1926 or 1927- --Correspondence.

Porter, Wilbur A.--Correspondence.

Organizations

GM Hughes Electronic Corporation.

National Inventors Hall of Fame (U.S.)

Semiconductor Research Corporation.

Texas Instruments Incorporated.

United States. Army. Signal Corps.

United States. Department of Defense.

United States. Office of Strategic Services.

Subjects

Calculators--Design and construction.

Capacitors--Design and construction.

Cash registers--Design and construction.

Commerce--Technological innovations.

Electric power.
Electrical engineering--United States.
Electronics--United States.
Electrostatic apparatus and appliances--Design and construction.
Epitaxy.
Flashlights--Design and construction.
Industries--Technological innovations.
Integrated circuits--Design and construction.
Inventions--Awards.
Microelectronics.
Military art and science--Technological innovations.
Miniature electronic equipment--Design and construction.
Nobel Prizes.
Patents.
Physics--Awards.
Radio paging--Equipment and supplies--Design and construction.
Science--Awards.
Security systems--Design and construction.
Semiconductors.
Silicon--Technological innovations.
Solar energy.
Teaching machines--Design and construction.
Telephone answering and recording apparatus--Design and construction.
World War, 1939-1945--Asia.
Wrist watches--Design and construction.

Occupations

Engineers.
Inventors.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Jack S. Kilby, engineer and inventor, were given to the Library of Congress by Kilby's daughters, Janet K. Cameron and Ann Kilby, in 2006. Additional items were given by Ann Kilby between 2006 and 2011.

Processing History

The papers of Jack S. Kilby were arranged and described in 2007 by Connie L. Cartledge with the assistance of Tracey R. Barton and Sherralyn McCoy. The Artifacts series was rehoused and the finding aid revised in 2012. Additional material received between 2006 and 2011 was processed as an addition and the finding aid revised in 2022 by Pang H. Xiong.

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Other Repositories

A collection of Kilby's photographs, memorabilia, and awards was given by his family to the DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Jack S. Kilby in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is reserved. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division for further information.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Jack S. Kilby 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.

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1923, Nov. 8	Born, Jefferson City, Mo.
1943-1945	Enlisted in United States Army Signal Corps and later served with the Office of Strategic Services
1947	B.S., University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Ill.
1947-1958	Engineer, Centralab, a division of Globe-Union Corp., Milwaukee, Wis.
1948	Married Barbara Annegers
1950	M.S., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
1958	Invented the monolithic integrated circuit
1958-1970	Engineer, Texas Instruments, responsible for integrated circuit development and applications
1969	Awarded National Medal of Science
1970	Director of engineering and technology, Texas Instruments Components Group
1970-circa 1997	Independent consultant
1978-1984	Professor of electrical engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex.
1982	Inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame, United States Patent Office
1989	Awarded Charles Stark Draper Prize, National Academy of Engineering
1990	Awarded National Medal of Technology
1993	Awarded Kyoto Prize in Advanced Technology
2000	Awarded Nobel Prize in physics
2005, June 20	Died, Dallas, Tex.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jack St. Clair Kilby (1923-2005) span the years 1878-2003, with the majority of the papers concentrated between 1970 and 1998. The bulk of the papers document Kilby's work as an inventor and engineering consultant, 1970-circa 1997, mainly for Texas Instruments. The collection also includes a small amount of material relating to Kilby's tenure as an employee and manager with Texas Instruments from 1958 to 1970. While working at Texas Instruments in 1958, Kilby invented the monolithic integrated circuit, also known as the chip or microchip, facilitating the development

of the modern computer and numerous electronic products. The papers are in English and consist of seven series: [Correspondence](#), [Patent and Project File](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Artifacts](#), [2022 Addition](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Correspondence](#) series documents Kilby's personal and professional activities. The early correspondence, 1961-1970, consists mostly of Kilby's outgoing letters and memoranda relating to his work with semiconductors. Under Kilby's leadership, the staff at Texas Instruments worked to utilize microchip technology for military, industrial, and commercial applications. Correspondence from the 1980s through 2003 consists mostly of incoming letters, including a few family letters between Kilby and his sister, Jane Kilby, his daughters, Janet K. Cameron and Ann Kilby, and their children. Kilby's letters to his parents during his military service in World War II are in the family papers of the [Subject File](#) series. Also interfiled in the Correspondence series in later years is a small amount of business statements and reports, newsletters, and travel vouchers.

The [Patent and Project File](#) is comprised mainly of papers relating to Kilby's patents and inventions. Although Kilby took a leave of absence in 1970 from Texas Instruments to focus on inventing, he still served as a part-time consultant for Texas Instruments. The majority of the series relates to his work for the company on a solar energy project, Project Illinois, from about 1975 to 1984. The project studied the use of silicon technology to generate electrical power from sunlight. At the time it was considered to be a promising energy source for residential homes but was discontinued because of lack of funding for commercial production. The files also contain a significant amount of material relating to Kilby's telephone answering devices and a small amount pertaining to projects that Kilby worked on while a full-time employee of Texas Instruments: circuits, semiconductors, and his development of the first electronic miniature calculator. This series does not include files about his invention of the first integrated circuit but contains material about patents and patent disputes relating to the integrated circuit. Also in the papers are drawings for his inventions and a laboratory notebook with notes and a few drawings pertaining to Kilby's teaching machine and system, electrostatic display system, telephone and paging devices, wristwatch, and other projects.

The [Subject File](#) consists mostly of files relating to Kilby's work as an independent consultant and adviser for the Department of Defense and companies and organizations such as GM Hughes Electronic Corporation, Semiconductor Research Corporation, and Texas Instruments. The correspondence in the Texas Instruments files include monthly summaries describing Kilby's activities while serving as a consultant. Other prominent topics featured are microelectronics, semiconductors, and integrated circuits. There are many files relating to awards received by Kilby such as the National Science Medal in 1970, the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1982, the National Medal of Technology in 1990, and the Nobel Prize in physics in 2000. Included in the files of the technology medal and Nobel Prize are photographs and transparencies of the first integrated circuit and photographs and transparencies of a page of Kilby's laboratory notebook describing the integrated circuit. Family papers in the Subject File include letters from Kilby to his parents while serving in the United States Signal Corps and his deployment with the Office of Strategic Services to Burma, India, and China during World War II.

The [Speeches and Writing File](#) consists mainly of speeches, speech outlines, and writings by Kilby. Also in the writings are newspaper and journal articles about Kilby. The [Artifacts](#) include chips, particles, capacitors, solar-energy presentation material, and charts relating to Kilby's inventions and projects.

Prominent and frequent correspondents in the collection are Willis Adcock, J. F. Bucy, Stephen P. Emmons, Al Gross, Patrick E. Haggerty, Kazuo Hashimoto, Peter Johnson, Jay W. Lathrop, Charles H. Phipps, and Wilbur A. Porter.

The [2022 Addition](#) includes a laboratory notebook recording Kilby's invention ideas and experiments and work on various projects. The notebook also documents his collaborations with John Balzer, Carl Johnson, J. W. Lathrop, John McGrady, and Robert F. Schweitzer on the electronic check writer. Photographs of artist renderings of this invention are in the [Oversize](#) series. Both the notebook and artist renderings complement material in the [Patent and Project File](#) series relating to the check writer. Other topics in Kilby's laboratory notebook include improvements to the cash register, electrostatic printer, flashlight, security system, telephone, watch, and wristwatch. The addition also contains Jack P. Mize's notebook with details of epitaxial processes for printing semiconductor layers.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged in seven series:

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