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Collection Summary

Title: Edward N. Lorenz Papers

Inclusive Dates: circa 1895-2009

Bulk Dates: 1942-2000

ID No.: MSS85426

Creator: Lorenz, Edward N.

Extent: 15,000 items

Extent: 44 containers plus 12 oversize

Extent: 17.6 linear feet

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Extent: 1 artifact

Extent: 2724 digital files (2.32 GB)

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2008085426>

Summary: Meteorologist and mathematician. Correspondence, articles, scientific papers, speeches, presentations, photographs, data and data visualizations in both physical and digital formats. Material in physical format also includes military records, subject files, and book files. Material in digital format also includes games and sound recordings. The collection documents Lorenz's activities as a meteorology professor and his discovery of deterministic chaos.

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

Arakawa, Hidetoshi, 1907-1984--Correspondence.
Blackmon, Maurice L., 1940-2012--Correspondence.
Blumen, William, 1931-2002--Correspondence.
Brier, Glenn W. (Glenn Wilson), 1913- --Correspondence.
Chelam, E. V.--Correspondence.
Craig, Richard A.--Correspondence.
Davies, D. A.--Correspondence.
Davies, Thomas Vivian--Correspondence.
Dutton, John A. (John Altnow)--Correspondence.
Enger, Isadore--Correspondence.
Firor, John--Correspondence.
Gates, W. Lawrence (William Lawrence), 1928- --Correspondence.
Ghil, Michael--Correspondence.
Gleick, James--Correspondence.
Hare, F. Kenneth (Frederick Kenneth), 1919- --Correspondence.
Held, Isaac M., 1948- --Correspondence.
Hilborn, Robert C.--Correspondence.
Houghton, Henry G.--Correspondence.
Jordan, Charles L. (Charles Lemuel), 1922- --Correspondence.
Kelley, Elizabeth A.--Correspondence.
Klein, William H., 1919- --Correspondence.
Kraus, E. B. (Eric Bradshaw), 1913- --Correspondence.
Leith, Cecil E., 1923- --Correspondence.
Lorenz, Edward N.
MacDonald, Gordon J. (Gordon James), 1929-2002--Correspondence.
Malone, Thomas F.--Correspondence.
Mintz, Yale--Correspondence.

Muench, H. Stuart--Correspondence.
Nordø, Jack, 1923- --Correspondence.
Peixoto, José Pinto--Correspondence.
Rasool, S. I., 1933- --Correspondence.
Roberts, Walter Orr--Correspondence.
Schereschewsky, P. L.--Correspondence.
Sellers, William D.--Correspondence.
Shorr, Bernard--Correspondence.
Smagorinsky, J. (Joseph)--Correspondence.
Spengler, Kenneth C., 1915-2010--Correspondence.
Thompson, Philip Duncan--Correspondence.
Trenberth, Kevin E.--Correspondence.
Yorke, James A.--Correspondence.

Organizations

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Department of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography.
United States. Army Air Forces.

Subjects

Chaotic behavior in systems.
Climatology--Data processing.
Climatology--Mathematical models.
Deterministic chaos.
Long-range weather forecasting.
Meteorology in aeronautics.
Meteorology--Data processing.
Meteorology.
Numerical weather forecasting.
Weather forecasting.

Occupations

Educators.
Mathematicians.
Meteorologists.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Edward N. Lorenz were given to the Library of Congress by his children, Cheryl A. Lorenz, Nancy J. Lorenz, and Edward H. Lorenz, in 2008, Kerry A. Emanuel in 2009, and Robert C. Hilborn in 2014.

Custodial History

A Delta Dimension XPS R450 computer, labeled "Edward Lorenz, work@home, 1999-2001", was received as a part of the Edward N. Lorenz papers. The computer was not solely used by Lorenz. Examination of the computer indicates the computer was in use after his death until approximately 2008 by multiple individuals including his son, Edward H. Lorenz.

Processing History

The paper portion of the collection was arranged and described in 2012 by Joseph K. Brooks with the assistance of Brian McGuire and Jewel McPherson. Digital files and a small paper addition were arranged and described in 2018 by Kathleen O'Neill. The description of digital files in the finding aid was updated in 2020 by Kathleen O'Neill

Digital files were received as part of the Edward N. Lorenz papers on a variety of storage media, each of which was assigned a unique digital ID number. Use the digital ID number to request access copies of the files associated with each media. A description of the standard processes taken on all born digital files can be found in the Processing History Note: Born Digital Collection Material at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.digital>.

Additional processes on the Delta Dimension XPS R450 computer include creating a disk image, extracting files from the image, and removing empty files, temporary files, and extraneous program files.

Files were scanned for viruses before being saved to long-term storage. Positive virus results occurred during a scan of Lorenz's computer files (digital ID mss85426_047_001). Five files were quarantined and removed.

Additional Description

A complete list of digital files in this collection can be found in [Appendix A: File Directory Listings](#).

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Some photographic slides and posters have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Audio cassettes, VCR tapes, and a phonograph record have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Edward N. Lorenz Papers. Patrons are encouraged to contact these divisions in advance of a research visit.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Edward N. Lorenz in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Edward N. Lorenz are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Division Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Access to digital content is available onsite only in the Manuscript Reading Room and requires advanced notice. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for more information.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Digital content in the Lorenz papers was created primarily in a Windows 98 operating system. The bulk of the files are image, web page, and text files accessible with file viewers and sound files accessible with open source audio players. Math Reader 5.0 or Wolfram CDF Player can be used to access and run Mathematica graphs embedded in the paper by Robert J. Lurie (digital ID mss85426_059_005). DOSBox was used to access and run most of the chaos theory data visualization software. The software from digital ID mss85426_059_003 and digital ID mss85426_060_002 was opened in DOSBox, however, the software did not respond to inputs. The web page with animation (digital ID mss85426_059_001) mostly likely needs Java version J2SE 5.0 and Netscape 3.0 to render properly. An 8" floppy disk and a 1" computer tape, labeled "Passed NCAR Test Limits," are currently unprocessed due to lack of required hardware and not available for research. Email, though currently unprocessed and unavailable, can be accessed in Outlook or viewed with a file viewer tool.

Microfilm

Microfilm on one reel was received as part of the papers of Edward N. Lorenz and is listed and described in this finding aid. This microfilm is not available for interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container, reel number, or digital ID number, Edward N. Lorenz Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1917, May 23	Born, West Hartford, Conn.
1938	A.B. in mathematics, Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.
1940	A.M. in mathematics, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1942-1946	Weather forecaster, United States Army Air Forces
1948	Sc.D in meteorology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. Married Jane Loban
1955-1956	Assistant professor of meteorology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1961	Discovered deterministic chaos while working with computer models of weather systems
1956-1962	Associate professor of meteorology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1962-1987	Professor of meteorology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1977-1981	Head, Department of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1981-1987	Emeritus status, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1983	Awarded Crafoord Prize, Stockholm, Sweden
1987	Retired, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1991	Awarded Kyoto Prize, Kyoto, Japan
2008, Apr. 16	Died, Cambridge, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Edward Norton Lorenz (1917-2008) span 1895-2009 with the bulk of the collection dating from 1942 to 2000. Lorenz's early academic background was in mathematics, but during World War II he trained as a meteorologist with the United States Army Air Forces and continued in that profession through a long career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he eventually rose to head the Department of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography. Late in 1961, while working with computer models of weather systems, he had the insight that led to his promulgation of the deterministic chaos theory that had a profound effect on the physical sciences and other fields such as economics. The papers are arranged in nine series: [Correspondence](#), [Science File](#), [Organizations](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Digital Files](#), [Miscellany](#), [Addition](#), [Oversize](#), and [Artifact](#).

Much of the [Correspondence](#) series is the product of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology meteorology department or of projects Lorenz managed under the aegis of the department, so correspondence, especially in the earlier years, is sometimes between parties other than Lorenz. Much of the Correspondence relates to professional tasks such as organizing conferences, job recommendations for students and colleagues, speaking engagements and professional travel, requests for reprints of papers, and personnel matters. Topics covered in the correspondence include chaos theory, computer programming for weather and climate modeling, long-range weather prediction, and numerically based weather forecasting. Correspondents include Hidetoshi Arakawa, Maurice L. Blackmon, William Blumen, Glenn W. Brier, E. V. Chelam, Richard A. Craig, D. A. Davies, Thomas Vivian Davies, John A. Dutton, Isadore Enger, John Firor, W. Lawrence Gates, Michael Ghil, James Gleick, F. Kenneth Hare, Isaac M. Held, Henry G. Houghton, Charles L. Jordan, Elizabeth A. Kelley, William H. Klein, E. B. Kraus, Cecil E. Leith, Gordon J. MacDonald, Thomas F. Malone, Yale Mintz, H. Stuart Muench, Jack Nordø, José Pinto Peixoto, S. I. Rasool, Walter Orr Roberts, P. L. Schereschewsy, William D. Sellers, Bernard Shorr, J. Smagorinsky, Kenneth C. Spengler, Philip Duncan Thompson, Kevin E. Trenberth, and James A. Yorke.

The [Correspondence](#) series also includes files copied from storage media found within the general correspondence during the course of processing. The contents include chaos theory data visualization software from James A. Yorke and a web page and powerpoint presentation from John A. Dutton.

The [Science File](#) includes chart records and computer readouts documenting Lorenz's discovery of the chaos phenomenon in which infinitesimal differences in data inputs yield wildly divergent results in the predictions of the behavior of chaotic systems such as the weather. He proved that accurate weather forecasting outside of a small time increment, perhaps as narrow as one week, was impossible even with constantly improving measuring and computer technology.

The [Organizations](#) series documents Lorenz's early experiences as a weather forecaster in the Army Air Forces and his career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) series primarily contains scientific papers and both overhead and slide presentations. The series also includes bibliographies, reviews, and materials relating to Lorenz's books *The Essence of Chaos*, *A Method of Applying the Hydrodynamic and Thermodynamic Equations to Atmospheric Models*, and *The Nature and Theory of the General Circulation of the Atmosphere*.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) series also includes digital files copied from storage media found within the paper files during the course of processing. The series also includes scans of Lorenz's published papers, chaos theory data visualization software from James A. Yorke and a paper entitled, "A Review and Demonstration of The Essence of Chaos by Edward N. Lorenz" by Robert M. Lurie. This paper contains embedded graphs created with a *Mathematica* program.

The [Digital Files](#) series contains chaos theory and strange attractor data visualization software, computational software and accompanying data files, presentations, text files, audio files, games, and email. The digital files were copied from storage media found independent of the paper files. In instances where digital materials were found with the collection's paper content, the digital materials are listed and described alongside the paper.

The [Miscellany](#) includes biographical material and files relating to his awards including the Crafoord and Kyoto prizes.

The [Addition](#) contains correspondence primarily between Robert C. Hilborn and Edward N. Lorenz concerning Hilborn's efforts to ascertain the origin of the term "butterfly effect." Other correspondents include P.G. Drazin, Philip Merilees, and Heinz Georg Schuster. The series also contains a 1972 speech given by Lorenz wherein he first uses the term "butterfly effect" and Hilborn's paper, "Sea gulls, butterflies, and grasshoppers: A brief history of the butterfly effect in nonlinear dynamics," published in 2004.

The remaining series includes [Oversize](#) and [Artifact](#) material.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in nine series:

- [Correspondence, 1952-2009](#)
- [Science File, 1961-1996](#)
- [Organizations, 1942-2003](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1941-2008](#)
- [Digital Files, 1987-2008](#)
- [Miscellany, circa 1895-2008](#)
- [Addition, 1990-2004](#)
- [Oversize, 1937-2008](#)
- [Artifact, circa 1961](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-13	<p><u>Correspondence, 1952-2009</u></p> <p>Professional and personal correspondence. Includes digital files copied from storage media found in the correspondence during the course of processing. Digital content include chaos theory data visualization software, web pages, and a presentation.</p> <p>Arranged in three groupings: professional, general, and postcard and greeting card files, the professional file is in reverse chronological order and the general correspondence and postcard and greeting card files are in regular chronological order. Digital files are listed according to the box and folder in which the storage media was filed. Files structures were maintained as received.</p>
BOX 14-15	<p><u>Science File, 1961-1996</u></p> <p>Computer printouts, computer graphics, computer programs, chart records, drawings, conference material, printed matter, notes, photographs, and miscellaneous material.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.</p>
BOX 15-18	<p><u>Organizations, 1942-2003</u></p> <p>Military personnel records, subject files, contracts, proposals, teaching files, printed matter, material relating to World War II reunions, and miscellaneous material.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of organization.</p>
BOX 19-39	<p><u>Speeches and Writings, 1941-2008</u></p> <p>Articles, scientific papers, book files, speech files, overhead and slide presentations, reviews, bibliographies, and digital files including chaos theory data visualization software. The digital files were copied from storage media found within the paper files in the course of processing.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material. Digital files are listed according to the box and folder in which the storage media was filed. Files structures were maintained as received.</p>
DF	<p><u>Digital Files, 1987-2008</u></p> <p>Chaos theory and strange attractor data visualization software, computational software and accompanying data files, presentations, text documents, audio files, games, and email. The digital files were copied from storage media found independent of the paper files including Lorenz's personal computer and a variety of disks. In instances where digital materials were found with the collection's paper content, the digital materials are listed and described alongside the paper records.</p> <p>File structure is largely maintained as received. Listed chronologically.</p>
BOX 39-44	<p><u>Miscellany, circa 1895-2008</u></p> <p>Awards, biographical material, photographs, printed matter, high school yearbook and other material relating to Lorenz's grade school and undergraduate education.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.</p>
BOX 44	<p><u>Addition, 1990-2004</u></p> <p>Correspondence primarily between Robert C. Hilborn and Edward N. Lorenz concerning Hilborn's efforts to ascertain the origin of the term "butterfly effect." The series also includes a 1972 speech by Lorenz, and published paper by Hilborn</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name.</p>

BOX OV 1-OV 13

Oversize, 1937-2008

Awards, card indexes, computer graphics, computer printouts, chart records, photographs, and poster.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the material was removed.

BOX VA 1

Artifact, circa 1961

Chart record.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the item was removed.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-13	Correspondence, 1952-2009 Professional and personal correspondence. Includes digital files copied from storage media found in the correspondence during the course of processing. Digital content include chaos theory data visualization software, web pages, and a presentation. Arranged in three groupings: professional, general, and postcard and greeting card files, the professional file is in reverse chronological order and the general correspondence and postcard and greeting card files are in regular chronological order. Digital files are listed according to the box and folder in which the storage media was filed. Files structures were maintained as received.
BOX 1	Professional
BOX 1	1952-1963 (5 folders)
BOX 2	1964-1969 (7 folders)
BOX 3	1971-1970 (6 folders)
BOX 4	1974-1977 (6 folders)
BOX 5	1978-1982 (9 folders)
BOX 6	1983-1984 (6 folders)
BOX 7	1985-1986 (5 folders)
BOX 7	1987 (2 folders)
BOX 8	(1 folder)
BOX 8	1988-1989 (4 folders)
BOX 8	1990 (1 folder)
BOX 9	(1 folder)
BOX 9	1991 (2 folders)
BOX 9	1992 (2 folders)
BOX 10	(1 folder)
BOX 10	1993-1994 (5 folders)
BOX 10	1995 (1 folder)
BOX 11	(1 folder)

Correspondence, 1952-2009

Container	Contents
BOX 11	1996-2003 (6 folders)
BOX 12	2004-2009 (5 folders)
BOX 13	General, 1955-2008, undated (3 folders) Attachments to correspondence included a 5.25" floppy disk and a CD-R. Digital files files copied from these media are described below. Yorke, James A., "Dynamics 12/85 with Lyap. This computes up to 3 exponents for process #6," data visualization software, 1985 Digital ID: mss85426_059_003 Dutton, John A., "Fundamental Theorem," lecture, presentation, and web page, 2005 Digital ID: mss85426_059_001
BOX 13	Postcards and greeting cards, 1957-2008, undated (2 folders)
BOX 14-15	Science File, 1961-1996 Computer printouts, computer graphics, computer programs, chart records, drawings, conference material, printed matter, notes, photographs, and miscellaneous material. Arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.
BOX 14	Computer graphics, chart records, and drawings
BOX 14	Miscellaneous, 1979-1991, undated <i>See also Oversize</i> (2 folders)
BOX 14	Moist model runs, 1981
BOX 14	"Chaos 25 Years Ago," chart record, circa 1961 <i>See Artifact</i>
BOX 14	"Some Strange Birds . . .," display, undated <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 14	Computer printouts, 1961-1987 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 14	Computer programs, 1974, 1980
BOX 14	Conferences, 1963-2003
BOX 14	Notes, undated (2 folders)
BOX 15	Photographs, undated
BOX 15	Printed matter, 1963, 1996
BOX 15	Toronto Pearson International Airport, Canada, weather data, 1970-1972 <i>Available only on microfilm. Shelf no. 23,490</i>
BOX 15	Royal McBee Corp., computer, 1958-1961
BOX 15-18	Organizations, 1942-2003 Military personnel records, subject files, contracts, proposals, teaching files, printed matter, material relating to World War II reunions, and miscellaneous material. Arranged alphabetically by name of organization.
BOX 15	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
BOX 15	Charney, Jule G.
BOX 15	Interviews, 1982-1986 (3 folders)
BOX 15	Miscellany, 1967, 1981-1986

Organizations, 1942-2003

Container

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BOX 15	Scientific papers presented in his honor, 1983 (1 folder)
BOX 16	(1 folder)
BOX 16	Contracts and proposals
BOX 16	Department of Commerce, 1966-1969
BOX 16	Miscellaneous, 1963, 1976-1977, 1988
BOX 16	National Science Foundation, 1968-2000
BOX 16	United States Air Forces, 1955-1968, 1985-1987, undated (5 folders)
BOX 17	United States Navy, 1951-1956 (2 folders)
BOX 17	Curry, James H., 1978-1988
BOX 17	Miscellany, 1977-2003
BOX 17	Phone lists, 1887, 1997
BOX 17	Printed matter, 1977-1988, 1987, 1991
BOX 17	Retirement, 1987
BOX 17	Teaching file
BOX 17	Class 19.962, 1983-1984
BOX 17	Miscellany
BOX 17	1959-1981 (2 folders)
BOX 18	1984-1991
BOX 18	Miscellaneous, 1955, 1977-1979
BOX 18	National Academy of Sciences, 1972-1973, 2006
BOX 18	Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 1979
BOX 18	United States Army Air Forces, World War II service
BOX 18	Miscellany, 1942-1954 (3 folders)
BOX 18	Reunions, 1942, 1978-1996 (2 folders)
BOX 19-39	Speeches and Writings, 1941-2008 Articles, scientific papers, book files, speech files, overhead and slide presentations, reviews, bibliographies, and digital files including chaos theory data visualization software. The digital files were copied from storage media found within the paper files in the course of processing. Arranged alphabetically by type of material. Digital files are listed according to the box and folder in which the storage media was filed. Files structures were maintained as received.
BOX 19	By Lorenz
BOX 19	Articles
BOX 19	Alphabetical file
BOX 19	“An Alternative Layered Model,” undated
BOX 19	“Application of the Angular Momentum Principle to Cyclones,” 1952
BOX 19	“An Attractor Embedded in the Atmosphere,” undated
BOX 19	“Atmospheric Predictability Experiments with a Large Numerical Model,” 1982
BOX 19	“Atmospheric Predictability: Do We Have a Mathematical Theory?,” undated
BOX 19	“Atmospheric Predictability: The Formulation of a Theory,” undated

Speeches and Writings, 1941-2008

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BOX 19	“Attractor Sets and Quasi-Geostrophic Equilibrium,” 1980
BOX 19	“Available Energy in a Moist Atmosphere,” undated
BOX 19	“Available Potential Energy and the Maintenance of the General Circulation,” 1954
BOX 19	“Barotropic Instability of Rossby-Wave Motion,” undated
BOX 19	“Can Chaos and Intransitivity Lead to International Variability,” undated
BOX 19	“Chaos and Climate,” 1993-1994
BOX 19	“Chaos and the Limitations to Prediction,” undated
BOX 19	“Chaos and Weather Prediction,” 1991
BOX 19	“The Circulation of the Atmosphere,” undated
BOX 19	“Climate Is What You Expect,” undated
BOX 19	“Climate Sensitivity and long-Period Temperature Fluctuations,” 1987
BOX 19	“Computational Chaos—a Prelude to Computational Instability,” 1988
BOX 19	“Computational Periodicity as Observed in a Simple System,” undated
BOX 19	“Compound Windows on the Hénon-Map,” undated
BOX 19	“Construction of a 3-Component G. C. M.,” undated
BOX 19	“Designing chaotic Models,” 2004
BOX 19	“Deterministic and Stochastic Aspects of Atmosphere Dynamics,” 1987
BOX 19	“Deterministic Nonperiodic Flow,” 1963
BOX 19	“Dimensionality of Weather and Climate Attractors,” undated
BOX 19	“Dynamical Systems with Strange Attractors and Strange Repellers,” undated
BOX 19	“Effects of Analysis and Model Errors on Routine Weather Forecasts,” undated
BOX 20	“Energetics of Atmosphere Circulation,” undated
BOX 20	“Energy and Numerical Weather Prediction,” 1960
BOX 20	“Entropy as a Measure of Atmospheric Uncertainty,” undated
BOX 20	“Estimates of Atmospheric Predictability at Medium Range,” undated
BOX 20	“Evolution of Dynamic Meteorology,” undated
BOX 20	“Expected Inverses of Covariance Matrices,” undated
BOX 20	“An Experiment in Nonlinear Statistical Weather Forecasting,” 1976
BOX 20	“The Feasibility of a Low-Order Model of Moist General Circulation,” 1980
BOX 20	“Formulation of a Low-Order Model of a Moist General Circulation,” 1984
BOX 20	“Fluid Models in Geophysics,” 1953
BOX 20	“Forecast for Another Century of Weather Progress,” undated
BOX 20	“The Future Quality of Weather Forecasting,” 1969
BOX 20	“The General Circulation of the Atmosphere: An Evolving Problem,” 1991
BOX 20	“Generation of Available Potential Energy and the Intensity of the General Circulation,” 1955
BOX 20	“A Generalization of the Dirac Equations,” 1941
BOX 20	“The Growth of Errors in Prediction,” 1985
BOX 20	“A History of Prevailing Ideas about the Circulation of the Atmosphere,” undated
BOX 20	“How Complicated Is the Circulation of the Earth's Atmosphere,” undated
BOX 20	“How Good Can Weather Forecasting Become? The Start of a Theory,” undated
BOX 20	“The Index Cycle Is Alive and Well,” undated
BOX 20	“The Interaction between a Mean Flow and Random Disturbances,” 1952
BOX 20	“Investigations of Atmospheric Predictability,” undated
BOX 20	“Large-Scale Motions of the Atmosphere: Circulation,” undated
BOX 20	“The Local Structure of a Chaotic Attractor,” 1983

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BOX 20	“A Look at Some Details of the Growth of Initial Uncertainties,” undated
BOX 20	“Low Order Models Representing Realizations of Turbulence,” 1971
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BOX 21	“The Mathematical Basis of Climate,” undated
BOX 21	“The Mechanics of Vacillation,” 1963
BOX 21	“Model Bending,” undated
BOX 21	“The Nature of the Global Circulation of the Atmosphere: A Personal View,” 1970
BOX 21	“An N-Cycle Time Differencing Scheme for Stepwise Numerical Integration,” 1971
BOX 21	“A Nine-Variable Primitive-Equation Model with a Quadratic Energy Invariant,” undated
BOX 21	“Noisy Periodicity and Reverse Bifurcation,” 1980
BOX 21	“Nonlinearity, Weather Prediction, and Climate Deduction,” 1966
BOX 21	“A Note on Extended Range Predictability,” 1973
BOX 21	“Notes on Atmospheric Energy,” undated
BOX 21	“Notes on Numerical Solution on the Equations of Geophysics,” undated
BOX 21	“Numerical Simulations of Climatic Modifications,” 1970
BOX 21	“On the Nonexistence of a Slow Manifold,” 1987
BOX 21	“On the Possible Reasons for Long-Period Fluctuations of the General Circulation,” undated
BOX 21	“On the Prevalence of Aperiodicity in Simple Systems,” 1981
BOX 21	“On the Range of Atmospheric Predictability,” undated
BOX 21	“Optimal Sites for Supplementary Weather Observations: Simulations with a Small Model,” 1996
BOX 21	“Persistence of Atmospheric Circulation,” undated
BOX 21	“Predictability—A Problem Partly Solved,” 2006
BOX 21	“Predictability and Periodicity: A Review and Extension,” undated
BOX 21	“The Predictability of the Climate System,” undated
BOX 21	“The Predictability of Geophysical Phenomena,” undated
BOX 21	“The Predictability of Hydrodynamic Flow,” 1963
BOX 21	“The Predictability of Flow which Possesses Many Scales of Motion,” 1969
BOX 22	“The Problem of Deducing the Climate from the Governing Equations,” 1964
BOX 22	“The Prospects for Improved Weather Forecasting,” undated
BOX 22	“Prospects for Statistical Weather Forecasting,” 1959
BOX 22	“A Rapid Procedure for Inverting Del-Square with Certain Computers,” undated
BOX 22	Reflections on the Conception, Birth, and Childhood of Numerical Weather Prediction,” 2006
BOX 22	“A Route to Computational Chaos Revisited,” 1997
BOX 22	“Seasonal and Irregular Variations of the Northern Hemisphere Sea-Level Pressure Profile,” 1950
BOX 22	“A Simple System Exhibiting Long-Period Oscillations,” undated
BOX 22	“Simplified Dynamic Equations and Their Use in the Study of Atmospheric Predictability,” undated
BOX 22	“The Simplest Chaotic Hamiltonian System,” undated
BOX 22	“The Slow Manifold—What Is It,” undated
BOX 22	“Some Aspects of Atmospheric Predictability,” undated
BOX 22	“Some Comments on Climate and Climatic Change,” undated
BOX 22	“Some Reflections on the Arrival of Numerical Weather Prediction,” 2003

Speeches and Writings, 1941-2008

Container	Contents
BOX 22	“The Statistical Prediction of Solutions of Dynamic Equations,” 1962
BOX 22	“Strange Attractors: Are They Still Strange,” undated
BOX 22	“Studies of Atmospheric Predictability,” 1969
BOX 22	“A Study of the Predictability of a 28-Variable Atmospheric Model,” 1965
BOX 22	“Three Approaches to Atmospheric Predictability,” undated
BOX 23	“A Two Level Two-Latitude Quasi-Geostrophic Model,” undated
BOX 23	“The Ubiquity of Chaos,” undated
BOX 23	“The Use of 'Rawin' Observations at High Levels in Synoptic and Statistical Research,” undated
BOX 23	“The Verification of Probability Forecasts,” undated
BOX 23	“A Very Narrow Spectral Band,” 1984
BOX 23	“What Is Climate,” 1994
BOX 23	Chronological file, 1953-2007 (4 folders)
BOX 23	Indexed reprints
BOX 23	Notebook 1, 1950-1979 (3 folders)
BOX 23	Notebook 2, 1980-1985
BOX 23	Bibliographies and lists of his writings, 1986, 2008 In addition to paper materials, the folder included one (1) optical disk. Digital files copied from this media are described below. Lorenz, Edward N., "Edward Norton Lorenz publications," scans of published works, 2008 Digital ID: mss85426_060_001
BOX 24	Books
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BOX 24	<i>A Method of Applying the Hydrodynamic and Thermodynamic Equations to Atmospheric Models</i> , 1948
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BOX 39	Zupanski, Milija, 1997
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