Guide to the Western Union Telegraph Company Records

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Creators: United Telegraph Workers.
Western Union Telegraph Company.

Title: Western Union Telegraph Company Records

Dates: circa 1820-1995

Quantity: 450 cubic feet, 859 boxes

Abstract: The collection documents in photographs, scrapbooks, notebooks, correspondence, stock ledgers, annual reports, and financial records, the evolution of the telegraph, the development of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the beginning of the communications revolution. The collection materials describe both the history of the company and of the telegraph industry in general, particularly its importance to the development of the technology in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The collection is useful for researchers interested in the development of technology, economic history, and the impact of technology on American social and cultural life.

Language: Collection text is in English.

Language: Some materials in French and German.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Western Union in September of 1971.

Provenance Information

This collection originated as a portion of the Western Union Telegraph Museum begun in 1912 by H.W. Drake, an electrical engineer of the Western Union Company. He collected old telegraph instruments and other apparatus for their historic value and for their use in commercial and advertising displays or exhibits. Later these collected devices were instrumental in settling patent litigation for the company. He also collected the ancillary archival materials that comprise this collection. In 1930, when Western Union's general headquarters moved from 195 Broadway to 60 Hudson Street, a small room was set aside to house the growing collection of artifacts and papers.

In 1933 Western Union was represented in an exhibit at the Century of Progress exposition in Chicago. Many instruments from the collection of the Western Union Museum were included in the exposition. To fully detail the history of the telegraph, many original instruments were borrowed from the Smithsonian Institution and replicated. These reproductions helped improve Western Union's collection. When the fair ended, the objects were returned to the renamed Western Union Engineering Museum. In the early 1930s internal memoranda were
sent to Western Union divisional plant superintendents urging them to save old telegraph instruments. Soon thereafter old instruments arrived from Western Union's divisions around the country. Engineering Department laboratories in particular sent many objects. By 1936 over five hundred artifacts had been collected. The museum was maintained by J. Schmid and volunteers from the Engineering Division.

In 1969, Western Union officials decided to close the Museum and to use its space for offices. The objects and archival material were to be stored in a warehouse in Allentown, Pennsylvania. At that time Smithsonian curators suggested to Western Union that certain material be transferred to the Smithsonian rather than to storage. It was hoped that this would ensure the preservation and availability of at least some items. At this time J.E. Stebner, the Western Union Museum curator, donated many items to the Smithsonian, believing that they would be permanently preserved and used in relating the story of communication.

In January, 1971, Western Union officials proposed a transfer of the Western Union Museum to the National Museum of History and Technology (now the National Museum of American History) under an indefinite loan agreement in the hopes of making the materials more readily available for exhibition purposes and for use by historians. In September, 1971, the collection was received by the Museum as a gift and was deposited in the Division of Electricity (now part of the Division of Information Technology and Society).

Separated Materials

Artifacts (apparatus and equipment) were donated to the Division of Information Technology and Society, now known as the Division of Work & Industry, National Museum of American History.

Related Material

Materials in the Archives Center

Additional moving image about Western Union Telegraph Company can be found in the Industry on Parade Collection (AC0507). This includes Cable to Cuba! by Bell Laboratory, AT & T, featuring the cable ship, the C.S. Lord Kelvin, and Communications Centennial! by the Western Union Company.

Materials at Other Organizations

Western Union International Records form part of the MCI International, Inc. Records at the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware.

First Data Corporation, Greenwood Village, Colorado, holds the records of First Data Corporation and its predecessors, including Western Union, First Financial Management Corporation (Atlanta) and First Data Resources (Omaha). Western Union collection supports research of telegraphy and related technologies, and includes company records, annual reports, photographs, print and broadcast advertising, telegraph equipment, and messenger uniforms.

Processing Information

Processed by Robert Harding, archivist, 1986 and Alison Oswald, archivist, 1995-ongoing.
Preferred Citation

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Restrictions on Access

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Accruals

Additional materials documenting the company's activities were donated through Warren Bechtel, a former Western Union employee. Materials were donated and transferred to the Archives Center in 1986; November 1993 (Bechtel); 1996 (Bechtel); 2002 (Silva); 2003 (Gravlee); 2003 (Mulcahy); 2005 (Mulcahy); 2005 (Silva); 2006 (Bechtel); 2007 (Blumenthal); 2007 (Van Orden); 2008 (Buckendorf); 2009 (Minor); 2009 (Van Orden); 2010 (Van Orden); 2001 (Durkin); 2011 (Seagall); and 2012 (Seymour).

Biographical Note

In 1832 Samuel F. B. Morse, assisted by Alfred Vail, conceived of the idea for an electromechanical telegraph, which he called the "Recording Telegraph." This commercial application of electricity was made tangible by their construction of a crude working model in 1835-36. This instrument probably was never used outside of Professor Morse's rooms where it was, however, operated in a number of demonstrations. This original telegraph instrument was in the hands of the Western Union Telegraph Company and had been kept carefully over the years in a glass case. It was moved several times in New York as the Western Union headquarters building changed location over the years. The company presented it to the Smithsonian Institution in 1950.

The telegraph was further refined by Morse, Vail, and a colleague, Leonard Gale, into working mechanical form in 1837. In this year Morse filed a caveat for it at the U.S. Patent Office. Electricity, provided by Joseph Henry's 1836 "intensity batteries", was sent over a wire. The flow of electricity through the wire was interrupted for shorter or longer periods by holding down the key of the device. The resulting dots or dashes were recorded on a printer or could be interpreted orally. In 1838 Morse perfected his sending and receiving code and organized a corporation, making Vail and Gale his partners.

In 1843 Morse received funds from Congress to set-up a demonstration line between Washington and Baltimore. Unfortunately, Morse was not an astute businessman and had no practical plan for constructing a line. After an unsuccessful attempt at laying underground cables with Ezra Cornell, the inventor of a trench digger, Morse switched to the erection of telegraph poles and was more successful. On May 24, 1844, Morse, in the U.S. Supreme Court Chambers in Washington, sent by telegraph the oft-quoted message to his colleague Vail in Baltimore, "What hath God wrought!"
In 1845 Morse hired Andrew Jackson's former postmaster general, Amos Kendall, as his agent in locating potential buyers of the telegraph. Kendall realized the value of the device, and had little trouble convincing others of its potential for profit. By the spring he had attracted a small group of investors. They subscribed $15,000 and formed the Magnetic Telegraph Company. Many new telegraph companies were formed as Morse sold licenses wherever he could.

The first commercial telegraph line was completed between Washington, D.C., and New York City in the spring of 1846 by the Magnetic Telegraph Company. Shortly thereafter, F. O. J. Smith, one of the patent owners, built a line between New York City and Boston. Most of these early companies were licensed by owners of Samuel Morse patents. The Morse messages were sent and received in a code of dots and dashes.

At this time other telegraph systems based on rival technologies were being built. Some companies used the printing telegraph, a device invented by a Vermonter, Royal E. House, whose messages were printed on paper or tape in Roman letters. In 1848 a Scotch scientist, Alexander Bain, received his patents on a telegraph. These were but two of many competing and incompatible technologies that had developed. The result was confusion, inefficiency, and a rash of suits and counter suits.

By 1851 there were over fifty separate telegraph companies operating in the United States. This corporate cornucopia developed because the owners of the telegraph patents had been unsuccessful in convincing the United States and other governments of the invention's potential usefulness. In the private sector, the owners had difficulty convincing capitalists of the commercial value of the invention. This led to the owners' willingness to sell licenses to many purchasers who organized separate companies and then built independent telegraph lines in various sections of the country.

Hiram Sibley moved to Rochester, New York, in 1838 to pursue banking and real estate. Later he was elected sheriff of Monroe County. In Rochester he was introduced to Judge Samuel L. Selden who held the House Telegraph patent rights. In 1849 Selden and Sibley organized the New York State Printing Telegraph Company, but they found it hard to compete with the existing New York, Albany, and Buffalo Telegraph Company.

After this experience Selden suggested that instead of creating a new line, the two should try to acquire all the companies west of Buffalo and unite them into a single unified system. Selden secured an agency for the extension throughout the United States of the House system. In an effort to expand this line west, Judge Selden called on friends and the people in Rochester. This led, in April 1851, to the organization of a company and the filing in Albany of the Articles of Association for the "New York and Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company" (NYMVPTC), a company which later evolved into the Western Union Telegraph Company.

In 1854 there were two rival systems of the NYMVPTC in the West. These two systems consisted of thirteen separate companies. All the companies were using Morse patents in the five states north of the Ohio River. This created a struggle between three separate entities, leading to an unreliable and inefficient telegraph service. The owners of these rival companies eventually decided to invest their money elsewhere and arrangements were made for the NYMVPTC to purchase their interests.

Hiram Sibley recapitalized the company in 1854 under the same name and began a program of construction and acquisition. The most important takeover was carried out by Sibley when he negotiated the purchase of the Morse patent rights for the Midwest for $50,000 from Jeptha H. Wade and John J. Speed, without the knowledge of Ezra Cornell, their partner in the Erie and Michigan Telegraph Company (EMTC). With this acquisition Sibley proceeded to switch to the superior Morse system. He also hired Wade, a very capable manager, who became his protege and later his successor. After a bitter struggle Morse and Wade obtained the EMTC from Cornell in 1855, thus assuring dominance by the NYMVPTC in the Midwest. In 1856 the company name was changed to the "Western Union Telegraph Company," indicating the union of the Western lines into one compact system. In December, 1857, the Company paid stockholders their first dividend.
Between 1857 and 1861 similar consolidations of telegraph companies took place in other areas of the country so that most of the telegraph interests of the United States had merged into six systems. These were the American Telegraph Company (covering the Atlantic and some Gulf states), The Western Union Telegraph Company (covering states North of the Ohio River and parts of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Minnesota), the New York Albany and Buffalo Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company (covering New York State), the Atlantic and Ohio Telegraph Company (covering Pennsylvania), the Illinois & Mississippi Telegraph Company (covering sections of Missouri, Iowa, and Illinois), and the New Orleans & Ohio Telegraph Company (covering the southern Mississippi Valley and the Southwest). All these companies worked together in a mutually friendly alliance, and other small companies cooperated with the six systems, particularly some on the West Coast.

By the time of the Civil War, there was a strong commercial incentive to construct a telegraph line across the western plains to link the two coasts of America. Many companies, however, believed the line would be impossible to build and maintain.

In 1860 Congress passed, and President James Buchanan signed, the Pacific Telegraph Act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to seek bids for a project to construct a transcontinental line. When two bidders dropped out, Hiram Sibley, representing Western Union, was the only bidder left. By default Sibley won the contract. The Pacific Telegraph Company was organized for the purpose of building the eastern section of the line. Sibley sent Wade to California, where he consolidated the small local companies into the California State Telegraph Company. This entity then organized the Overland Telegraph Company, which handled construction eastward from Carson City, Nevada, joining the existing California lines, to Salt Lake City, Utah. Sibley's Pacific Telegraph Company built westward from Omaha, Nebraska. Sibley put most of his resources into the venture. The line was completed in October, 1861. Both companies were soon merged into Western Union. This accomplishment made Hiram Sibley leader of the telegraph industry.

Further consolidations took place over the next several years. Many companies merged into the American Telegraph Company. With the expiration of the Morse patents, several organizations were combined in 1864 under the name of "The U.S. Telegraph Company." In 1866 the final consolidation took place, with Western Union exchanging stock for the stock of the other two organizations. The general office of Western Union moved at this time from Rochester to 145 Broadway, New York City. In 1875 the main office moved to 195 Broadway, where it remained until 1930 when it relocated to 60 Hudson Street.

In 1873 Western Union purchased a majority of shares in the International Ocean Telegraph Company. This was an important move because it marked Western Union's entry into the foreign telegraph market. Having previously worked with foreign companies, Western Union now began competing for overseas business.

In the late 1870s Western Union, led by William H. Vanderbilt, attempted to wrest control of the major telephone patents, and the new telephone industry, away from the Bell Telephone Company. But due to new Bell leadership and a subsequent hostile takeover attempt of Western Union by Jay Gould, Western Union discontinued its fight and Bell Telephone prevailed.

Despite these corporate calisthenics, Western Union remained in the public eye. The sight of a uniformed Western Union messenger boy was familiar in small towns and big cities all over the country for many years. Some of Western Union's top officials in fact began their careers as messenger boys.

Throughout the remainder of the nineteenth century the telegraph became one of the most important factors in the development of social and commercial life of America. In spite of improvements to the telegraph, however, two new inventions—the telephone (nineteenth century) and the radio (twentieth century)—eventually replaced the telegraph as the leaders of the communication revolution for most Americans.
At the turn of the century, Bell abandoned its struggles to maintain a monopoly through patent suits, and entered into direct competition with the many independent telephone companies. Around this time, the company adopted its new name, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T).

In 1908 AT&T gained control of Western Union. This proved beneficial to Western Union, because the companies were able to share lines when needed, and it became possible to order telegrams by telephone. However, it was only possible to order Western Union telegrams, and this hurt the business of Western Union's main competitor, the Postal Telegraph Company. In 1913, however, as part of a move to prevent the government from invoking antitrust laws, AT&T completely separated itself from Western Union.

Western Union continued to prosper and it received commendations from the U.S. armed forces for service during both world wars. In 1945 Western Union finally merged with its longtime rival, the Postal Telegraph Company. As part of that merger, Western Union agreed to separate domestic and foreign business. In 1963 Western Union International Incorporated, a private company completely separate from the Western Union Telegraph Company, was formed and an agreement with the Postal Telegraph Company was completed. In 1994, Western Union Financial Services, Inc. was acquired by First Financial Management Corporation. In 1995, First Financial Management Corporation merged with First Data Corporation making Western Union a First Data subsidiary.

Many technological advancements followed the telegraph's development. The following are among the more important:

The first advancement of the telegraph occurred around 1850 when operators realized that the clicks of the recording instrument portrayed a sound pattern, understandable by the operators as dots and dashes. This allowed the operator to hear the message by ear and simultaneously write it down. This ability transformed the telegraph into a versatile and speedy system.

Duplex Telegraphy, 1871-72, was invented by the president of the Franklin Telegraph Company. Unable to sell his invention to his own company, he found a willing buyer in Western Union. Utilizing this invention, two messages were sent over the wire simultaneously, one in each direction.

As business blossomed and demand surged, new devices appeared. Thomas Edison's Quadruplex allowed four messages to be sent over the same wire simultaneously, two in one direction and two in the other.

An English automatic signaling arrangement, Wheatstone's Automatic Telegraph, 1883, allowed larger numbers of words to be transmitted over a wire at once. It could only be used advantageously, however, on circuits where there was a heavy volume of business.

Buckingham's Machine Telegraph was an improvement on the House system. It printed received messages in plain Roman letters quickly and legibly on a message blank, ready for delivery.

Vibroplex, c. 1890, a semi-automatic key sometimes called a "bug key," made the dots automatically. This relieved the operator of much physical strain.

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Scope and Content Note

The collection is divided into twenty-six (26) series and consists of approximately 400 cubic feet. The collection documents in photographs, scrapbooks, notebooks, correspondence, stock ledgers, annual reports, and financial records, the evolution of the telegraph, the development of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and the beginning of the communications revolution. The collection materials describe both the history of the company and of the telegraph industry in general, particularly its
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Arrangement

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Series 15: Engineering Department Records, 1874-1970
Series 16: Plant Department Records, 1867-1937, 1963
Series 17: Superintendent of Supplies Records, 1888-1948
Series 18: Employee/Personnel Records 1852-1985
Series 19: Public Relations Department Records, 1858-1980
Series 20: Western Union Museum, 1913-1971
Series 21: Maps, 1820-1964
Series 22: Telegrams, 1852-1960s
Series 23: Photographs, circa 1870-1980
Series 24: Scrapbooks, 1835-1956
Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Communication--International cooperation
- Communications equipment
- Electric engineering
- Electric engineers
- Electrical engineers
- Electrical equipment
- Electrical science and technology
- Telegraph
- Telegraphers

Types of Materials:
- Administrative records
- Articles
- Books
- Clippings
- Contracts
- Drawings
- Newsletters
- Patents
- Photograph albums
- Photographs--19th century
- Photographs--20th century
- Scrapbooks--19th century
- Scrapbooks--20th century
- Specifications
- Technical documents
Container Listing

Series 1: Historical and Background Information, 1851-1994

The corporate history of Western Union consists of a bound volume which contains the history and organization of the Western Union Telegraph Company and of all subsidiaries which have been consolidated, merged, purchased, leased or controlled by Western Union. A corporate genealogy can be found within the corporate history volumes. These genealogical charts depict Western Union as it existed on December 31, 1914. The charts are lettered A though Q, showing the development of the present company through the acquisition of subsidiary telegraph companies. For each subsidiary the record indicates the date of incorporation, and whether the subsidiary was leased or sold to Western Union. See Series 2: Subsidiaries, 1844-1986 and Series 7: Secretary's Files, 1844-1987, for additional information about the subsidiary companies. Volumes titled A Brief Outline of Technical Progress Made by Western Union detail the technological development and progress of the company between 1910 and 1950, and other small histories include the Story of Western Union, the Short History of Western Union and the Western Union Telegraph Company A Retrospect, 1851-1901. These narratives provide brief sketches and historical background of the company. Included in this series are two narratives handwritten by Charles Brown. Of note is Brown's work titled "My experiences in the plains in 1861 in assisting the construction of the first telegraph lines across the continent."

Subseries 1.1: History of the Western Union Telegraph Company, 1851-1994

Box 4, Folder 7  Western Union Telegraph Company: A Retrospect, 1851-1901
Box 6A, Folder 1-2  Charles Brown Personal History, 1860-1861
Box 6A, Folder 3-4  Charles Brown Experiences on the Plains in Constructing the First Telegraph Line, 1861
Box 5, Folder 1-2  Corporate History of Western Union Telegraph Company, 1914-1922
Box 6, Folder 1  Corporate History of Western Union Telegraph Company, 1914-1922
Box 4, Folder 5  Short History of Western Union Telegraph Company/Western Union Cable System
Box 4, Folder 6  The Story of Western Union, undated
Box 4, Folder 8  Ten Trying Years, 1984-1994
Box 1, Folder 1-4  A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company, Vols. I, 1910-1934 (with illustrations)
Box 1, Folder 5-8  A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company, Vols. I, 1910-1934 (with no illustrations)
Box 2, Folder 1-4  A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company, Vols. II, 1910-1934 (with illustrations)
Box 2, Folder 5-7  A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company, Vols. I, 1910-1934 (with no illustrations)
Box 2, Folder 8  A Brief Outline of the Technical Progress Made by The Western Union Telegraph Company During the Year 1935
Box 2, Folder 9  Engineering Progress (incomplete manuscript), 1945-1950
Box 3, Folder 1  History of Technical Progress, Western Union, Vol. I, 1935-1945 (with illustrations)
Box 3, Folder 3  History of Technical Progress, Western Union, Vol. III, 1946-1950
Box 3, Folder 4  History of Technical Progress, Western Union, Vol. IV, 1946-1950
Box 4, Folder 1  American Telegraphy After 100 Years. The Western Union Telegraph Company, 1944
Box 4, Folder 3  Reid, James D. Western Union Telegraph Company. Chapter XXXV. The Telegraph in America, 1879
Box 4, Folder 2  Exhibitions, 1893-1934 (World's Fair and Gimbel's display)
Box 4, Folder 4  Western Union Changes Telegraph System Here" Fulton County News, September 15, 1938. (newspaper article)
Box 846, Folder 9  Grey, Zane. Western Union. New York: P.F. Collier and Son, 1939
Box 846, Folder 1  Pamphlets relating to telegraph matters:
  • To the stockholders of the Western Union (and Russian Extension) Telegraph Company. Statement of the origin, organization and progress of the Russian-American telegraph: Western Union Extension, Collins' Overland Line, via Behring Strait and Asiatic Russia to Europe, 1866.
  • Statement accompanying the memorial of the Western Union Telegraph Company. For remission of duties on cables purchased for crossing Behring's Strait in the line to Russia, now abandoned, undated.
  • Before the Honorable the House of Representatives. In the matter of the Proceedings against E.W. Barnes, for alleged contempt and breach of privilege, 1877.
  • A review of the -opinions of experts- as to the necessity for the poles now erected in Tenth Street, in the city of Philadelphia, by the Western Union Telegraph Company, 1876.
  • Some of the papers in the suit of Levi A. Dowley to restrain the Western Union Company from paying the July dividend, 1876. Also, charges of the New York Tribune, with statements in reply.
  • Competitive Telegraphy, can it be sustained? An Interview from the Chicago Inter-Ocean. New York, 1884.
  • Grant, E.B. Is Governmental Control of the telegraph Desirable? [1884?]
• The Western Union Telegraph Company: Its past present and future, New York, Hotchkiss, Burnham and Company, October 1883.
• Western Union Telegraph Company. Remarks of Norvin Green, president to the Board of Directors, September 13, 1882.
• The Proposed Produce Exchange Telegraph, October 23, 1883.
• The Newspaper Service of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Letter from W.B. Somerville. December 1883.
• Ocean Telegraphy. The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. New York, March 1879.

Box 846, Folder 2 Pamphlets relating to telegraph matters:
• International Ocean Telegraph, 1866.
• Letter from the Postmaster General in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 23, relative to the establishment of a telegraph in connection with the postal system, June 2, 1866.
• Allan Pinkerton; Pinkerton's National Police Agency. Tests on passenger conductors made by the National Police Agency. Chicago : Geo. H. Fergus, printer, 1867.
• Pinkerton's National Police Agency. General principles of Pinkerton's National Police Agency ... January 1st, 1867. Chicago, G.H. Fergus [1867].
• George Griscom; George B Simpson; United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on patents. The telegraph cable. Historical view of the art of electro-magnetic telegraphing in connection with the telegraph cable, and its insulation by gutta percha.
• Philadelphia, King & Baird, printers, 1867.
• To the stockholders of the Western Union (and Russian Extension) Telegraph Company. Statement of the origin, organization and progress of the Russian-American telegraph: Western Union Extension, Collins' Overland Line, via Behring Strait and Asiatic Russia to Europe, 1866.
• Theodore Bacon. Cases relating to telegraphs and telegrams: prepared from the reports of American, Canadian and English courts, and from the original papers in unreported cases. Rochester, N.Y.: C.D. Tracy & Co., book printers, 1866.

Box 846, Folder 3 Pamphlets (miscellaneous):
• Union League Club of New York. Union League Club of New York: Report of the proceedings of the conference at Richmond, June 11th and 12th, 1867. [New York]: Club House, Union Square, No. 29 East Seventeenth Street, 1867.
• To the Honorable Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, May 16, 1867.
• To the people of the United States. National Police Agency. January 8, 1868.
• John Van Daniker. Report of the trial of John Van Daniker: on a charge of embezzlement, in his capacity as conductor on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad ...
• Philadelphia: H.G. Leisenring, 1867.
• New York Chamber of Commerce. Fifth Avenue Hotel (New York, N.Y.). New York: Press of the Chamber of Commerce, 1867. Entertainment given to Mr. A. A. Low: by members of the Chamber of commerce, on his return from a voyage round the world. Fifth avenue hotel, October 8, 1867.

Box 846, Folder 4 Pamphlets (miscellaneous):

• Gouge's Atmospheric Ventilator, undated.
• New York Lumber, Manufacturing and Improvement Company. Prospectus of the New York Lumber, Manufacturing and Improvement Co.: with maps and plans for the settlement of the village of Cornell and for improving Brunett's Falls, the great water power of the Chippewa River

- **Kankakee Company.** Reports, maps, statistics, etc., of the Kankakee Company, incorporated by the state of Illinois, for the improvement, by slackwater navigation, of the Kankakee and Iroquois Rivers, for the creation of water powers, and for the erection of all kinds of mills and machinery ... private, for stockholders only. New York: Union Print Office, 1866.


- Union Pacific railroad company. The Union Pacific railroad company ... progress of their road west from Omaha, Nebraska, across the continent ... New York: Alvord, 1868.


**Box 846, Folder 5** Pamphlets relating to telegraph matters:

- Letter from the Postmaster General in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 23, relative to the establishment of a telegraph in connection with the postal system, June 2, 1866.

- E.B. Washburne. Union of the telegraph and postal system [to accompany bill H.R. No. 1083], May 18, 1868.

- Gardiner G Hubbard; Alexander William Randall; United States. Post Office Dept. Postal telegraph : letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting a report of G.G. Hubbard, esq. of Boston, relative to the establishment of a cheap system of postal telegraph. [Washington, 1869].

- Postal Telegraph [to accompany bills H.R. 1083, 1415 and 1689]. Mr. Farnsworth, from the Committee on the Post office and post Roads. February 24, 1869.
• In the Senate of the United States. Mr. Ramsey, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, made the following report [to accompany bill S. No. 422] [Washington, D.C.: s.n., January 31, 1870].
• C. C. Washburn; United States. Congress House. Postal telegraph in the United States (to accompany H. R. no. 2365) [Washington: s.n., 1870?]
• Mr. Palmer. United States. Congress House. Postal telegraph System [to accompany bill H.R. No. 2366] [Washington: July 5, 1870].
• Mr. Wood. United States. Congress House. Telegraph Between United States and Foreign Countries [to accompany bill H.R. No. 2591] [Washington: December 21, 1870].
• U.S. Grant. Message of the President of the United States communicating in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 14th of June 1870, information in relation to charges made by the International Ocean Telegraph Company upon messages passing over their lines. 41st Congress. Senate Ex. Doc No. 5.
• United States. Senate. Congress. Report [To accompany bill S. no. 341] ... "A bill to reduce the rates of correspondence by telegraph and to connect the telegraph with the postal service." [Washington, 1872]
• Orton, William. Memorial of the Western Union Telegraph Company, remonstrating against the passage of bill (S. 341) to connect the telegraph with the postal service, and to reduce the rates of correspondence by telegraph. 1872.
• United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Commerce. In the Senate of the United States, Mr. Chandler from the Committee on Commerce submitted the following report. [Washington, D.C.? : s.n., 1872?]
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A Review of Western Union’s Position in the Telecommunications Industry , 1962 May 7-8
Series 2: Subsidiaries, 1844-1986

This series consists of records of subsidiary companies owned and/or operated by Western Union. Since its reincorporation in 1856, Western Union acquired hundreds of miles of telegraph line and incorporated them into a unified system. Western Union's acquisition methods included purchase, consolidation, conveyance, and arranging satisfactory terms of lease. Outright purchase did occur for smaller companies that could not compete with Western Union, with companies that accumulated large debt, and with companies under foreclosure. Examples of subsidiary companies which were purchased by Western Union (both directly and indirectly) include: The American Rapid Telegraph Company, purchased in 1894; the American Union Telegraph Company, purchased in January 1881; The Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company; The Central Union Telegraph Company; and the New England Telegraph Company purchased in September 1875.

Mergers were typically either the result of skillful negotiations with competing companies or the formal acquisition of nonoperating entities (in which the "competing companies" had no operating assets, operating revenue, or employees). In the latter situation, Western Union usually purchased a majority of the shares of capital stock, becoming the de facto manager of the company. Examples of companies which merged with Western Union include: Independent Telegraph Company; Kansas Telegraph Company; and the New York State Printing Telegraph Company. Examples of companies in which Western Union owned a majority of capital stock include: the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company; New Jersey and New England Telegraph Company; New York Postal Telegraph Company; New York State Printing Telegraph Company and the Pacific Telegraph Company.

Companies typically entered into leasing agreements with Western Union to avert ruinous competition. The rental amount was based upon a percentage of outstanding stock issue or other mutually agreed upon stipulations. Although some leases were made "in perpetuity" others could be revoked upon expiration, particularly if a competing company was not satisfied with the outcome of an agreement. Administration and maintenance of the line could be continued by the competing company or assumed by Western Union, depending upon the agreement. Examples of companies which (directly or indirectly) leased to Western Union include: American District Telegraph Company, 1867; Gold & Stock Telegraph Company, December 1881; Magnetic Telegraph Company, 1866; Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company; and the United States Telegraph Company, February 1866.

Not every company represented in this series was acquired directly Western Union. Many companies were previously purchased by, consolidated with, or leased to other companies that Western Union, in turn, acquired. One example of this is the Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company, which incorporated in March 1847 in Virginia. In 1856, the company was leased by the Magnetic Telegraphic Company. The American Telegraph Company (of New Jersey) acquired the Magnetic Telegraph Company in October 1859 by exchange of stock. Ultimately, the American Telegraph Company (which included the Magnetic Telegraph Company lease of the Washington and New Orleans) was leased to Western Union in 1866.

This series primarily contains minute books of directors and stockholders, articles of incorporation, and bylaws. Other administrative records include account books (ledgers, stock transfer books, journals, and cash books), correspondence, and other subject files. Most of the information is fragmentary. Companies such as Gold & Stock Telegraph Company, the Philadelphia Local Telegraph Company, and the Postal Telegraph Cable Company contain more extensive documentation, but are not comprehensive. Because of the complexity associated with leases, holds, and consolidations, an effort was made to cross-reference subsidiary companies. However, the cross references are not comprehensive. The notation "see" refers to companies that are/were known by another name through reincorporation or acquisition. Some records contained within minute and account books were removed. Such records appear in the container list immediately following the book entry in which they originated. The records should be consulted with the respective book. Unless otherwise noted, the series is arranged alphabetically by company name. See also Series 7: Secretary's Files, 1844-1987, specifically files about subsidiary companies, 1913-1975, and the dissolution of subsidiary companies, 1920-1959.
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Series 5: Correspondence, 1837-1985

The vice presidential and general superintendent correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. The correspondence of Charles Buckingham, General Counsel for Western Union, relates to patents, patent hearing dates, and some financial accounts. Included are typed Edison patents specifications, printed Essick specifications, Theodore M. Foote specifications, and correspondence from Morris S. Hopkins of Baldwin, Hopkins and Peyton, a law firm acting on patents for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Other correspondence to Buckingham relates to Edison patents, the manufacture of printers for Australia, requests from an auditor for review and approval and bills rendered, and lost or misplaced patents. Correspondence from and to A. A. Knudson, an electrical engineer deals with a patent for a printing telegraph and notes from Charles A. Judson about money owed him. The Judson and Hyland correspondence details a gift to Western Union of Cyrus Field's dining room furniture on which the charter for the original Atlantic cable was signed. R. Harris correspondence details the collecting of message forms, the use of less expensive copier paper, and specifications for customer bill heads.

Letters from H.C. Nicholson are concerned with experiments, including the "Quad" telegraph and several about a proposal of the Postal Telegraph regarding the trunk line from New York to Chicago.

A partial letter of October 7, 1896, to the Smithsonian Institution describes the original Morse telegraph. An extensive report to the Spanish Legation, 1872, describes problems in connection with retrieving and repairing an undersea cable from Key West to Havana and includes expense accounts. The miscellaneous correspondence, 1848-1949, contains references to many types of equipment, cables, the line between New York and Chicago, the Telegraphone, and trials on the Telegraplex system. Other subjects include Telegraphones on the P and R railroad, the Northern Pacific railroad, the L and N and D railroads, photographs of the Missouri Pacific office, the history of the underground cable, a description of the District of Columbia time service and of the Simmons unit; and telegrams of congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the first public demonstration of the Morse telegraph.

The correspondence of Amos Kendall (1789-1869), a lawyer, politician and former U.S. Postmaster General and Samuel F. B. Morse (1791-1872) is arranged chronologically and is primarily outgoing correspondence from Kendall to Morse.

The employee correspondence, 1917-1919, consist of letters written by Western Union employees serving in the military during World War I. Letters are arranged alphabetically.

The correspondence is arranged into five subseries:

1. President Norvin Green, 1887
2. Vice President's and General Superintendent's, 1888-1923
3. Amos Kendall and Samuel F. B. Morse, 1837-1888
4. General Correspondence and forms, 1857-1935
5. Correspondence and forms, 1857-1935
6. Internal memos and forms, 1888-1948
7. Miscellaneous correspondence, 1890-1985
8. Employees correspondence, 1917-1919

Subseries 5.1: Presidents(Norvin Green), 1882, 1887
Subseries 5.2: Vice Presidents and General Superintendents, circa 1888-1923

Box 206A, Folder 2  Atkins, G.W.E., 1902; 1910, 1918
Box 206A, Folder 3  Brooks, B., 1904-1908, 1910
Box 206A, Folder 4-9  Charles Buckingham, 1880-1889
Box 206B, Folder 1-3  Charles Buckingham, 1880-1889
Box 206B, Folder 4  Clowry, R.C., 1900-1901
Box 207, Folder 1-2  Cook, T.P. 1902-1912
Box 207, Folder 3  R. Harris, 1953, 1956
Box 207, Folder 4  Jaynes, Frank, 1908-1910
Box 207, Folder 5  W.F. Judson, 1941
Box 207, Folder 6  Levin, J., 1903, 1904
Box 207, Folder 7  Saylor, A.G., 1910
Box 207, Folder 8  George B. Scott, 1906
Box 207, Folder 9  Smithsonian Institution, 1896
Box 207, Folder 10  Tinker, Charles A., 1888-1902
Box 207  Miscellaneous, 1848-1949 (not inclusive)
Box 207, Folder 11  1848-1884
Box 207, Folder 12  1872-1904
Box 207, Folder 13  1887-1910
Box 207, Folder 14  1902-1923
Box 207, Folder 15  1914-1938
Box 207, Folder 16  1948, 1949

Subseries 5.3: Amos Kendall/Samuel F.B. Morse, 1837-1888

Box 208A, Folder 1  April 1845-February 1847
Box 208A, Folder 2  March 1847
Box 208A, Folder 3  April 1847-May 1847
Box 208A, Folder 4  June 1847-December 1847
Box 208A, Folder 5  January 1848-March 1848
Box 208A, Folder 6  April 1848-August 1848
Box 208A, Folder 7  September 1848-December 1848
Box 208A, Folder 8  February 1849-December 1849
Box 208A, Folder 9  January 1850-March 1850
Box 208A, Folder 10  April 1850-June 1850
Box 208A, Folder 11  May 1851-November 1851
Box 208A, Folder 12  January 1852-December 1852
Box 208A, Folder 13  January 1853-December 1853
Box 208A, Folder 14  January 1854-July 1854
Box 208A, Folder 15  July 1855; December 1855
Box 208A, Folder 16  October 1860
Box 208A, Folder 17  1862
Box 208A, Folder 18  1866
Box 208A, Folder 19  1869
Box 208A, Folder 20-21  Miscellaneous, 1837-1888, undated
Box 208A, Folder 22  Patent extension for telegraph, 1854
Box 208A, Folder 23  Morse Interrogatories (Morse v. O'Reilly), 1849
Box 208A, Folder 24  Amos Kendall's Affidavit, April 1847
Box 208A, Folder 25  Samuel F.B. Morse Memoir, June 8, 1857
Box 208A, Folder 26  Watts, William. Samuel F.B. Morse: Yankee Portrait Artist (Western Union Educational Bulletin), November 1964

Subseries 5.4: William Dealy, 1871-1881
Box 208C, Folder 2  January 9, 1871-August 31, 1879
Box 208C, Folder 1  June 27, 1881-October 4, 1881
Subseries 5.5: Correspondence and forms, (bound), 1857-1935
Box 208B, Folder 1

Subseries 5.6: Internal Memos and forms, (bound), 1888-1948
Box 208B, Folder 2

Subseries 5.7: Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1890-1910
Box 208B, Folder 3

Subseries 5.8: Employee Correspondence, (from employees serving in the military), 1917-1919
Box 821, Folder 4-11
Series 6: Cyrus W. Field Papers, 1840-1892

Cyrus Field (1819-1892) was a New York paper merchant and warehouseman. Field assisted in laying the first transatlantic cable and he organized the New York, Newfoundland and London Electric Telegraph Company to lay a cable across the Atlantic in 1854. The Field papers consist of drawings and illustrations, specifically the Great Eastern, illustrated magazines, publications, and newspaper clippings.

Subseries 6.1: Background Information, 1866, 1876

Box 209, Folder 1  Letter of Cyrus W. Field, November 28, 1876
Box 209, Folder 2  Queens Message, 1866
Box 209, Folder 3  List of items donated to the Metropolitan Museum, undated
Box 209, Folder 4  Photographs, undated (includes Mary S. Field)

Subseries 6.2: Publications, 1864-1886

Box 209, Folder 5  Inauguration Banquet, 1864
Box 209, Folder 6  Banquet Settlement of the Alabama Question [1871?]
Box 209, Folder 7  Banquet given by Cyrus W. Field, 1872
Box 209, Folder 8  The Field Parks, 1879
Box 209, Folder 9  Ocean Telegraphy, 25th Anniversary, 1879
Box 209, Folder 10  Record of the Family of David D. Field, 1880
Box 209, Folder 11  Banquet, 27th Anniversary, 1886
Map-folder 11  Ocean Telegraph March (sheet music), undated

Subseries 6.3: Newspaper Clippings, circa 1890-1892

Box 209, Folder 12  Copies
Box 209, Folder 13  Originals
Box 209A, Folder 1-3  Inventory of the C.S. Cyrus W. Field, undated
Box 209A, Folder 4  Samuel F.B. Morse patent on magnetism, 1840
Box 209A, Folder 5  Lithograph section of Atlantic Cable, September 1st.
Subseries 6.4: Journals/Newspapers, 1858-1889

Box 209A, Folder 6  Frank Leslie's Illustrated, August 28, 1858
Box 209A  Frank Leslie's Illustrated, September 4, 1858
Box 209A  Frank Leslie's Illustrated, September 11, 1858
Box 209A  Frank Leslie's Illustrated, August 13, 1859
Box 209A  Frank Leslie's Illustrated, August 29, 1889
Box 209A, Folder 7  Harper's Weekly, 1858
Box 209A, Folder 8  Illustrated London News, 1865
Box 209A, Folder 9  Illustration Les Navires cabliers, 1924
Map-folder 11  New York Journal of Commerce & Testimonial, September 3, 1858
               New York Express Supplement, September 2, 1858
               New York Herald, August 18, 1858
               New York Morning Express, August 17, 1858
               The Standard, September 11, 1866

Subseries 6.5: Drawings, undated

Drawings of the Great Eastern Model, undated
Illustrations of the Great Eastern Steam Ship, undated
Series 7: Secretary's Files, 1844-1987

Eight individuals held the Office of Secretary. This series contains records of six secretaries: A.R. Brewer (1881-1908), A.F. Burleigh (1917-1930); Lewis McKisick (1931-1940); G.B. Satterlee (1941-1956); William G.H. Acheson (1957-1970); and R.C. Hostetler (1971-1980).

The Secretary's office notebook, 1953-[1987?] includes a brief history of Western Union and lists the names and dates of employment of all chairman of the board, vice chairmen of the board, presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, secretaries, executive committee members, and directors. Also included are the presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, assistant secretaries, treasurers, assistance treasurers, comptrollers, and directors of the Western Union Corporation.

The secretary’s historical files, 1933-1977, were maintained by G.B. Saterlee and contain correspondence and other printed materials regarding restatements of certificate of incorporation, bylaws, New York Transportation Corporation Law, articles of association, charts, and extracts from minutes.

The certified copies of articles of association and incorporation, 1851-1970, were maintained and certified by William G. H. Acheson and are true and corrected copies together with all amendments. The majority of documents deal with certificates of incorporation, but some certificates of increase in capital stock and certificates of merger are present. An index accompanies the copies of articles of association.

Files about the bylaws, 1914-1980, contain correspondence and memoranda relating to the amendment of and revisions to the bylaws, adoption of resolutions, and marked-up copies for the printer. The files about subsidiary companies, 1913-1975, contain an array of materials regarding the dissolution of companies, memoranda, income tax due from leased companies, proxies, unclaimed deposits, agreements, and Board of Directors Minutes. Some of the materials deal with the Commercial Telegraph Company, Lynchburg & Abingdon Telegraph company, Washington & New Orleans Telegraph Company, and the Chicago & Milwaukee Telegraph Company. There is one file folder of memoranda from 1952 which contains revisions of the certificate of incorporation.

The file about the library, 1920-1967, includes correspondence--internal and external--reference requests, and reports regarding the establishment of the library in 1920 and its future role within the company. The correspondence and reports reflect statistical information about library use, staffing issues, and acquisition matters.

Files about the dissolution of subsidiary companies, 1920-1959, contain correspondence in connection with the dissolution of certain subsidiary companies of Western Union. There is also a chart of Western Union, 1844-1920, created by A.R. Brewer depicting constituent parts of Western Union as represented by its holdings or leases of other companies that operated as part of the Western Union system. See Series 2: Subsidiaries, 1848-1986, for additional documentation.

The miscellaneous file of the secretary dates from 1944 to 1964 and consists primarily of correspondence and printed materials regarding a variety of topics. Materials include information about the anniversary of the telegraph, observance of the centennial of the first transcontinental telegraph, Western Union's involvement in the 1964 World's Fair, and biographical sketches about company employees. The file also contains the negative and a reproduction of a half tone photo of Rosewell Hart Rochester.

The series is divided into twelve subseries:

1. Secretary's Office Notebook, 1953-[1987?]
2. Articles of Association and Incorporation, 1851-1970
3. File about Certificate of Incorporation, 1952
4. Files about by-laws, 1914-1980
5. Secretary's historical files, 1933-1977
6. Files about the library, 1920-1967
7. Files about subsidiary companies, 1913-1975
8. Files about the dissolution of subsidiaries, 1844-1959
9. Files about the stock exchange offer, 1944-1953
10. Miscellaneous file, 1944-1964
11. Files about University Computing, 1968
12. Files about Computer Sciences Corporation, 1968

Subseries 7.1: Secretary's Office Notebook, 1953-1987
Box 212, Folder 1

Subseries 7.2: Articles of Association and Incorporation, (certified copies), 1851-1970
Box 212, Folder 2 April 8, 1851 and index
Box 212, Folder 3 February 21, 1854
Box 212, Folder 4 April 4, 1856
Box 212, Folder 5 February 19, 1881
Box 212, Folder 6 April 20, 1887
Box 212, Folder 7 November 2, 1887
Box 212, Folder 8 November 1, 1892
Box 212, Folder 9 October 30, 1911
Box 212, Folder 10 April 19, 1926
Box 212, Folder 11 April 15, 1943
Box 212, Folder 12 October 7, 1943
Box 212, Folder 13 April 15, 1949
Box 212, Folder 14 April 22, 1952
Box 212, Folder 15 May 17, 1955
Box 212, Folder 16 August 23, 1961
Box 212, Folder 17 July 9, 1965
Box 212, Folder 18 September 1, 1965
Subseries 7.3: File about Certificate of Incorporation, 1952
Box 212, Folder 27

Subseries 7.4: Files about By-Laws, 1914-1980
Box 212, Folder 28  1914-1943
Box 212, Folder 29  1944-1958
Box 212, Folder 30  1961
Box 213, Folder 1  1963
Box 213, Folder 2  1965
Box 213, Folder 3  1966-1967
Box 213, Folder 4  1968
Box 213, Folder 5  1970-1975
Box 213, Folder 6  1977-1980

Subseries 7.5: Secretary's Historical Files, 1933-1977
Box 213, Folder 7  1933-1951
Box 213, Folder 8  1952-1961
Box 213, Folder 9  1963-1977
Box 213, Folder 10       undated

Subseries 7.6: File about the library, 1920-1967

Box 213, Folder 11        1920-1925
Box 213, Folder 12        1926-1938
Box 213, Folder 13        1949; 1958, 1961
Box 213, Folder 14        1966-1967

Subseries 7.7: Files about subsidiary companies, 1913-1975

Box 214, Folder 1          1913-1926
Box 214, Folder 2          1930-1934
Box 214, Folder 3          1935-1941
Box 214, Folder 4          1942-1951
Box 214, Folder 5          1952-1958
Box 214, Folder 6          1960-1961
Box 214, Folder 7          1964-1968
Box 214, Folder 8          1970-1975

Subseries 7.8: Files about dissolution of subsidiaries, 1844-1959

Box 214, Folder 9          1844-1920
Box 214, Folder 10         1920-1927
Box 214, Folder 11         1930-1932
Box 214, Folder 12         1933-1935
Box 214, Folder 13         1936-1947
Box 215, Folder 1          1952
Box 215, Folder 2          1953
Subseries 7.9: Files about stock exchange offer, 1944-1953

Box 215, Folder 5  General, 1944
Box 215, Folder 6  Chicago and St. Paul Telegraph, 1944
Box 215, Folder 7  Empire and Bay States Telegraph Co., 1944-1945, 1953
Box 215, Folder 8  Gold and Stock Telegraph Co., 1944, 1951
Box 215, Folder 9  International Ocean telegraph Co., 1944
Box 215, Folder 10  Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Co., 1944-1945, 1953
Box 215, Folder 11  Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Co., 1944-1945, 1953

Subseries 7.10: Miscellaneous file, 1944-1964

Box 216, Folder 1  1944
Box 216, Folder 2  1946-July 1954
Box 216, Folder 3  August 1954
Box 216, Folder 4  1963
Box 216, Folder 5  1964

Subseries 7.11: Files about University Computing, 1968

Box 216A, Folder 1

Subseries 7.12: Files about Computer Sciences Corporation, 1968

Box 216A, Folder 2-4  Files about Computer Sciences Corporation, 1968
Box 216B, Folder 1-2  Files about Computer Sciences Corporation, 1968

The stock transfer books, 1859-1880, report the re-issuance of stock certificates at the office of the Registry of Transfers in New York City. Western Union acquired the registry books from the respective registrars of Western Union stock (i.e. the Union Trust Company, registrar from June 16, 1865 until approximately January 1, 1871 and the Farmers Loan & Trust Company, registrar from December 6, 1870 to January 1, 1885) after they ceased to act as registrars. The Union Trust Company was unable to find their registry book which covered the period June 16, 1885 to August 17, 1866. Because Western Union ordered the discontinuance of the registrar of transfers and transfer agency for the city of New York between August 17, 1866 and January 21, 1869, no records exist for this period.

In January, 1865, the Executive Committee of Western Union directed the establishment of a New York transfer agency and the listing of the stock on the New York Stock Exchange. Beginning in 1865, to reflect changes in stock value, Western Union shareholders surrendered their stock certificates to a registrar who, after canceling existing certificates, countersigned the new certificates and delivered them to a designated transfer agent also in New York City. The agent acknowledged receipt of the new certificate(s) from the registrar.

Information appearing in the stock transfer books include the dates when surrendered certificates were delivered to the registrar; the delivery dates of new certificates to entitled stockholders; dates of cancellation; the location of the office that originally issued the surrendered certificates; the number of certificates and shares both surrendered and reissued; the names of the individual(s)/organization(s) to whom certificates were originally issued, surrendered and transferred to; and the transfer agent's acknowledgement of receipt.

The ledgers, 1910-1920, include subsidiary accounts for the period 1910 to 1911 and 1916 to 1920. There are federal account books in addition to regular Western Union Company account books for the years 1918 to 1919. The ledgers are arranged numerically by account number. Only the first volume, 1910 to 1911, is indexed.

The Records of the Expenditure Committee, 1889-1909, report on a wide variety of financial matters, including staff, construction, maintenance, and sundries. Staff considerations include general employment costs, costs incurred in the employment of additional labor, and salary changes. The committee itemized sundries such as inaugural funds, painting costs, and light expenses with in each volume. The minute books cover the period May 1889 to December 1909. The collection does not contain the ten volumes preceding May 1889. All available volumes are indexed.

Western Union maintained separate ledgers for tax purposes, based upon an auditor's monthly statements of revenue. Tax ledgers, 1932-1944, are arranged alphabetically by state/province.

The statistical notebooks, 1886-1908, consist of small notebooks that provide a wide range of statistical and financial information regarding Western Unions and its numerous subsidiaries. The notebooks for the period 1886 to 1897 contain percentages of increase and decrease in office receipts, office expenses, abstracts from semiannual reports, daily traffic tabulations, rates per word for press service, miles of post, and wire prices. There is an index for the notebook dated 1886 to 1887. The notebooks dated 1901 to 1908 were maintained by R.C. Clowry, the President and General Manager of Western Union (1902-1910). Indexed alphabetically by subsidiary, there is information relating to notes on capital, amounts Western Union owes, amounts outstanding, and indication if lines are leased or absorbed, and the percentage of investment. Estimates for construction, repairs, test office receipts, treasurer's estimates, and money transfer information is also included.

Miscellaneous items in this series include two publications titled Relationship of AT & T Company to the Telegraph Business, 1933, which contain statistical data on the effect on the telegraph business of the competition of the AT & T Company. This report was prepared by Chester McKay, a vice president with Western Union, and provides financial statements detailing gross operating revenues and a supplemental
narrative explanation. The Remarks Incident to Review of the Summons & Complaint in the Case of Bertram R. Smith vs. Western Union and Gold & Stock, 1948, was produced by the accounting department in conjunction with the legal case regarding stock ownership.

Materials relating to Western Union's finances are organized into thirteen subseries:

1. Activities of the Accounting Department, 1941
2. Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, 1859-1880
3. Trial Balance Volumes, 1880-1908
4. Ledgers of subsidiary company accounts, 1910-1920
5a. Reports of Committee to Examine Assets in the Treasury and the Treasurer's Accounts, 1882-1908
6. Minutes of Records, Expenditure Committee, 1889-1909
7. Cash and tax ledgers, 1896; 1932-1944
8. Statistical Notebooks, 1886-1908
9. Financial Statements, 1945
10. Income Tax Returns, 1918-1937
11. Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 1943-1948
13. Miscellaneous, 1879-1948

Subseries 8.1: Activities of the Accounting Department, 1941
Box 217, Folder 1

Subseries 8.2: Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, 1859-1880

Box 217, Folder 2 Stock Ledger, 1859-1862
Box 218 Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 1: 21 January 1869-01 March 1870
Box 219 Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 2: 23 January 1871-30 December 1871
Box 220 Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 3: 03 January 1872-18 April 1873
Box 221 Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 4: 19 April 1873-21 November 1873
Box 222 Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 5: 22 November 1873-18 June 1874
Box 223 Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 6: 18 June 1874-21 December 1874
Box 224  Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 7: 21 December 1874-05 August 1875
Box 225  Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 8: 06 August 1875-07 March 1876
Box 226  Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 9: 08 March 1876-27 January 1877
Box 227  Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 10: 29 January 1877-13 Sep. 1877
Box 228  Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 11: 13 Sep. 1877-10 August 1878
Box 229  Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 12: 12 August 1878-12 June 1879
Box 230  Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 13: 13 June 1879-08 December 1879
Box 231  Stock Transfer Books and Ledgers, Vol. 14: 09 December 1879-11 March 1880

Subseries 8.3: Trial Balance Volumes, 1880-1908
Box 267A  Trial Balance Volumes, 1880-1893
Box 267B  Trial Balance Volumes, 1893-1908

Subseries 8.4: Ledgers of subsidiary company accounts, 1910-1920
Box 232  Vol. F: July 1910-June 1911
Box 233  Vol. K: 1916
Box 234  Vol. L: 1917
Box 235  Vol. M: 1918
Box 236  Vol. M: 1918 [Federal]
Box 237  Vol. N: 1919
Box 238  Vol. N: 1919 [Federal]
Box 239  Vol. O: 1920

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Subseries 8.5A: Reports of Committee to Examine Assets in the Treasury and the Treasurer's Accounts, 1882-1908

Box 815, Folder 1 1882, 1884, 1886
Box 815, Folder 2 1887-1892
Box 815, Folder 3 1893-1898
Box 815, Folder 4 1899-1908

Subseries 8.6: Minutes of Records, Expenditure Committee, 1889-1909

Box 241 Vol. 11: 14 May 1889-11 November 1889
Box 242 Vol. 12: 18 November 1889-28 April 1890
Box 243 Vol. 13: 05 May 1890-29 Sep. 1890
Box 244 Vol. 21: 11 February 1895-14 October 1895
Box 245 Vol. 23: 24 August 1896-26 July 1897
Box 246 Vol. 26: 05 July 1899-28 May 1900
Box 247 Vol. 27: 04 June 1900-08 April 1901
Box 248 Vol. 28: 15 April 1901-30 December 1901
Box 249 Vol. 29: 06 January 1902-28 July 1902
Box 250 Vol. 30: 04 August 1902-09 March 1903
Box 251 Vol. 31: 16 March 1903-19 October 1903
Box 252 Vol. 33: 06 June 1904-03 January 1905
Box 253 Vol. 34: 09 January 1905-03 July 1905
Box 254 Vol. 35: 10 July 1905-18 December 1905
Box 255 Vol. 36: 26 December 1905-14 May 1906
Box 256 Vol. 37: 21 May 1906-08 October 1906
Box 257 Vol. 38: 15 October 1906-11 March 1907
Box 258 Vol. 39: 18 March 1907-05 August 1907
Box 259 Vol. 40: 12 August 1907-27 January 1908
Box 260 Vol. 41: 03 February 1908-29 June 1908
Box 261  Vol. 42: 06 July 1908-30 November 1908
Box 262  Vol. 43: 07 December 1908-01 June 1909
Box 263A  Vol. 44: 07 June 1909-06 December 1909

Subseries 8.7: Cash and Tax Ledgers, 1896, 1932-1944
Box 263B  Cash Ledger for Indianapolis Office, 1896
Box 264  Tax Ledgers, 1932-1937
Box 265  Tax Ledgers, 1938-1942
Box 266  Tax Ledgers, 1943-1944

Subseries 8.8: Statistical Notebooks, 1886-1908
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Box 267, Folder 4  Statistical Notebooks, 1901-1908

Subseries 8.9: Financial Statements, 1945
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Subseries 8.10: Income Tax Returns, 1918-1937
Box 268A
Box 268A, Folder 1  United States Income and Profits Taxes, 1917-1919
Box 268A, Folder 2  Income Tax Return, 1910
Box 268A, Folder 3  Income Tax Return, 1911
Box 268A, Folder 4  Income Tax Return, 1915
Box 268A, Folder 5  Income Tax Return, 1918
Box 268A, Folder 6 Income Tax Return, 1920
Box 268A, Folder 7 Income Tax Return, 1923
Box 268A, Folder 8 Income Tax Return, 1924
Box 268A, Folder 9 Income Tax Return, 1929
Box 268A, Folder 10 Income Tax Return, 1933
Box 268A, Folder 11 Income Tax Return, 1937

Subseries 8.11: Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 1943-1948

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Box 267, Folder 7 Annual Reports

Subseries 8.13: Miscellaneous, 1860-1948

Box 267, Folder 8 Relationship of AT & T to the Telegraph Industry (data indicating effect on telegraph industry), 1933
Box 267, Folder 9 Review of Summons and complaint in Smith vs. Western Union/Gold & Stock, [1948?]
Box 267, Folder 10 Western and Southwestern Divisions, Estimates and Requisitions for Monthly Operating and Maintenance, 1884-1887
Box 267, Folder 11 Quarterly reports, 1884-1912
Box 267, Folder 12 Miscellaneous account book of credits and debts for "sundries," 1860-1863
Box 820, Folder 1 Ledger for Harrisburg, Penn., 1861-1879
Box 820, Folder 2 Ledger for [Harrisburg, Penn.?], 1881-1903
Box 822 R.J. Clinch (superintendent), Western Union Accounts in Maritime Provinces, 1879-1884
Series 9: Legal Records (includes agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, licenses), 1867-1968, 1971

This series contains a wide variety of legal agreements--contracts, deeds, leases, and licenses and property/real estate--which document the company's legal activities from approximately 1867 to 1960. The materials are richest in 19th century files created before the company's legal department instituted standard procedures and paper formats.

The bulk of the agreements are from the 1880s to the 1920s. The agreements primarily pertain to patents and the ownership (lease and sale), establishment, and maintenance of telegraph wires, poles, and land. The correspondence found with the agreements addresses terms and payments. Broad geographic regions of the United States are represented by the agreements which cover the east, west, northwest (including Alaska), south, and midwest. There are some foreign contracts between Western Union and British and Canadian companies. All foreign agreements include English translations.

The majority of agreements are trifolded and arranged by an alphanumeric sequence. Each file corresponds to one company, individual, city or government agency and can include multiple agreements or drafts of the same. Most alphabetical letters in the sequence include documents that are organized chronologically; other letters are organized alphabetically by company name. Still other letters may begin with a chronological organization scheme and shift to an alphabetical arrangement midway. Documents within the alphanumeric sequence are not organized sequentially; where P contracts end, Q contracts do not begin. The alphanumeric system may have been two systems at one time; two files labeled N122, for example, one trifolded and one flat, do not correspond to the same company. This phenomenon occurs within N, O, and P sequences, in which trifolded files have been boxed separately from flat files.

Property Leases and Real Estate Materials contain documentation on properties owned by Western Union in New York City and one real estate volume that contains records of deeds, and mortgages that relate to Western Union property. Typical information includes the date the indenture was made and recorded, the parties, the sum agreed upon, a description of the land, names of witnesses, and any special terms of agreement. The Federal Valuation of Land Lines Property of Western Union, 1913-1932 consists of 6 volumes (volumes 1-5 and 7) that describe briefly the history of the Federal Valuation of Land Lines Property of Western Union by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The information includes presidential correspondence of Theo N. Vail, memoranda, clippings, photostats, schedules of properties used by Western Union, organizational charts, copies of important instructions and orders, inventories of the company's properties and statements showing expenses and investments. This is a very comprehensive work.

There are ten subseries:

1. Agreements (alpha-numeric arrangement), circa 1880-1930
2. Agreements (alphabetical arrangement), circa 1880-1930
3. Facility Licenses, 1914-1916
4. Pole Licenses, 1913-1916
5. Property Leases, 1872-1963
6. Real Estate Materials, 1867-1960
7. Telephone Contracts, 1851-1921, undated
8. Correspondence about leased wires and rental fees, 1889-1917
9. Cable Divestment Materials, 1874-1960s
10. Miscellaneous, 1770-1953, 1971 (not inclusive)

Subseries 9.1: Agreements (arranged alphanumerically), circa 1880-1930

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Box 287    E1-E60
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Box 383 B37: Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation
Box 383 B38: Boston, Concord, Montreal Railroad Company
Box 383 B39: Boston, Hartford, and Erie Railroad Company
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The Western Union Law Department Records consist of Law Committee meetings minutes, April, 1883 to December, 1909, and printed legal documentation, 1868-1979. The Law Committee Meeting Minutes document the committee's work on reviewing and reporting lawyer's bills, claims, and contracts.

The bulk of the printed materials date from 1900-1930s. There are local, state, circuit, appeal, district, state supreme and United States Supreme Court publications. The legal cases involve individuals, the United States, the Federal Communications Communication, the Interstate Commerce Commission, railroad companies, and other telegraph companies against Western Union Telegraph Company. The Law Department assigned, in some instances, a number to each case. This number is located in the upper right corner of a publication. This was done to keep various parts of a case together and for accessibility. Some publications are annotated, presumably by Western Union attorneys. Multiple copies of some publications exist, this is noted parenthetically in the container list.

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- WU Western Union
- FCC Federal Communications Commission
- ICC Interstate Commerce Commission

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#3,001,008
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Duerr, K.B.
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The Money Transfer Service/Money Order Books, 1905-1939, instruct operators in the "proper way to send money" and include the names of offices authorized to receive and pay telegraphic money orders. The Operator code books were assigned to operators and each had a specific operating number.

Tariff and Cable information contains the Tariff Check Ledger of July 1874 to May 1877, includes tariff information for Highlands, New Jersey, other areas of New Jersey and parts of New York. The Tariff Bureau book of 1871-1872, contains statements arranged according to states, the amount of business conducted between the states and territories and also the business rates between important offices. There is also additional information about individual states in "remarks."

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The Employee Relations Department, also known as the Industrial Relations Department, administered benefits programs, handled personnel and training matters, and employee communications through house organs such as the Western Union News.

The Employee Benefits Plan Booklets, 1912-1971, tell the story of Western Union pensions and benefits plans. Established in 1913, the plan for employees’ pensions, disability benefits, and death benefits was a comprehensive non-contributory plan. This plan appears to have experienced several names changes from "Provisional Pension Plan" to "Plan for Employees Pensions Disability Benefits and Insurance" to Plan for Employees Pensions Disability Benefits and Death Benefits." One booklet, dated 1929, pertains specifically to the Postal Telegraph Cable Company.

Employee Stock Subscription plan materials (1914-1928) include correspondence and printed plans. The correspondence and the plans themselves set forth the regulations and restrictions for employees to purchase stock.

Employee Wage Cards, 1914-1922, consist of twelve shoeboxes. These records were maintained by the Western Union Cable System. They are arranged according to "live" and "dead" files, European side, North American Side, and Cable Office Errors. The records are then divided by geographic location (Ballenskelligs, Bay Roberts, Canso, Duxbury, Glasgow, Halifax, Hammels, Havre, Hearts Content, London Training School, London Western Union House, Liverpool, Manchester, North Sydney, Paris, Penzance, Penzance Training School, Rye Beach, St. Pierre, and Valentia.). The geographic locations are divided by job titles. Within job titles, the cards are arranged alphabetically by surname. There are two types of cards— an employee wage card and an employee service card. Both cards contain the same type of information—first name, surname, date of birth, sex, station employed at, dates of employment, title, monthly rating, special monthly payments, special allowances if any, and general remarks— but they differ in size. Remarks typically contained information about a death, resignation, drawing pensions, or job performance.

Minutes of Employee’s Benefits Fund Committee, 1912-1949, consist of reviewed applications for sickness and accident disability benefits, life insurance, and pensions. The committee also determined the appliability of the plan to employees in special circumstances. Western Union established the committee following its 1913 adoption of the Plan for Employees’ Pensions, Disability Benefits and Death Benefits as a comprehensive non-contributory plan. The first five volumes (volumes A to E) are indexed with each book. Minutes for the periods July 1920 to May 1925 or January 1937 to March 1942 do not exist.

Job Classification, Contracts, and Agreements, 1966-1973, consists of six handbooks. These handbooks contain wage schedules, job titles, job descriptions, and pertinent employee information set forth in the official contract with Western Union. There is one handbook that deals specifically with an agreement between Western Union and the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO.

The American School of Correspondence, 1911-1921 subseries consists of published "instruction papers" on a variety of topics such as Banking and Banking Law, Direct Current Motors and Telegraph Repeaters. The "instruction papers" were prepared by Western Union divisions such as the Engineering Department or the Commercial Department and faculty members at various colleges and universities in the United States.

Service Records, 1883-1931, consists of four oversized bound volumes numbered one to four; one miscellaneous volume from 1907-1931, and service cards for seamen who served on various cable ships. These bound service records are organized alphabetically according to the name of city and/or town. For example, Grand Fork, North Dakota is followed by Great Falls, Montana. The majority of cities and towns represented are located in the mid west. An alphabetical index of cities for each volume precedes the records. These records, like the employee wage cards, provide similar information—name of office, date office opened, date office closed, name of employee, designation of occupation, rate of pay, date
employed, date left service, and remarks. The smaller miscellaneous volume, 1907-1931, is also arranged alphabetically by city/town, but contain only the name of the employee and what appears to be the date employment began. The volume deals with personnel serving in California and Arizona. The service cards, 1921-1922, are arranged alphabetically by cable ship name. The cards contain the name of the seaman, address (name of the cable ship), date of service, date salary became effective, job title, and rate of salary per month.

Employee Clippings contains employee signatures/autographs which consist of two small volumes of collected employee signatures, one dating 1871-1898, the other 1909-1949. The latter volume of signatures appears to be have been assembled for the purposes of the Western Union Museum. The signatures include a wide variety of employees, from presidents to telegraph operators.

*Researchers should consult Series 27: Notebooks, Subseries 7, for an employee work diary of 1942.*

This series is divided into eleven subseries:

1. Western Union Employee History, 1910-1932
2. Employee Membership Cards and Passes, 1885-1940
3. Employee Handbooks, 1912-1971
4. Employee Stock Subscription, 1914-1928
5. Employee Wage Cards, 1914-1922
6. Minutes of Employees' Benefits Fund Committee, 1912-1949
7. Job Classification, Contracts, and Agreements, 1941-1973
8. American School of Correspondence, 1911-1921
9. Service Records, 1883-1931
10. Employee Awards, Citations, Commendations, 1915-1945
11. Employee Signatures and Autographs, 1871-1898, 1909-1949 (includes clippings and obituaries)
12. Telegraph Associations, 1852-1929

**Subseries 18.1: Western Union Employee History, 1910-1932**

*Box 564, Folder 1* Employees History, 1910
*Box 564, Folder 2* Flow chart, 1924
*Box 564, Folder 3* Roaming the Western Union, 1932

**Subseries 18.2: Employee Membership Cards and Passes, 1885-1940**

*Box 564, Folder 4*
Subseries 18.3: Employee Handbooks, 1912-1971

Box 564, Folder 5  Booklets, undated
Box 564, Folder 6  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1912
Box 564, Folder 7  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1913-1914, 1929
Box 564, Folder 8  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1954-1956
Box 564, Folder 9  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1967-1968
Box 564, Folder 10  Benefits Plan Booklets, 1971
Box 564, Folder 11  Rules for Instructions for Information and Guidelines of the Employees of Western Union, 1870
Box 564, Folder 12  Report of Women's League of Western Union, 1918-1919
Box 564, Folder 13  Plan for Employees Pensions, Disability Benefits and Death benefits, 1916, 1929
Box 564, Folder 14  Death Benefit Plan, 1930
Box 564, Folder 15  Articles of agreement between Western Union International, Inc., and American Comm. Association covering Canadian-St. Pierre Cable Stations, 1964-1965

Box 565, Folder 1  Western Union Training Program, 1944
Box 565, Folder 2  Western Union Employees Income Participation Plan, undated
Box 565, Folder 3  Telephone Directory for 60 Hudson Street, 1932

Subseries 18.4: Employee Stock Subscription, 1914-1928

Box 565, Folder 4  Correspondence, 1914, 1927-1928
Box 565, Folder 5  Subscription Plans, 1926
Box 565, Folder 6  Subscription Plans, 1928

Subseries 18.5: Employee Wage Cards, 1914-1922

Box 566  European Side (Liverpool; Paris; Valentia; Penzance Training School; Assistant General Management Office; Havre; London; Glasgow; Ballinskelligs)

View Digitized Material
Box 567  European Side (Valentia; Paris, St. Pierre; Duxbury; Heart's Content; New York; Hammels; Canso; Miami; North Sydney; Bay Roberts)
  View Digitized Material

Box 568  Cable Office Error Records
  View Digitized Material

Box 569  European Side (Assistant General Management office-London; Glasgow; Havre; London Training School; London Western Union House)
  View Digitized Material

Box 570  European Live (Liverpool; Manchester; Paris)
  View Digitized Material

Box 571  Old Dead File/Out of Service (New York; Hammels; Duxbury; Rye Beach; Halifax; North Sydney; Bay Robert; Heart's Content; St. Pierre; Hammels-employees out)
  View Digitized Material

Box 572  Live Files (Valentia; St. Pierre; Miami)
  View Digitized Material

Box 573  Live Files (Ballinskelligs; Havre; Liverpool; London Training School; London Western Union House; Manchester, Paris, Penzance; Valentia)
  View Digitized Material

Box 574  European Side/London dead file (Assistant General Management Office Traffic Office; Ballinskelligs; Glasgow; Havre; London Training School; London Western Union House; Penzance
  View Digitized Material

Box 575  Dead files for London, Penzance and Valentia
  View Digitized Material

Box 576  North American Side live files
  View Digitized Material

Box 577  Heart's Content
  View Digitized Material

Subseries 18.6: Minutes of Employees' Benefits Fund Committee, 1912-1949

Box 578  Vol. A: December 1912-May 1914
Box 578  Vol. B: June 1914-December 1915
Box 579  Vol. C: December 1915-January 1917
Box 579  Vol. D: January 1917-March 1918
Box 580  Vol. E: April 1918-April 1919
Box 580  Vol. F: May 1919-June 1920
Box 581  Vol. M: June 1925-March 1926
Box 581  Vol. N: Mar. 1926-December 1926
Box 582  Vol. O: January-October 1927
Box 582  Vol. P: October 1927-May 1928
Box 583  Vol. Q: May-December 1928
Box 583  Vol. R: January 1929-June 1929
Box 584  Vol. S: July 1929-November 1929
Box 584  Vol. T: December 1929-May 1930
Box 585  Vol. U: June 1930-December 1930
Box 585  Vol. V: January 1931-June 1931
Box 586  Vol. W: July 1931-December 1931
Box 586  Vol. X: January 1932-June 1932
Box 587  Vol. Y: July 1932-December 1932
Box 587  Vol. Z: January 1933-June 1933
Box 588  Vol. AA: July 1933-December 1933
Box 588  Vol. BB: January 1934-June 1934
Box 589  Vol. CC: July 1934-December 1934
Box 589  Vol. DD: January 1935-June 1935
Box 590  Vol. EE: July 1935-December 1935
Box 590  Vol. FF: January 1936-June 1936
Box 591  Vol. GG: July-December 1936
Box 591  Vol. OO: Apr. 1942-Dec. 1943
Box 592  Vol. PP: Jan.-Dec. 1944
Box 592  Vol. QQ: Jan.-Dec. 1945
Box 593  Vol. RR: Jan.-Dec. 1946
Box 593  Vol. SS: Jan.-Dec. 1947
Box 594  Vol. TT: Jan.-Dec. 1948
Box 594  Vol. UU: Jan.-Dec. 1949
Subseries 18.7: Job Classification, Contracts & Agreements, 1941-1973

Box 595, Folder 1  "Understanding" between Robert Elles and Western Union, 1941
Box 595, Folder 2  "As A Career Western Union Service" pamphlet, undated
Box 595, Folder 3  Supervisory Conference Programs, 1943 (or employees created by Industrial Relations Board)
Box 595, Folder 4  Management Orientation Booklet, 1958
Box 595, Folder 4A  Collective Bargaining Agreement, 1946
Box 595, Folder 5  Job Classification & Contracts, 1966
Box 595, Folder 5A  Contract, 1968
Box 595A, Folder 1  Job Classification & Contracts, 1971
Box 595A, Folder 2  Job Classification & Contracts, 1973
Box 595A, Folder 3  Job Classification & Contracts, 1978
Box 595A, Folder 4  Job Classification & Contracts, 1979
Box 595A, Folder 5  Job Classification & Contracts, 1982
Box 595A, Folder 6  Contract, 1985

Subseries 18.8: American School of Correspondence, 1911-1921

Box 600, Folder 1  Alternating Current Machinery, 1917
Box 600, Folder 2  Automatic and Printing Telegraph Systems, Pts. 1-2, 1918
Box 600, Folder 3  Automatic and Printing Telegraph Systems, Pts. 3-4, 1918
Box 600, Folder 4  Automatic and Printing Telegraph Systems, Pts. 4-5, 1919
Box 600, Folder 5  Banking and Banking Laws, 1912
Box 600, Folder 6  Bills, Notes, and Checks, 1920
Box 600, Folder 7  Chemistry of Combustion, 1920
Box 600, Folder 8  Direct Current Dynamos, Pt. 1, 1917
Box 600, Folder 9  Direct Current Motors, 1915
Box 600, Folder 10  District Telegraph and Time Service, 1917
Box 600, Folder 11  Duplex and Quadruple Telegraphy, 1917
Box 601, Folder 1  Elements of Alternating Currents, 1914
Box 601, Folder 2  Elements of Electricity and Magnetism, Pts. 1-2, 1917
Box 601, Folder 3  Elements of Electricity and Magnetism, Pts. 3, 1917
Box 601, Folder 4  Elements of Outside Plant Construction, 1919
Box 601, Folder 5  Laws of Agency, Pts. 1-2, 1917
Box 601, Folder 6  Laws of Contract, Pts. 1-2, 1917
Box 601, Folder 7  Management of Dynamo Electric Machinery, Pts. 1-2, 1914
Box 601, Folder 8  Mechanical Conveyors and Pneumatic Tubes, 1918
Box 601, Folder 9  Mechanical Drawing, Pts. 1-2, 1913, 1916
Box 601, Folder 10  Mechanical Drawing, Pt. 3, 1920
Box 601, Folder 11  Mechanism, 1908
Box 602, Folder 1  Outside Plant Construction, Pts. 1-2, 1918
Box 602, Folder 2  Outside Plant Construction, Pts. 3-4, 1918-1919
Box 602, Folder 3  Questions in Locational Geography, 1919
Box 602, Folder 4  Questions on Western Union Book of Rules and Tariffs, 1917
Box 602, Folder 5  Storage Batteries, Pts. 1-2, 1920
Box 602, Folder 6  Strength of materials, Pt. 1, 1912
Box 602, Folder 7  Submarine Telegraphy, Pts. 1-2, 1920
Box 602, Folder 8  Telegraph Office Bookkeeping Practice, 1920
Box 602, Folder 9  Telegraph Power Plants, 1917
Box 602, Folder 10  Telegraph Repeaters, 1918
Box 602, Folder 11  Telegraph Switchboards, 1918
Box 603, Folder 1  Telephony, Pt. 1, 1911
Box 603, Folder 2  Telephony, Pt. 2, 1911
Box 603, Folder 3  Telephony, Pt. 12, 1912
Box 603, Folder 4  Telephony, Pt. 13, 1912
Box 603, Folder 5  Telephony, Pt. 14, 1912
Box 603, Folder 6  Theory of Accounts, Pt. 1, 1912
Box 603, Folder 7  Types of Generators and Motors, 1914
Box 603, Folder 8  Underwriters Requirements, Pts. 1-2, 1915
Box 603, Folder 8A  Wire and Cable Testing, 1918
Box 603, Folder 9  Wireless Cable Testing, 1918
Box 603, Folder 10  Wireless Telegraphy, 1912
Box 603, Folder 11  Wire Testing, 1912

Subseries 18.9: Service Records, 1883-1931

Box 595A, Folder 7  Personnel Rosters/service records, 1907-1931
Box 596  Obsolete records for C.S. Clowry; C.S. Minia; C.S. Lord Kelvin; C.S. Venosta
Box 596  Personnel rosters, 1883-1931 (not inclusive)
Box 597  Personnel rosters, Vol. 1, 1883-1888
Box 597  Personnel rosters, Vol. 2, 1888-1892
Box 598  Personnel rosters, Vol. 3, 1892-1898
Box 598  Personnel rosters, Vol. 4, 1902-1909

Subseries 18.10: Employee Awards, Citations and Commendations, 1915-1945

Box 599, Folder 1

Subseries 18.11: Employee Signatures, Autographs, and Reminiscences, (includes clippings and obituaries), 1871-1945

Box 599, Folder 2-3  Signatures and Autographs, 1871-1898; 1909-1949 (includes clippings and obituaries)
Box 599, Folder 2-3  Employee Reminiscences, 1930s-1940s
Box 604, Folder 8  Barbour, J.M., 1940
Box 604, Folder 9  Burnheimer, June V. (messenger girl), 1937
Box 604, Folder 10  J.G.D., 1940
Box 604, Folder 11  Decatur, James G., 1940
Box 604, Folder 12  Drake, W.F. (manager), 1940
Box 604, Folder 13  Lukens, W.E., 1940
Box 604, Folder 14  May, A.H. (district superintendent), 1940
Box 604, Folder 15  Mifka, J.E.
Box 604, Folder 15  Meyers, C.E.
Box 604, Folder 15  McCormick, William C.
Box 604, Folder 15  Taylor, O.C.
Box 604, Folder 15  Wilson, W.H.
Box 604, Folder 16  Mooney, Ralph E., 1955
Box 604, Folder 17  Pennoyer, Sheldon, 1938
Box 604, Folder 18  [Schwandt, W.F.?], 1940
Box 604, Folder 19  Sallested, O. (chief operator), 1940
Box 604, Folder 20  Steinel, C.J.
Box 604, Folder 21  Vincent, Clarence, 1940
Box 604, Folder 22  Wray, John (night traffic manager), 1940

Subseries 18.12: Telegraph Associations, 1852-1929

Box 604  Old Time Telegraphers and Historical Association, 1911-1929
Box 599, Folder 4  1911, 1920
Box 599, Folder 5  1922, 1924-1925
Box 599, Folder 6  1926-1929
Box 599, Folder 7  New York and Boston Telegraph Association, 1852, 1913
Box 599, Folder 7  North American Telegraph Association, 1858-1880
Box 604, Folder 1  Minutes, 1858-1863
Box 604, Folder 2  Notes, July 1880 (accompany minute book)
Box 604, Folder 3  Proceedings, 1861
Box 604, Folder 4  Annual Meeting reports, 1860, 1862-1863
Box 604, Folder 5  Decisions by English, French and American Courts Upon Questions Affecting Telegraph Communication, 1862.

Box 604, Folder 6  Telegraphers Mutual Benefit Association, 1872-1880

Box 604, Folder 7  Telegraph and Telephone Life Insurance Association, 1914; 1923, 1926

Box 812  Telegraph Centennial Scrapbook, vol. 1, 1844-1944

Box 813  Telegraph Centennial Scrapbook, vol. 2, 1844-1944

Map-folder 18  When Old Time Telegraphers Invite Their Wives and Sweethearts to Dinner in New York (newspaper clipping), The World,, 1905 September 2
Series 19: Public Relations Department Records, 1858-1980

The Public Relations Department, formerly known as the Sales Department, promoted the company through sales, advertising, and marketing, and rate research.

The news clipping books, 1958-1962, were created by Western Union's Public Relations Department to bring to the attention of local editors news about Western Union and to obtain publicity. Each news clipping book consists of photocopies and contains a preface page stating the nature of the clipping(s) and highlighting certain articles. There is no index accompanying these books. Some news clipping books are devoted to a subject. This is noted parenthetically in the container list. Several of the books bear a stamped number and the books have been arranged according to this number. The majority of the news clipping books belonged to Mr. Love, Comptroller for Western Union.

The news clipping binders, 1918-1975, are originals and appear to have been produced by the Public Relations Department. Like the news clipping books, the clippings have been assembled according to topics of interest to Western Union.

The publicity clippings, 1959-1978, were created by the Public Relations and Advertising Department and consist of three folders of photocopied material which is a representative collection of newspaper stories and magazine articles about Western Union services and people.

House Organs were publications produced in-house by Western Union for internal dissemination only. These included: Commercial Suggestions, a weekly pickup of sales ideas on "how the other fellow did it" and "how you can do it." Journal of the Telegraph, formerly known as Telegraphic Journal of New York, began on December 2, 1867 and ceased December 20, 1914. The Telegraph & Telephone Age, established in 1883, was a semi-monthly journal dedicated to commercial and railway telegraph, telephone, and submarine cable interests and radio telegraphy. Western Union News was introduced in July, 1914. It was edited by and for employees and provided up-to-date research information forum for more personal and social related matters. Western Union Technical Review began in July 1947.

This series is divided into fourteen subseries:

1. Now Our Next 100 Years, 1952
3. Sales Materials, 1941, 1966
4. Newsclippings, 1869-1956
5. Newsclipping Binders, 1918-1975
8. Press clippings, 1927-1939
9. Miscellaneous clippings, 1894-1954
11. Articles, 1935, 1944
12. Advertisements, undated
13. Posters (British), 1858-1936, undated
14. Western Union House Organs, 1867-1980
15. Publications by other companies, 1928-1937, 1963

**Subseries 19.1: "Now Our Next 100 Years" 1952**
*Box 605, Folder 1*

**Subseries 19.2: Marketing Materials, 1959-1965**
*Box 605, Folder 2*  Marketing Research Financial Appraisal, 1959
*Box 605, Folder 3*  Western Union Products & Services a Brief Description, 1962
*Box 605, Folder 4*  Western Union A Study of Market Factors for Telex-TWX Services, 1965

**Subseries 19.3: Sales materials, 1941, 1966**
*Box 605, Folder 5*  "Western Union Sales Manual," 1941
*Box 605, Folder 6*  Western Union Business Plan Manual, undated
*Box 606, Folder 1*  Western Union Study of Information Utility Business Opportunities Phase 1, January 1966
*Box 606, Folder 2*  Private Wire Services, Data Transmission by Western Union [1961?]
*Box 606, Folder 3*  Telecommunications Services for Government and Industry by Western Union (marketing brochure), 1962
*Box 606, Folder 4*  Info-Com A Computerized Message Data Service of Advanced Design (marketing brochure), 1969
*Box 606, Folder 5*  Western Union Innovates (marketing brochure), circa 1960s

**Subseries 19.4: Newsclippings, 1869-1956**
*Box 621*  1883-1893
*Box 621*  1891-1892
*Box 607, Folder 1*  September 1928-October 1931
*Box 607, Folder 2*  March 1930-March 1935
*Box 607, Folder 3*  November 1934-December 1939
Box 607, Folder 4  December 1936-November 1943
Box 607, Folder 5  Miscellaneous, 1938; 1951, 1956
Box 607, Folder 6  Marshall, Texas, Telegraph History and Centennial Celebration, August 1954

Subseries 19.5: Newsclipping Binders, 1918-1975

Box 608, Folder 1-2  Binder, January 8, 1918-March 13, 1920
Box 608, Folder 3-4  Binder, 1919-1920 (Federal control of railroads)
Box 608, Folder 5  Binder, January-December 1946
Box 608, Folder 6  Binder, January 1944-October 1945
Box 609, Folder 1  Binder, January-December 1943
Box 609, Folder 2  Binder, January-December 1942
Box 609, Folder 3  Binder, November 1939-December 1941
Box 609, Folder 4  Binder, July 1942-October 1943 (Postal)
Box 609, Folder 5  Binder, 1947-1948 (Merger)
Box 609, Folder 6-7  Binder, October 1945-September 1946 (Strike)
Box 610, Folder 1  Binder, January 1947-December 1948 (Western Union cable strike)
Box 610, Folder 2  Binder, 1947-1952 (Western Union Land Lines)
Box 610, Folder 3  Binder, Cable Strike, 1948
Box 610, Folder 4  Binder, 1940-1946, (Miscellaneous, radio, ITT)
Box 611, Folder 1  Binder, 1940-1946, (Miscellaneous--personnel)
Box 611, Folder 2  Binder, 1974-1975 (clippings and news releases from teleprocessing Industries Inc.)
Box 611, Folder 3-4  Binder, 1939-1946 (Censorship & European Communication
Box 612, Folder 1  Binder, 1939-1946 (Censorship & European Communication


Box 613, Folder 1  No. 3, January 1958
Box 613, Folder 2  No. 4, January 1958
Box 613, Folder 3  No. 5, January 1958-February 1958
Box 613, Folder 4  No. 6, February 1958
Box 613, Folder 5  No. 7, March 1958-April 1958
Box 613, Folder 6  No. 8, 1958
Box 613, Folder 7  No. 10, 1958
Box 613, Folder 8  No. 13, 1958
Box 613, Folder 9  No. 16, December 1958
Box 613, Folder 10  No. 17, January 1959 (candygrams)
Box 613, Folder 11  No. 18, February 1959-March 1959
Box 613, Folder 12  No. 21, April 1959-May 1959
Box 613, Folder 13  No. 24, August 1959
Box 613, Folder 14  No. 26, October 1959
Box 613, Folder 15  No. 27, November 1959-December 1959
Box 613, Folder 16  No. 28, January 1960
Box 614, Folder 1  No. 29, April 1960-June 1960
Box 614, Folder 2  No. 30, Mid June 1960
Box 614, Folder 3  No. 32, October 1960
Box 614, Folder 4  No. 33, November 1960
Box 614, Folder 5  No. 34, December 1960-January 1961
Box 614, Folder 6  No. 35, February 1961-March 1961
Box 614, Folder 7  No. 36, April 1961
Box 614, Folder 8  No. 37, May 1961-June 1961
Box 614, Folder 9  No. 38, July 1961-September 1961
Box 614, Folder 10  No. 39, December 1961-February 1962
Box 615, Folder 1  No. 40, February 1962-April 1962
Box 615, Folder 2  No. 41, October 1962

Subseries 19.7: Newsclipping Books, Unnumbered, 1864-1967
Box 616 1864-1869 (Collins Overland Telegraph, Atlantic Telegraph and Cable, Morse Banquet, Western Union and Postal Telegraph, Telegraph Rates)

Box 617 1900-1903 (Robert C. Clowry, Western Union-Pennsylvania Railroad Controversy, Western Union Employees Union, Telegraph Strike)

Box 618 1905-1907 ( Telegraph Strike, Military Telegraph Under Lincoln)

Box 615, Folder 3 October 1959-December 1959 (Wirefax)
Box 615, Folder 4 November 1960
Box 615, Folder 5 November 1960-January 1961
Box 615, Folder 6 December 1960-January 1961
Box 615, Folder 7 October 1961
Box 615, Folder 8 January 1962 (Personal opinion message service)

Box 619, Folder 1 August 1962-September 1962
Box 619, Folder 2 November 1964 (Microwave inaugural)
Box 619, Folder 3 January 1967-April 1967

Subseries 19.8: Press clippings, 1927-1939
Box 619, Folder 4

Subseries 19.9: Miscellaneous clippings, 1894-1954

Box 619, Folder 5-6 Clippings and press releases, 1913-1954
Box 645, Folder 1 Clipping book, 1894-1899
Box 645, Folder 2 Scrapbook of clippings, 1930s-1940s

Subseries 19.10: Publicity Clippings, 1959-1978

Box 620, Folder 1 August 1959 (Private wire service)
Box 620, Folder 2 November 1965-December 1965
Box 620, Folder 3 January 1966-March 1966 (2 c.)
Box 620, Folder 4 April 1966-May 1966 (2 c.)
Box 620, Folder 5  Miniature photographs, undated
Box 620, Folder 6  Miscellaneous clippings, 1917-1978
Box 620, Folder 7  Miscellaneous clippings, 1923-1956

Subseries 19.11: Articles, 1935, 1944
Box 622, Folder 1  Fortune Magazine, November 1935 & December 1944

Subseries 19.12: Advertisements, undated
Box 622, Folder 2  Western Union Everywhere (ink and pencil), undated
Box 622, Folder 3  Messengers Never Cool Their Heels, undated
Box 622, Folder 4  Please mam we want to send a telegram to our mother, undated
Box 622, Folder 5  There are 16,200 Xcvilles in America, undated
Box 622, Folder 6  The yellow blank actually reaches delinquents when others fail, undated
Box 622, Folder 7  Western Union Gift Order, undated
Box 622, Folder 8  Western Union Messenger Distribution Service, undated
Box 622, Folder 9  Don't become a stranger to your relatives, undated
Box 622, Folder 10  Wire ahead for hotel reservations
Box 622, Folder 11  Time saved by yellow blank today, undated
Box 622, Folder 12  The pulse of a nations business throbs over Western Union tickers, undated
Box 622, Folder 13  Western Union pick-up of packages, undated
Box 622, Folder 14  Western Union shopping service, undated
Box 622, Folder 15  Western Union 24 hr. a day money order service, undated

Subseries 19.13: Posters (British), 1858-1936, undated
Map-folder 17  Early use of the magnet, undated
Map-folder 17  Wheat stone tape telegraph, 1858
Map-folder 17  Graham Bell's Telephone, 1876
Map-folder 17  Post Office Savings Bank for Security, undated
Map-case 17  Woman at a telephone booth, undated
Map-folder 17  Post during lunch hour, undated
Map-folder 17  Air to East, undated
Map-folder 17  Empire Airmail Scheme, undated
Map-folder 17  Character wins achievement the National Savings Habit, undated
Map-folder 17  State Security Post office Savings Bank, undated
Map-case 17  Office Savings Bank Your Money Here, undated
Map-folder 17  Help the Sun to Shine on Your Future, undated
Map-folder 17  Save Cash, Cheques, Dividend Warrants, undated
Map-folder 17  State Security Post Office Savings Bank, undated
Map-folder 17  National Savings Movement, undated
Map-folder 17  Your Savings Safe in the Post Office, undated
Map-folder 17  Savings Through the Ages, undated
Map-folder 17  Post Office Savings Bank, 1861-1936
Map-folder 17  Mail steamship routes, undated
Map-folder 17  Outposts of the Empire, Barbados, undated
Map-folder 17  Outposts of the Empire, Ceylon, undated
Map-folder 17  Outposts of the Empire, Central Australia, undated
Map-folder 17  Good Start Makes All the Difference, undated
Map-folder 17  75 Not Out 1861-1936 Post Office Savings Bank, undated
Map-folder 17  Home Safes Post Office Savings Bank, undated
Map-folder 17  Get Ready for the Holidays, undated
Map-folder 17  Wakes Week Use the Post Office Savings Bank (2 copies), undated
Map-folder 17  Post Office Savings Banks, undated
Map-folder 17  Post Office Savings Bank, undated
Map-folder 17  You can use a post office savings bank anywhere, undated
Map-folder 17  Ocean Cable, undated
Map-folder 17  Your Savings are safe in the Post Office, undated
Map-folder 17  Hertz’s radio set, 1886
Map-folder 17  Outposts of the Empire (Southern Rhodesia), undated
Map-folder 17  Letter Mails By Air, undated

Subseries 19.14: Western Union House Organs, 1867-1980

Box 623A, Folder 1  The Blazed Trail, May 1934-December 1940
Box 646, Folder 1  Commercial Telegraphers’ News, December 1954
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Series contains materials related to the Western Union Telegraph museum, a separate entity within the Western Union Telegraph Company. These materials are of several types. The material was placed in the museum from other divisions or departments of the company and was created by the museum itself. The Western Union Company placed many records into the Western Union Telegraph museum. The provenance of many items is unclear and often inconsistent. Many of the manuscript materials are similar to other materials in the collection. Most of the materials in this series have been marked as museum objects, i.e., they have been given museum identification numbers. Much of this material was assembled and either attached or placed together in notebooks. However, some items in this series are not marked as museum items and it is unclear whether those unmarked items are museum items or company records that came to the museum when the material was transferred.

The correspondence of the Western Union Telegraph museum deals with donations of old telegraph equipment to the museum, 1925-1961. All correspondence concerning donations is arranged in the order it was received by the museum. Other correspondence represented in this subseries concerns Western Union Telegraph museum donations to other museums. These include the Franklin Institute, 1933; the Smithsonian Institution, 1913-38, 1959-61; and the U.S. Army Signal Corps Museum, 1954-1956. One folder contains correspondence regarding donations to other museums, 1933-1943. This subseries also contains correspondence of Samuel Morse, 1937-1938, and Henry Sayre Potter, 1930s, regarding paintings for the museum. There is also correspondence with several movie studios seeking the museum's help with several motion pictures, 1938-1939. Also included is correspondence concerning telegraph history. The miscellaneous folders contain correspondence concerning many aspects of Western Union museum administration and business. Acquisitions to the museum consists of notebooks detailing museum acquisitions, 1937-1940. The exhibit information contains a notebook on work and material in museum exhibits, 1936-1940 and a New York Museum of Science and Industry exhibit newsletter. The brochures and pamphlets consist of a variety of German language brochures with a Netherlands and Smithsonian guide. The catalogues in this series describe a variety of telegraph equipment.

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Series 22: Telegrams, 1852-1960s

The Telegrams series consists of material documenting the telegram forms used by the Western Union Telegraph Company and other telegraph companies.

The advertisements, product booklets and pamphlets provide substantial documentation on the types of telegram services Western Union offered. Several types of telegraph service were available including-full rate telegrams that were transmitted at any hour; day letters which were slightly deferred telegrams; cablegrams which were sent standard rate using plain or cipher cable messages at any hour; overnight telegrams, accepted at any hour up to 2 am for delivery the following day; cable night letters for overnight service of business or social communications; photograms which were facsimiles of original communications as prepared by the sender and were transmitted electrically and photographically reproduced; and sing-o-grams delivered in song. Additionally, information pamphlets and booklets describing training and careers as Western Union messengers and the dependability of Western Union Time Service and its clocks is found in this series. Of note is the art work represented in the mast head of many telegrams. In many instances, Norman Rockwell is the artist.

In some instances, copies of blank forms for holidays or specialty telegrams were collected and assembled into small albums. Loose telegram forms were interfiled according to subject/specialty. There is some duplication and overlap. Researchers should consult the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana for its series on "Telegraphs."

This series is arranged into fourteen subseries:

1. Western Union cable/telegraph system background, undated
2. Western Union telegram books, undated
3. Western Union telegrams-specialty, undated
4. Western Union miscellaneous telegrams, 1870-1960s
5. Western Union delivery and message envelopes, 1865-1941
6. Western Union wired telegrams, 1857-1954
7. Western Union advertisements for telegram services, 1872-1942
8. Telegrams scrapbooks, 1850s-1940
9. Commercial Cable Company, undated
10. Commercial Pacific Cable Company, undated
11. Morse American Telegraph Company, undated
12. Postal Telegraph, 1889, 1930s-1942
13. Other companies, 1852-1938

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Series 23: Photographs, circa 1870-1980

The photographs contain a wide variety of images representing all aspects of Western Union and the telegraph industry.

Subseries 1 has photos of Western Union buildings from all over the world, dating from the nineteenth century until 1965. Buildings which are identified include those in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, New York City, Key West, FL, Rochester, N.Y., Hamilton, Ohio, Morristown, N.J., Sacramento, CA, Cumberland, Md., and Sandesville, GA, among others. Unfortunately, most of the photoprints are not captioned.

Poleyards and Construction, contains two folders of photoprints of telegraph poleyards, where poles are prepared for service. There are also photoprints of the locations where the finished poles were used. Some of the locations represented are: Minneapolis, Minn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Nashua, N.H.; Slidell, La.; Rutherford, N.J.; Tacoma, Wash.; Miami, Fla.; and Elizabethtown, N.J. Folder three contains specifications and photoprints for pole line construction.

Western Union put many photographs into albums. The albums themselves have been taken apart, but the order has been preserved. These albums cover a wide variety of subjects, including antiquated telegraph instruments; Telefax switching systems; switchboard, plugs, and jacks; office interiors; tickers; "Western Union Automatic Telegraph"; and miscellaneous equipment.

The cable station photographs, 1917-1961, are arranged alphabetically by location and include Western Union stations in the United States, Europe, and Caribbean. Also included in this subseries are negatives of the cable stations. The cable ships photographs include Western Union ships-Robert C. Clowry, C.S. Colonia, C.S. Cyrus Field, C.S. Lord Kelvin, C.S. Neptune, C.S. Dellwood, C.S. Silverado-and other unidentified ships.

Telegraph equipment includes: early telegraph tickers, 1866; the Western Union cable boat Robert C. Clowry, 1903; switching systems; “Multifax,” c. 1940; equipment from World War II; Varioplex equipment; Carrier systems; Mono Pulse Printing Telegraphic Sets; and Deep-Sea Cable exhibit material. There is also a great deal of unidentified miscellaneous equipment which is not identified.

Western Union “People" consists mostly of messengers and many individuals are not identified. Photographs of Western Union presidents are found in the subseries, including J.L. Egan, John W. Mackay, William Orton, Norvin Green, R.C. Clowry, Newcomb Carlton. Additionally, there are several images of Samuel F.B. Morse. There is a photoprint of a group of telegraphers present at the Battle of Gettysburg, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of that battle. There is also a folder of photos of drawings of Pony Express riders.

The Samuel F.B. Morse photographs consists of Morse Family images and some correspondence.

Cable Photographs, contain many news images transmitted via the facsimile process in the 1920s through the 1940s. These news photos can be found throughout the subseries. There are also many other photos, some in albums, that were transmitted by facsimile, but were not for newspaper use. The majority of facsimile photographs are from Europe and many of the subjects concern World War II such as the bombings in London, the British Royal Family, Adolph Hitler, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and other military and political leaders.

The oversized photographs cover a wide range of topics from portraits to equipment to interior building views. There are some architectural drawings in this subseries for Western Union storefronts and advertisements.

The series is divided into thirteen subseries:

1. Western Union Buildings, 1900-1965
2. Poleyards and Construction, 1901-1939
3. Western Union Albums (numbered), 1856-1953
4. Cable Station Albums, 1917-1961
5. Cable Ship Albums, 1924-1954
6. Miscellaneous Albums, 1912-1954?
7. Equipment, 1866-1957
8. People, 1869-1940s
9. Samuel F.B. Morse, 1840s, undated
10. Cable Photographs, 1925-1942 (facsimile)
11. Wire Photographs, 1922-1936
12. Slides, undated

Subseries 23.1: Western Union Buildings and Property, 1900-1980

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Subseries 23.2: Poleyards and Construction, 1901-1927

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Subseries 23.3: Western Union Albums (numbered), 1856-1953

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Box 713, Folder 2 Album #1237, Miscellaneous equipment, ca. 1920s-30s
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Series 24: Scrapbooks, 1835-1956

The scrapbooks, 1835-1956, contain both loose and bound materials, consisting mostly of news clippings. Loose pages from a scrapbook of C.H. Murphy contain information on Western Union’s time service and clocks. Two small scrapbooks, titled “The Little Traveller,” were kept by an unnamed Western Union employee who visited the company’s offices in the West. There are photoprints of various Western Union offices and employees, with comments by the author and those he visited. There are two scrapbooks of Edward C. Brown, one in loose form, the other bound. The loose material contains memorabilia and news clippings announcing his retirement in 1938 after 51 years of service as Western Union’s general supervisor of messenger equipment. The bound scrapbook contains news clippings that depict messenger boys’ encounters with the law.

There is one scrapbook attributed to Samuel F.B. Morse, 1835-1858. It consists of news clippings and other articles assembled by Morse.

Box 786, Folder 1-2 Scrapbook of Edward C. Brower, 1897-1902, 1938
Box 786, Folder 1-2 Scrapbook of Samuel F.B. Morse, 1835-1858
Box 787 Part 1, pages 1-64, 1835-1844 November
Box 788 Part 2, pages 1-73, 1847-1855
Box 789 Part 2, pages 74-104, 1855-1858
Box 786, Folder 3-4 Scrapbook of Telegraphers Strike, 1919
Box 786, Folder 5 Scrapbook about John Skirrow, 1888-1904
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Box 790, Folder 3 Newspaper clippings from C.H. Murphy Scrapbook (time service), 1909-1914
Box 790, Folder 4 Miscellaneous clippings from unknown scrapbook (clocks), 1909-1911
Box 790, Folder 5 Miscellaneous scrapbook, 1883-1884
Box 790, Folder 6 Miscellaneous scrapbook, 1924-1928
Box 790, Folder 7 Scrapbook of Atlantic Cable Lifeboats, Atlantic Telegraph Expedition, and Atlantic Cable, 1864-1866
Box 791, Folder 1 Miscellaneous scrapbook, 1870-1871
Box 818, Folder 1-6 100th Birthday Celebration of the Western Union Telegraph Company, April 4, 1956
Box 824 George Prescott Scrapbook, 1874-1876
Box 825 Scrapbook of Morse Information and Telegraphers Mutual Life Insurance Association, 1852-1885
Box 826 Scrapbook of Official Notices, Atlantic Cable, Pacific Telegraph and Siberian Expedition, 1856-1870
Series 25: Notebooks, 1880-1942

Series 25 includes a few personal and many laboratory notebooks from employees and engineers of Western Union.

The numbers noted in the container list presumably refer to some Western Union Museum identification number. H.W. Drake's notebooks kept at 195 Broadway contain materials lists; equipment costs; descriptions and drawings of telegraphic equipment; lists of telegraphic line routes; accounts collected for telegraphic service (Central Division, 1880s); accounts of revenues; compensations for employees, expenses, receipts and rates; a comparative statement of remittances from various railroads, 1881-1892; electrical diagrams and blueprints; and a Vacuum Tube Investigation Daily Record Book #2.

H. P. Gilbert's laboratory workbooks consist of laboratory reports on the results of tests of meters, rectifiers, relays, jacks, tubes, call boxes (with photoprints of the test results), and shellac. Included are negatives, some deteriorating. J. Schmid was an engineer working at the Hudson Street office. His notebooks contain laboratory reports on batteries (Waterbury "Tele" Cells, Waterbury Battery Company, Waterbury, Conn.); test results on call box knobs, relay test tables, rectifiers, signal lamps, time service units, keepers and magnets, clocks, 400-w Call Circuit Register, relays (with photoprints of test results), motor generator set, wire samples, bells and buzzers, lamp-type resistance units, plugs, cords, microfarad meters (Jewel & Weston), volt-ammeters, diamond flasher buttons, and dry cells. There also are two notebooks of the Apparatus Engineer's Office at 195 Broadway consisting of calibrations of electrostatic voltmeters and test results on switches, relays, repeaters, zinc and iron electrodes in different cells, sounders, and quadruplexes. Also included are oscillograms.

Other notebooks of unknown origin contain tests on dry cells, transmission studies, and entries from Selector Maintenance Cards turned over by the Repair Shop after removal from the field. The cards include reasons for the return of the equipment.

The series is divided into six subseries:

1. H.W. Drake, 1880-1933
2. H.P. Gilbert, 1928-1932
3. J. Schmid, 1926-1931
5. Unsigned Laboratory Notebooks, 1919-1936
6. Personal Notebook, 1942 (employee work diary)

Subseries 25.1: H.W. Drake, 1880-1933

Box 792, Folder 1 Drake Notebook, 1880-1915
Box 792, Folder 2 Drake Notebook, 1906-1909 (personal)
Box 793, Folder 1 Drake Notebook, 1926-1933 (personal)
Box 793, Folder 2 Drake Notebook, 1926-1928 (laboratory)
Subseries 25.2: H.P. Gilbert, 1928-1932

Box 794, Folder 1  Gilbert Notebook, 1928-1930 (notes/#1233)
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Subseries 25.3: J. Schmid, 1926-1931

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Subseries 25.4: Apparatus Engineer's Office Laboratory Notebook, 1915-1924, 1928

Box 801, Folder 1  Apparatus Engineer's Office Laboratory Notebook, 1915-1917
Box 801, Folder 2  Apparatus Engineer's Office Laboratory Notebook, 1917-1924
Box 801, Folder 3  Apparatus Engineer's Office Laboratory Notebook, 1928

Subseries 25.5: Unsigned Laboratory Notebooks, 1919-1936

Box 802, Folder 1  Notebook, 1919-1923
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Subseries 25.6: Personal Notebook, (employee work diary), 1942

Box 803, Folder 3

This series consists of 16mm films, 3/4" videotape cassettes, 35mm film elements, and 1/2" VHS videotape cassettes. The bulk of the series is 16mm film.

Employee Training films includes films from the 1920s to the 1940s depicting how Western Union wanted its telegraph operators to do their jobs, how to work accurately and efficiently in order to maintain speed of operation, detailed operation of complex telegraphic equipment, and more recent sales and customer service employee incentive films.

Public Relations/Promotional Films, circa 1929-1980s, includes consumer awareness segments from NBC's "Today" show and WNBC-TV in New York featuring Betty Furness reporting on Mailgram, Telegram, and Money Transfer; and numerous films and videos which emphasize Western Union's wide variety of services, its modernity, and ability to keep up with the changing communications field. Heavily featured are films from the 1970s and 1980s on Westar, the first telecommunications satellite (launched in 1974), and its influence on Western Union service. Several films and videos depict early facsimile machines in the 1940s and 1950s, and two films depict underwater cable laying operations.

Television Commercials, circa 1974-1991, emphasize the ease of use of the company's services, the firms modernity and competitive edge in the telecommunications market; the return of the singing telegram in the 1980s; videoconferencing; satellite communications; and several recent Spanish language commercials.

Acquired Films, circa 1946-1989, includes several videotape copies of the 20th Century Fox production of WESTERN UNION [1941], films produced outside Western Union using Western Union footage or mention Western Union or its products, and depictions of various aspects of the history of telegraphy.

Films Documenting Corporate Activities, circa 1928-1994, contains films made at the building site of Western Union's old New York headquarters during construction; videotapes of various company executives addressing employees on the company's financial situation, restructuring plans, and consequences of the AT&T divestiture in the 1980s; short compilation videos looking back nostalgically at the history of Western Union through archival photographs and footage; films depicting office operations; and a parody of Gone with the Wind about the corporate buyout of Western Union in 1994.

The microfilm contains selected reels for Board of Directors Meetings, Executive Committee Minutes, and Subsidiaries. See Series 3: Executive Records, 1848-1987 for additional materials regarding these executive functions.

The series is arranged in six subseries:

1. Employee Training Films, 1925-circa 1980s
2. Public Relations/Promotional Films, ca.1929-1993
4. Acquired Films, circa 1946-1989
5. Films Documenting Corporate Activities, circa 1928-1994
6. Microfilm, undated

Subseries 26.1: Employee Training Films, 1925-circa 1980s
Reel OF 205.1  [Wade, North Carolina, Flood], circa 1925
1 motion picture film, Footage of flooded town and of telegraph poles and
wires. Western Union truck and boat come in and men repair damage to
poles and wires. ; 16mm black and white silent print, 412 feet

Reel OF 205.2  X Messages, circa 1927
1 motion picture film ; 16mm black and white silent camera original reversal,
235 feet

Box 811, Item RV  
205.2  X Messages
1 videocassettes: vh

Box 811, Item MV  
205.2  X messages
1 videocassette (betacamsp), Telegrams ordering the purchase or sale of
stocks and bonds listed on the large exchanges are called x’ messages.”
Examples of telegrams, how and why to deal with “x” messages. ;
reversal, 235 feet

Reel OF 205.3  The Fulton Fish Market, circa 1928
1 motion picture film, A day in the life of the Fulton Street, New York City,
Fish Market. Unloading catch of the day, boats, peddlers, ice suppliers,
Western Union office and John J. Driscoll, its manager. “The perishable
nature of the commodity makes necessary the prompt shipment of the catch
and justifies and RX’ handling for fish messages.”; 16mm black and white
silent camera original reversal, 207 feet

Reel OF 205.4  The 100 Wire Concentration Unit, ca. 1929
1 motion picture film, Depicts new unit in New York office, its uses for private
business customer or public branch office. Close-up shots of machinery and
how it works. ; 16mm black and white silent camera original

Box 810, Item RV  
205.4  The 100 Wire Concentration Unit
1 videocassette (vhs)

Box 811, Item MV  
205.4  The 100 Wire Concentration
1 videocassette (betacamsp) ; reversal, 391 feet

Box 810, Item OF  
205.5  Keyboard Errors, circa 1929
1 motion picture film, Shows several common telegraph operator errors.
Slow motion used to illustrate “heavy thumb,” long fingernails, misfingering,
and poor rhythm all causing typographical errors. ; 16mm black and white
silent print, 221 feet

Box 810, Item RV  
205.5  Keyboard Errors
1 videocassette (vhs)

Box 811, Item MV  
205.5  Keyboard Errors
1 videocassette (betacamsp)

Reel OF 205.6  Accuracy First, circa 1929
1 motion picture film, How a Western Union operator’s errors in transcribing
and transmitting a message cause a customer to lose $2200 in a stock
transaction based on the incorrect transmission. ; 16mm black and white
silent camera original reversal, 250 feet
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<td>1 motion picture film, Demonstrations of calls, operators taking calls, teletype machinery. ; 16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 283 feet</td>
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<td>1 motion picture film, On-site process of men working outdoors next to railroad to relocate aerial cable. Includes numerous shots of giant reel of cable. Incomplete; ends abruptly. ; 16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 658 feet</td>
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<td>1 motion picture film, Western Union relays, “their principle construction, characteristics, maintenance, and application.” Depicts three types of relays in use at the time: two types of polar relay, and single current relay. Schematic of how relays are set up. ; reversal, 255 feet</td>
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<td>1 motion picture film, <em>How to clean a relay and how it properly operates.</em> Schematics included. ; 16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 287 feet</td>
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a telegraph proceeds through the system. ; 16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 334 feet

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205.17
Reperforator Switching in Modern Telegraphy
1 videocassette (vhs)

Box 811, Item MV
205.17
Reperforator Switching in Modern Telegraphy
1 videocassette (betacamsp)

Box 804, Item OV
205.18
Four Employee Incentive Short Films, circa 1980s
1 videocassette (u-matic)
3/4" videocassette, approx. 53 mins.

Four segments:

1. "Memories at 60 Hudson Street," 3 min.--nostalgic piece about history of Western Union, focusing on headquarters building in New York City. Uses archival photographs.

2. "The Difference is You," 7 min.--narration and use of archival photos linking company success to employee efforts. Emphasizes business survival as keyed to ability to keep pace with changing markets.

3. "Remember Me," 10 min.--importance of good treatment of the customer, from customer's point of view.

4. "Middle Manager as Innovator," 33 min.--How three successful middle managers have done innovative things and how managers can learn from their experiences.

Box 804, Item OV
205.19
Three Employee Incentive Short Films, circa 1980s
1 videocassette (u-matic)
3/4" videocassette, approx. 15 mins.

Three segments:

1. J. Horowitz donation to Statue of Liberty--music of Lee Greenwood singing "I'm Proud to be an American."

2. "Memories at 60 Hudson Street," 3 min.--nostalgic piece about history of Western Union, focusing on headquarters building in New York City. Uses archival photographs.

3. "The Difference is You," 7 min.--narration and use of archival photos linking company success to employee efforts. Emphasizes business survival as keyed to ability to keep pace with changing markets.

Subseries 26.2: Public Relations/Promotional Films, circa 1929-1993
Reel OF 205.20  The Western Union Cable to Germany, circa 1929
1 motion picture film, Cable from Emden, Germany, via Horta in the Azores.
Shows route, cross sections of cable, machinery close ups. ; 16mm black
and white silent print, 324 feet

Reel OF 205.21  Business In Great Waters, circa 1934
1 motion picture film, Life on board ship which is laying cable between
Newfoundland and the Azores. Many shots of shipboard cable equipment.
Narrated throughout. ; 16mm black and white composite optical track print,
532 feet

Box 810, Item RV 205.21  Business in Great Waters

Box 811, Item MV 205.21  Business in Great Waters
1 videocassette (betacamsp)

Box 808, Item RV 205.22;  Reel OF 205.22  Telegram For America, 1951
1 motion picture film, Western Union services and office operations through
the years, including Storkgram, Deskfax, Call Box, Telecar, Micro-Wave.
Emphasizes ease of use for modern businesses. Full credits. ; 16mm black
and white composite optical track print, 727 feet

Reel OF 205.23  Inside Western Union: The First 117 Years Are The Hardest, circa 1967
1 motion picture film, Office operations of Western Union. Emphasis on
computer technology of the times. ; 16mm color composite optical track print,
660 feet

Reel OF 205.24  [CBS News Interview], circa 1971
1 motion picture film, From can: "Newsfilm on Western Union featuring
interviews with EDH and other employees, circa 1971." Interview with 3
Western Union employees, mentions plans for Hughes Aircraft to build 3
satellites, hard times for the company, decline in services. ; 16mm color
composite optical track print, 120 feet

Box 808, Item RV 205.25;  Reel OF 205.25  The Fastest Way To Get The Word Around, 1973
1 motion picture film, Nostalgic beginnings of Western Union seen through
archival footage and photographs. Segues into modernization efforts and
current services: Telex, Westar, Datagram, Mailgram. Full end credits. ;
16mm color composite optical track print, 476 feet

Reel OF 205.26  Westar Inaugural Transmission, 1974
1 motion picture film, Footage of celebrities and Western Union executives
present in Los Angeles, California during Westar inaugural transmissions
between Los Angeles and New York. Celebrities present: Ephraim Zimbalist,
Jr., Arthur Hill, Victoria Principal, Mayor Tom Bradley. ; 16mm color silent
print, 33 feet

Box 804, Item OV 205.27  Western Union Inaugural Transmission, 1974
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration: 62:27; no audio Video shot from behind
the dais at inaugural transmission from Los Angeles to New York and back
via Westar. Television celebrities, Mayor Tom Bradley, Western Union
executives appear.
Reel OF 205.28  National Women's Speak Out Seminar, circa 1975
1 motion picture film, First National Women's Speak Out Seminar, sponsored by Western Union. Meeting of women from 15 national women's groups at a one-day conference with young college women. Russell McFall, President of Western Union, is present and speaks. ; 16mm color composite optical track print, 138 feet

Reel OF 205.29  Your Public Broadcasting Satellite, circa 1978
1 motion picture film, Footage of Westar launch April 13, 1974; various public broadcasting stations and programs nationwide. Full credits. ; 16mm color composite optical track print, 413 feet

Reel OF 205.30  [From Wire to Westar], circa 1970s
1 motion picture film, Historical images of telegraphy and Western Union products interspersed with modern systems: Westar, InfoMaster, microwave towers, Telex, TWX, network television programming, electronic mail, SICOM, INFOCOM, DATACOM, Response Phone, NewsAlert, Hotline, Spacetel. ; 16mm color composite optical track print, 136 feet [35mm elements exist for this film]

Box 804, Item OV 205.31  [Betty Furness: Companies Ripping Off Mailgram Look], circa 1980s
1 videocassette (u-matic), Full news program on Channel 4, WNBC, New York. Complaints about Mailgram look-alikes.

Box 804, Item OV 205.32  [Betty Furness: Western Union Money Transfer Service], 1981
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration: 10:00 minutes Western Union Money Transfer system, as tested by Betty and her daughter. Segment from NBC's "Today" show.

Box 804, Item OV 205.33  [Betty Furness: Mailgram], 1987 September 22
1 videocassette (vhs), Full "Live at Five" news program from WNBC New York. Furness sequence at end discusses slow delivery of Mailgrams.

Box 804, Item OV 205.34  [Betty Furness: Telegram], circa 1987
1 videocassette (vhs), Nostalgic look at telegram service, past and present, from NBC's "Today" show. Transcript available in processing file.

Box 805, Item OV 205.35  [Singing Telegram Story], 1993 February 10
1 videocassette (vhs), Full news program on Channel 4, WNBC, New York. Segment at end is on 60th anniversary of the singing telegram, including interview with originator. Uses archival photos and film clips.

Box 805, Item OV 205.36  [Westar Satellite]
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration: 10:15 St. Louis, Missouri, television program interview of William B. Payne, Area Vice-President of Western Union. Discusses benefits of and expanded services through Westar satellite. Videoconferencing, Braillegram, newspapers.

Box 805, Item OV 205.37, PAL format  Braillegrams, 1975
1 videocassette (u-matic), 1975 WNBC interview; PAL format

Reel OF 205.38  
[Mailgram Commercial]  
1 motion picture film, Depicts Western Union from Pony Express days to modern times. ; 16mm color composite optical track print, 77 feet

Box 805, Item OV 205.39  
[Wall Street Journal Uses Westar], 1975 November  
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration 00:30 Television commercial for Wall Street Journal emphasizing speed of satellite-transmitted information gets the news on the stand faster. Does not mention Western Union or Westar.

Reel OF 205.40  
[Three Television Commercials], circa 1974  

Reel OF 205.41  
[Five Television Commercials], circa 1975  
1 motion picture film, Compilation roll of 5 commercials: 1. National Women’s Speak Out Seminar sponsored by Western Union. 2. Modernization of office procedures, featuring actor Richard Mulligan as spokesman. [35mm elements exist for this commercial.] 3. Telex as cheaper alternative to long-distance telephone calls, featuring actor Richard Mulligan as spokesman. 4. Office of the future, featuring actor Richard Mulligan as spokesman. 5. Mailgram delivery at home ; 16mm composite optical track print, 225 feet

Reel OF 205.42  
[Two Television Commercials - Western Union Billion Dollar Modernization], circa 1975  
1 motion picture film, Compilation roll of 2 commercials: 1. National Women’s Speak Out Seminar sponsored by Western Union. 2. Modernization of office procedures, featuring actor Richard Mulligan as spokesman. [35mm elements exist for this commercial.] ; 16mm composite optical track print, 111 feet

Reel OF 205.43  
[Four Television Commercials - Western Union services], circa 1975  
1 motion picture film, Compilation roll of 4 commercials: 1. National Women’s Speak Out Seminar sponsored by Western Union. 2. Modernization of office procedures, featuring actor Richard Mulligan as spokesman. [35mm elements exist for this commercial.] 3. Telex as cheaper alternative to long-distance telephone calls, featuring actor Richard Mulligan as spokesman. 4. Office of the future, featuring actor Richard Mulligan as spokesman. [35mm] ; 16mm color composite optical track print, 253 feet

Box 805, Item OV 205.44  
[Western Union-Westar], 1977 November 8  
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration: 02:15 Promotes largest coast-to-coast televised national sales conference from Atlanta to 12 other cities through Westar.

Box 805, Item OV 205.45  
[Singing Telegram - Holiday], 1980 December  
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration: 00:60 sec. Chicago-area television commercial for singing telegrams, emphasizing Christmas/New Years.

Box 805, Item OV 205.46  
[Singing Telegram - Mother's Day, 1983], 1983  
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration: 00:30; Los Angeles-area television commercial for singing telegrams, emphasizing Mother's Day.
| Box 806, Item OV 205.47 | [Singing Telegrams Are Back], circa 1990  
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration: 00:30; Chicago-area television commercial for singing telegrams. |
| Box 806, Item OV 205.48 | Western Union Presentation Tape, 1991 March 5  
1 videocassette (u-matic), Duration: 3:00 minutes; Compilation of Spanish-language commercials for Western Union Money Transfer services. Three commercials, two versions each, one with translation captions, one without: "Susana," "Farias-Mex.," and "Farias-USA." |

**Subseries 26.4: Acquired Films, circa 1946-1989**

| Reel OF 205.49 | [All In The Family television program segment], undated  
1 motion picture film, Incomplete program featuring a telegram as part of plot. ; 16mm color composite optical track print [faded], 224 feet |
| Reel OF 205.50 | [Westar V Pre-Launch], undated  
1 motion picture film, NASA-KSC film of preparing satellite for launch. Also footage of launch with narration. ; 16mm color silent print, 89 feet |
| Reel OF 205.51 | A Hundred Years of Morse, circa 1946  
1 motion picture film, British film: "A GB Screen Services Production - British Acoustic Film." [no sound]. Fictionalized representation of story of early telegraphy, to telegraphic services of the time. ; 16mm black and white silent print, 215 feet |
| Reel OF 205.52 | Spanning the World, circa 1946  
1 motion picture film, No sound. British film produced for Cable & Wireless, Ltd. Full title and credits. London street scenes. Electra House [Cable & Wireless headquarters?]. Emphasizes facsimile for transmission of photographs through worldwide press services. ; 16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 278 feet |
| Reel OF 205.53 | Facsimile, 1946  
1 motion picture film, Demonstration of facsimile transmission on various Finch Facsimile Co. machines. Animated schematics of how a fax machine works. Full credits. ; 16mm color composite optical track print, 402 feet |
| Box 810, Item RV 205.53 | Facsimile  
1 videocassette (vhs) |
| Box 811, Item MV 205.53 | Facsimile  
1 videocassette (betacamsp) |
| Reel OF 205.54 | Newspapers By Radio, circa 1957  
16mm black and white silent print, 398 feet  
Finch Facsimile Company promotional film on uses of radio signals to send facsimile transmissions of newspaper stories. Close ups of machinery. Ends abruptly, no end credits. |
| Reel OF 205.55 | [Delta 101/ Westar A Canning Operation], circa 1973 |
16mm color silent work print [faded], 121 feet

National Air and Space Administration - Kennedy Space Center film on process of "canning" the Westar satellite in preparation for launch.

**Reel OF 205.56**

Head Shots for Cable Film/Cable Film, Final Edited Version, circa 1974
Super 8mm color silent print.

Composite reel joined by the Archives Center. Two films on how cable is made and used. No intertitles to indicate if cable is telegraphic or bridge cables.

**Reel OF 205.57**

[Connecting America], 1978
16mm color composite optical track print, 641 feet

Creighton University Centennial Celebration film. Story of linking telegraph lines to the West Coast during the Civil War. John and Edward Creighton and Creighton family history heavily featured.

**Box 808, Item RV 205.58; Box 806, Item OV 205.58**

Westar V Launch, 1982 June 8
1 videocassette (u-matic)
3/4" videocassette tape, 9:40

NASA-Kennedy Space Center, Florida footage of actual launch, how satellite is prepared for launch and positioned in space.

**Box 808, Item RV 205.58; Reel OF 205.59**

Voices From The Deep: The Anzcan Cable Story, 1984
1 videocassette (betacamsp), Scenic film of process of laying cable from Sydney, Australia, to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada via Fiji. Excellent "Facts and Figures" section at end detailing cable diameter, length, depth, circuit capacity, and repeater spacing. ; 16mm color composite optical track print, 916 feet
1 motion picture film
16mm color composite optical track print, 916 feet

Scenic film of process of laying cable from Sydney, Australia, to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada via Fiji. Excellent "Facts and Figures" section at end detailing cable diameter, length, depth, circuit capacity, and repeater spacing.

**Box 806, Item OV 205.60**

Cablegrams, circa 1980s
1 videocassette (vhs), Advertisement for a videotaped theater performance preview service. No direct connection to Western Union.
1/2" VHS videocassette tape

Advertisement for a videotaped theater performance preview service. No direct connection to Western Union.

**Box 806, Item OV 205.61**

Western Union
1 videocassette (vhs). Tape copy of 1941 20th Century Fox film.
1/2" VHS videocassette tape

Tape copy of 1941 20th Century Fox film.

**Box 806, Item OV 205.62**

Speedwell and the Telegraph, circa 1988
1 videocassette (vhs), Duration: 60 minutes
Produced by Historic Speedwell, Inc. Theatrical production about Alfred Vail, Speedwell Iron Works, Speedwell Village, Morristown, New Jersey.
1/2" VHS videocassette tape, 60 min.

Produced by Historic Speedwell, Inc. Theatrical production about Alfred Vail, Speedwell Iron Works, Speedwell Village, Morristown, NJ.

Box 806, Item OV 205.63
Smithsonian Institution, Information Age, 1989 March 13
1 videocassette (u-matic), Video copy of original Western Union films, "X Messages," "Gumming," and "Speed Killers." Burned-in time codes present.
3/4" videocassette tape

Video copy of original Western Union films, "X Messages," "Gumming," and "Speed Killers." Burned-in time codes present.

Subseries 26.5: Films Documenting Corporate Activities, circa 1928-1994

Reel OF 205.64
A New Home for Western Union, circa 1928
1 motion picture film
16mm black and white silent camera original reversal, 335 feet

Depiction of ongoing construction of 24-story skyscraper for Western Union headquarters at 60 Hudson Street, New York City. Describes what will be in building; size; number of employees; construction details; views looking north, south, east, and west of site; the last rivet, etc.

Box 807, Item OV 205.65.1-2
[Informational Seminar], 1983 December 12
2 videocassettes (u-matic)
Two 3/4" videocassette tapes

Seminar by Al J. Chisholm, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Western Union on AT&T divestiture and its consequences.

Box 807, Item OV 205.66
[Western Union Restructuring], 1987 October
1 videocassette (u-matic)
3/4" videocassette tape, 13:08

LeBow Industries, Inc.'s plans for restructuring Western Union. Emphasizes company history, problems, possible solutions.

Box 807, Item OV 205.67
[Amman Speech to Western Union Employees], 1988 November 15
1 videocassette (u-matic)
3/4" videocassette tape, 62:18

Company president speaking to employees regarding financial losses and strategies for restructuring.

Box 807, Item OV 205.68
Western Union: First in Telecommunications, ca. 1980s
1 videocassette (vhs)
1/2" VHS videocassette tape, 25:00
Made for Western Union employees by the National Joint Labor/Management Board. Discusses various services of Western Union, then moves to corporate concerns with Local 1177 officials and Western Union president, who discusses financial position and plans for the company.

Box 807, Item OV 205.69  
Gone With The Western Union, 1994  
1 videodisc (dvd)  
1 videocassette (vhs)  
1/2” VHS videocassette tape, 11:03  
Takeoff on GONE WITH THE WIND depicting companies and persons involved in 1994 Western Union takeover bid process.

Reel OF 205.70.1-5  
The Florida Experiment, 1969  
1 motion picture film, Film documents a pilot program being conducted in the Florida division of Western Union. This pilot program implemented a new stream-lined single-line management system that extended down through all management levels. The program proved so successful in the Florida division that the Western Union Telegraph Company President implemented this stream-lined management system throughout the entire Western Union Telegraph Company. With the new system, the company reduced its management divisions across the country from 30 to 18 which also resulted in significant management cost reductions. ; 16 mm training film which includes outtakes; one magnetic tape; one 1/2 ” VHS, and one DVD

Box 817, Item MT 205.70  
The Florida Experiment  
1 sound tape reel

Box 806, Item RV 205.70  
The Florida Experiment, 1969  
1 videocassettes: vh

Box 817, Folder 13  
The Florida Experience, storyboard documents, 1969

Box 817, Folder 14  
The Florida Experience, slides and notes, 1969

Box 817, Folder 15  
The Florida Experience, original script, 1969

Box 817, Item RDVD 205.70  
The Florida Experiment  
1 videodisc (dvd)

Box 817, Folder 16  
The Florida Experiment, 1969

Subseries 26.6: Microfilm, undated  
25 microfilm ; 16 mm and 35 mm

Box 809  
Board of Directors Meetings (includes New York and Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph), 1862-1961

Box 809  
Executive Committee Minutes, 1864-1951

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