



Robert E. Charlesworth collection

Identifier: 1992.002

Dates: 1915-1929

Extent (size): *Materials in processing

Biography:

Robert E. Charlesworth, the son of H.P. Charlesworth, donated these materials to the Jekyll Island Museum in 1992. H.P. Charlesworth was the engineer present at the first transcontinental telephone call that took place at four locations across the United States including Jekyll Island. AT&T President Theodore Vail spoke from Jekyll Island in 1915 to three other participants which included President Woodrow Wilson in Washington, DC, Alexander Graham Bell in New York, Thomas Watson in San Francisco, and Henry Higginson in Boston. As the engineer, H.P. Charlesworth ensured the telephone lines were connected to every one of these locations for this historic event.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of materials donated by the son of engineer H.P. Charlesworth and relevant to the first transcontinental telephone call that took place on Jekyll Island in 1915. These materials include photographs, a telephone set, telephone equipment, and other paper materials.

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