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Thomas A. Edison Early Corporation Documents

Collection Summary

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Content Note

The Thomas A. Edison Early Corporation Documents contain some early legal and business documents in the various Edison companies, such as stock certificates, inventory lists, business correspondence, diagrams of electric motors and dynamos, and other related material. Also in this collection some of the early associates of Edison are mentioned, such as Frank A. Wordlaw, Charles E. Estabrook, William H. Meadowcroft, and Charles Edison (Thomas Edison's son). Edison himself is only mentioned indirectly in a few documents.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

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| Box 1 | FF 1 | Contains letters of a business and legal nature, such as, the buying and selling of stock into the different Edison companies, business mergers, and discussions on different patents, dated from 1881 to 1899. |
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| Box 1 | FF 2 | Contains letters mostly of a business and legal nature, such as, the buying and selling of stock into the different Edison companies and letters from the Edison Electric Light Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania informing customers on their bills or service, dated from 1899 to 1904. |
| Box 1 | FF 3 | Contains letters mostly of a business and legal nature, such as the buying and selling of stock into the different Edison companies and the agreements made between the stockholders and the Edison companies. There are also letters from customers of the different Edison companies, such as General Electric. These letters date from 1905 to 1908. |
| Box 1 | FF 4 | Contains correspondence from Edison to employees in the Edison laboratory in Orange, New Jersey and other Edison business associates. These are a series of letters between the Edison Inc. and H. K. Hitchcock of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Co. in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania regarding certain experiments that Edison was working on. These letters date from 1911 to 1919. |
| Box 1 | FF 5 | Contains mostly letters of the Edison Pioneers informing members of membership dues and other related business. There are also a couple of letters regarding business to the Edison Portland Cement Company. These letters date from 1920 to 1924. |
| Box 1 | FF 6 | Contains a couple of letters from the Edison Pioneers, a copy of the bill that declared Menlo Park a state park of New Jersey, and correspondence regarding the visit of the King of Siam to the Edison estate. These letters are dated from 1930 to 1931. |
| Box 1 | FF 7 | Contains correspondence between Charles Edison, Secretary of the Navy (Edison's son) and James Parley, Postmaster General each requesting a photograph of the other. These letters date 1940 and 1950. |
| Box 1 | FF 8 | Contains inventory lists of an unidentified Edison company (s) dated 1906-1915. |
| Box 1 | FF 9 | Contains inventory lists of an unidentified Edison company (s) 1916. |
| Box 1 | FF 10 | Contains inventory lists of an unidentified Edison company (s) 1917 and 1918. |
| Box 1 | FF 11 | Contains inventory lists of an unidentified Edison company (s) that are undated. |
| Box 1 | FF 12 | Contains a list of Edison's inventions, instruction on running the Johnstown Plant(?), and information on benzoloids which are undated. |
| Box 1 | FF 13 | Contains a group of diagrams made by the Edison General Electric Company, Edison Building, Chicago, Illinois regarding electric motors and dynamos, dated 1891, 1892 and 1922. |
| Box 1 | FF 14 | Contains a book entitled "Laboratory of T. A. Edison: Payroll List and Numbers," dated 1921 where Mr. Edison is listed on the payroll. |
| Box 1 | FF 15 | Contains a stock certificate book of the "Edison Manufacturing Company," in which stock certificates are dated from 1882 and 1900 and a notice from the State of New Jersey, Comptroller of the Treasury, explaining regulations |

of the Transfer Inheritance Tax, dated 1914.

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| Box 1 | FF 16 | Contains a small booklet belonging to F. A. Wardlaw, dated 1892 that describes information on the Edison Standard Dynamos. |
| Box 1 | FF 17 | Contains the program on the dedication exercises of the Commemorative Tablet near the site of the Edison Laboratories and Workshops at Menlo Park, New Jersey, dated 5-16-1925. |
| Box 1 | FF 18 | Contains a photocopy of the diploma that Thomas Alva Edison is the pioneer of the Edison Pioneers 12-21-1920. |
| Box 1 | FF 19 | Contains the J. Vail notebook of electrical connections at Menlo Park, New Jersey, November 1880. |
| Box 1 | FF 20 | Contains three booklets describing the Edison Phonoplex System of Telegraphy, 1892. |

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