

Collection Summary

Title

Telephone Pioneers of America-Chapter #38 papers

Date

1919-1970

Extent

3 series, including 1 encapsulated oversize map

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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Name of Creator

Telephone Pioneers of America-Chapter #38

Administrative History

Telephone Pioneers of America was established in 1911 as an organization for employees of the telephone industry. Members had to be veterans of the field, most councils required the employee to have worked 21 years or longer. Original members were employed at companies such as American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) and Southwestern Bell Telephone System. Separate councils were organized in cities that were telephone hubs, like Kansas City, Missouri.

By the 1950s, the Telephone Pioneers of America had shifted their focus towards community outreach and service. Additionally members could join as soon as they became employed in the telephone industry.

In the early 21st century, the organization's name was changed to Telecom Pioneers to reflect the shift from telephones to telecommunications. In 2009, the name once again changed to Pioneers.

Scope and Content

This collection contains historical documents pertaining to the telephone industry in Kansas City, including: history, photographs, and a map. In addition, there are administrative materials and newsletters from the Kansas City Long Lines Council-Charles S. Glead Chapter. The newsletter titles are *Pioneer Smoke Signals* and *News Around 811*. There are significant gaps for which no records exist from 1919-1934 and 1952-1967.



Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in three series.

Series 1, Historical Background

Folder 1, Autobiography of Harvey F. March, 1928-1953

Folder 2, Outline of plan to replace cables on 12th Street Bridge, 1940

Folder 3, Photographs of 12th Street Bridge cable replacement, 1940

Series 2, Kansas City Long Lines Council-Charles S. Glead Chapter newsletters and administrative materials

Folder 1, 1967

Folder 2, 1968

Folder 3, 1969-1970

Series 3, Telephone wire map, 1919 [oversize]

Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access

All records within this collection are housed in file folders.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by Wendell Olson.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Notes

The following website was consulted during the preparation of the administrative history:

- Pioneers. "Mission." Accessed December 28, 2012.
<http://www.telecompioneers.org/aboutus/missionstatement/default.aspx>