Guide to the Mark Ellson collection of brochures and product specifications

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Title: Mark Ellson collection of brochures and product specifications
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Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 5.8 Linear feet, 5 record cartons
Date (inclusive): 1980-1994
Abstract: The Mark Ellson collection of brochures and product specifications includes printed material pertaining to superminicomputers, minicomputers, workstations, processors, and memory systems published between 1980 and 1994. Ellson collected and retained these materials for use as reference files when making equipment purchasing decisions at Lockheed Missiles & Space Company.
Processing Information
Access Restrictions
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Immediate Source of Acquisition
Gift of Mark Ellson, 2013.
Biographical/Historical Note
Mark Ellson began working at Lockheed Missiles & Space Company in the early 1980s and continued to work for the company for over 30 years. Born around 1960, Ellson graduated from Indio High School, located in Indio, California, in 1977. He studied Math at Claremont McKenna College and Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Stanford University. Ellson first worked at Lockheed Missiles & Space Company as a Systems Engineer, where he led system and software architecture design studies related to high performance image processing workstations and wideband data distribution. In 1991, he became a Program Manager and, as of 2016, continues to work in that capacity. Through his early work in the industry, Ellson collected and retained promotional material related to new technologies and equipment during the 1980s and early 1990s.
Scope and Content of the Collection
The Mark Ellson collection of brochures and product specifications is made up of printed material pertaining to superminicomputers, minicomputers, workstations, processors, and memory systems published between 1980 and 1994. Materials include product brochures and specifications, price lists, and customer briefing presentations. Ellson collected these materials through vendor meetings, conferences, and direct mail. He retained them for use as reference files when making equipment purchasing decisions at Lockheed Missiles & Space Company. The collection is arranged alphabetically by company name.
Companies represented in the collection include:
Box 2: Convex, CoSYSTEMS, Cray Research, CSPI, Cynthia Peripheral, Daisy, Danford, Datacube, Data I/O, Data Printer, Dataram, Data Systems, Datanex, Datec, Datum, Dawn VME, Develcon Electronics, Digidata, Digital Engineering, DEC, Digital Link, Digital Technology, Dilog, Dunn Instrument, Elxi, Floating Point Systems Array Processors, EMC^2, Emulex,

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