Guide to the Don Maslin collection

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**Title:** Don Maslin collection  
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**Contributing Institution:** Computer History Museum  
**Language of Material:** English  
**Physical Description:** 29.5 Linear feet, 23 record cartons and 1 periodical box  
**Date (bulk):** Bulk, 1977-1984  
**Date (inclusive):** 1973-1990  
**Abstract:** The Don Maslin collection consists of software and published documentation ranging in date from 1973 to 1990. About half of the collection consists of early system disks and software for CP/M in floppy disk and cassette tape formats. The other half of the collection contains manuals and user guides for various software and hardware from that era.  
**creator:** Maslin, Donald A., 1924-2004  

**Processing Information**  
Collection surveyed by Rita Wang, 2016.  
An inventory of companies represented in the text portion of the collection was created by CHM staff. To view the CHM catalog record and inventory for the Don Maslin collection, please search the CHM catalog at [http://www.computerhistory.org/collections/search/](http://www.computerhistory.org/collections/search/).  

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**  

**Biographical/Historical Note**  
Don Maslin was a well-known and active member of the CP/M online community. He was known in this group of computer enthusiasts for his extensive collection of system disks and other software needed to operate old CP/M hardware.  
Donald A. Maslin was born November 2, 1927 in Whitneyville, Connecticut. The summer after graduating high school in 1945, Maslin enlisted in the Coast Guard. Following that, he went into pilot training at the Gannoe Flying Service and received his license. Maslin attended the University of Michigan from 1947 to 1949 until transferring to Bucknell University, where he graduated in 1954 with a BS in mechanical engineering. After university, Maslin worked for CONVAIR in the Experimental Flight Test Department. He left CONVAIR in 1960 and went on to become the chief engineer of Dolphin Engineering, a race car manufacturer.  
Maslin became an important member of the CP/M community during the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, in large part because he had amassed a large collection of CP/M system disks and software. He often assisted individuals in the CP/M community looking for specific software files that were no longer commercially available. Maslin’s archive of software and related documentation was donated to CHM after his death in 2004.  

**Scope and Content of the Collection**  
The Don Maslin collection consists of software and published documentation spanning from 1973 to 1990, with the bulk being from 1977 to 1984. About half of the collection consists of early system disks and software in floppy disk and cassette tape formats. Most of this portion of the collection pertains to CP/M and applications that were written for the CP/M operating system. The other half of the collection contains text documentation such as reference manuals and user guides for various software and hardware. A significant portion of the text is related to computer hardware, some of which was donated with the collection and cataloged separately.  

**Separated Material**
Hardware was separated from the main collection. To view catalog records for separated material, search the CHM catalog at [http://www.computerhistory.org/collections/search/](http://www.computerhistory.org/collections/search/).

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Computer hardware

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