Douglas M. Perham Clippings on Early Radio History

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Abstract: Clippings compiled by electronics collector Douglas M. Perham on the history of wireless telegraphy and radio, particularly in the Pacific Region.
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Biography/Administrative History
Douglas M. Perham (1887-1967) was an early wireless experimenter and broadcaster, and a talented technician. His career spanned the first fifty years of commercial electronics in the West — from his first youthful experiment with a Marconi coherer in 1898 to his retirement from Varian Associates in 1953. In March 1953, Doug, a lifelong collector, joined forces with Connie Kambish, an avid collector in her own right and creator and curator of the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum south of San Jose, California.
Scope and Content of Collection
Clippings compiled by electronics collector Douglas M. Perham on the history of wireless telegraphy and radio, particularly in the Pacific Region. They are organized alphabetically by subject, with an emphasis on amateur radio stations, wireless stations, and early radio broadcasting in the San Francisco Bay Area. Also included are multiple clippings on patent suits involving Radio Corporation of America; labor strikes against the Marconi Company; and early radio equipment manufacturers in the Bay Area, including Moorhead Laboratories, Elmer Cunningham, and National Radio Company.
Indexing Terms
Radio--Law and legislation--United States
Telegraph, Wireless--Pacific Coast (U.S.)--History
Patent suits
Radio broadcasting--California--San Francisco Bay Area
Vacuum tubes--Manufactures
Marconi, Guglielmo, 1874-1937
De Forest, Lee, 1873-1961
Cunningham, Elmer
Wolverton, Robert
Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America
De Forest Radio Company

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