Harold Atkinson Papers

1916-1960
Descriptive Summary
Title: Harold Atkinson Papers
Dates: 1916-1960
Collection Number: 2003-40
Creator/Collector: Atkinson, Harold
Extent: .25 linear feet
Repository: History San Jose Research Library
Abstract: Small set of papers originally belonging to radio operator Harold Atkinson, including a typed transcript of the broadcast of the championship fight between Carpentier and Dempsey (1921) from the radio telephone installed at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, through co-operation of the San Francisco Bulletin and the Leo J. Meyberg Company.
Language of Material: English
Access
The papers are available to the public for research, by appointment with the Curator of Library and Archives.
Preferred Citation
Harold Atkinson Papers. History San Jose Research Library
Acquisition Information
Donated to the Foothill Electronics Museum in 1986, received by History San Jose in 2003 as part of the Perham Collection of Early Electronics.
Biography/Administrative History
From the limited information available in the papers, it would appear that Harold Atkinson was a commercial radio operator in the early 1900s, and worked for The Holt Manufacturing Company, and possibly Haller-Cunningham/Leo J. Meyberg. The transcript on Meyberg letterhead suggests that Atkinson may have participated in the Fairmont (6XG) radiotelephone broadcast of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight. According to the July 1921 issue of Pacific Radio News, "all radio experimenters within range of 6XG are requested to listen in at 10 a.m. when a musical program will be in progress. The first returns will probably reach San Francisco at 11 a.m. and immediately upon receipt of same they will be broadcasted from the Fairmont."
Scope and Content of Collection
Indexing Terms
Boxing
Radio broadcasting--California--San Francisco Bay Area--History
Radiotelephone
Radio operators
Fairmont Hotel (San Francisco, Calif.)
Haller-Cunningham
Leo J. Meyberg Company