
Guide to the Barbara L. Kevles Collection of Computer Technology M1588

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Abstract: Collection of operating manuals, software, and related material, assembled by journalist Barbara Kevles.

Scope and Contents

Journalist, author, and archivist Barbara Kevles used the same personal computer from 1993 through 2006. During those fourteen years, she added only a few essential programs such as financial and security software because of the restrictions placed by the PC's miniscule 170 megabyte hard drive. Out of necessity, she kept her operating system, monitor, and printer manuals as well as allied materials to operate her computer and fix periodic malfunctions as the radically changing computer world replaced her platform, programs and eliminated support services. She recorded her user problems with an IBM compatible computer and peripherals in detail in 12 notebooks.

As a result, The Barbara L. Kevles Collection of Computer Technology is comprised of over a hundred published and unpublished documents, software, and miscellaneous equipment that create a marker from which to measure the rapid evolution of home computer technology starting in the 1990s through today.

Software and documentation has been placed into boxes without folders. Post-it Notes have been left intact. Photocopies and author's notes have been re-housed in acid-free folders, maintaining original titles. For the most detailed listing, please refer to the "The Catalogue of the Barbara L. Kevles Collection of Computer Technology" prepared by Kevles found in Box 1, Folder 1.

The collection includes guides, manuals, installation software, historic Norton newsletters, hand-written notebooks, correspondence, demonstration trial software-- all for precedent-setting operating systems, early program applications, analog monitors, seminal printers, modems, motherboards, internet service providers, financial software, and antivirus programs.

Related Materials

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Kevles, Barbara L.

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Catalogue of the Barbara L. Kevles Collection of Computer Technology of the 1990s
The Dallas Morning News clippings

box 1, object 3	Microsoft Office Suite Scope and Contents Microsoft Office Standard. Upgrade WIN/OFF Version 4.2 021-051-425 Getting Started discs #1-25, 5 packets of 5 1.44 MB floppy discs Windows Series Version 4.2 Set up instructions Except #25 - Powerpoint Viewer
box 1, object 4	Getting Started Manual (101 pages)
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box 1, object 7	Access Advertisement
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box 1, object 10	User's Guide Microsoft Query (168 pages)
box 1, object 11	Visual Basic User's Guide Microsoft Excel (344 pages)
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box 1, object 14	Cardboard strips Microsoft Word 5.0 showing Control, Shift, Alt shortcuts for F Function keys (2)
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box 1, object 25	Microsoft Word 2.0 Reference Guide
box 1, object 26	Discover the World Wide Web with your Sportster (206 pages)
box 1, object 27	Quick Start Here Installation and Troubleshooting Sportster Modem (59 pages)
box 1, object 28	Sportster Quicklink II Fax Software Installation Guide
box 1, object 29	Quicklink II Fax and Telecommunications Windows and DOS (164 pages)
box 1, object 30	Quicklink II Fax and Telecommunications disc 1.44 MB
box 2, object 1	Wordperfect 5.1 Made Easy by Mella Minberg (1071 pages)
box 2, object 2	Mindspring Internet Connection Kit, version 3.08 trial CD.
box 2, object 3	America Online Installation disc
box 2, object 4	Norton Antivirus 3.0 Scope and Contents in box: 1.44 MB floppy discs (3) version 3.0 (installation discs), 1.44 MB floppy discs, version 3.0 2/96 (3), 1.44 MB floppy discs Virus Definitions, Summer, 1997 (2), 1.44 MB floppy discs Virus Definitions, Fall, 1997 (2), , User's Guide Symantec Norton Antivirus 3.0
box 2, object 5	Hewlett Packard recycling information
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box 2, object 9	1.44 MB virus definitions for Norton Antivirus, Winter, 1997 (3)
box 2, object 10	America Online 7.0 1025 hours free trial (Compact Disc)
box 2, object 11	American Online 7.0 1000 hours free trial (Compact Disc)
box 2, object 12	Barcode Scanner
box 2, object 13	Norton Antivirus Emergency Boot disc
box 2, object 14	Symantec: Installing new virus definitions: guide (8 pages)
box 2, object 15	1.44 MB virus definitions Norton Antivirus, Spring, 1998 (4)
box 2, object 16	Symantec: Installing new virus definitions: guide (9 pages)
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Symantec business reply by mail
Microsoft Works 2.0

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Getting Started Microsoft Works 46 pages
Intuit Advertisement
Prodigy 1 month free trial
UM 486V A10 User's Manual for motherboard
US 3486 User's Manual for motherboard
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Compudyne KD - 1450T Color Monitor Operation and Installation Guide (14 pages)
Compudyne Microsoft MS-DOS 5.0 5 1/4 "floppy discs, with License Agreement (2)
Video Drivers VC 500 Utility diskette Version 1.43, 1.44 MB (2)
Compudyne True Color Utility/Driver (5 1/4" floppy disc)
Compudyne True Color Windows 3.0/3.1 (5 1/4" disc)
America Online Version 2.5 10 hours free (trial 1.44 MB disc)
Compudyne Microsoft MS-DOS 5.0 concise edition (170 pages)
Juno: free internet trial (email service, 1.44 MB disc)
Ad: Imation Super (120 MB disc)
Quicken 2001 deluxe (Compact Disc)
America Online 9.0 1045 hours free (trial Compact Disc)
America Online 9.0 1099 hours free (trial Compact Disc)
America Online 6.0 700 hours free (trial Compact Disc)
America Online 7.0 1000 hours free (trial Compact Disc; 2)
Verizon Online DLS demonstration discs (2)
American Online 6.0 700 hours free (trial Compact Disc; 7)
Microsoft Windows Operation System Version 3.1 1.44 MB installation discs.

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Disc#7 labeled Windows Driver (7)

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1.44 MB disc Copy of Artisoft (program to connect 2 computers) 6 executable program files
1.44 MB disc Copy of Prodigy 15 program files
1.44 MB disc Copy of Check It 15 program files

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Copy of DA 5 7 program files

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1.44 MB disc Copy of DA 5 6 program files

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Copy of Mouse 15 program files, Copy of Norton 3 program files including one from 1/1/1980, Copy of Winpak 5 program files

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1.44 MB disc from Computerprep with training for Microsoft Word for Windows Version 6.0 Module 1 Rev1.1
1.44 MB disc Microsoft Word Version 6.0 Lessons 22 items
HP3P form, tests, fonts, cleaning paper
Wordperfect 6 Windows (299 pages)
Compudyne Microsoft Windows 3.1: concise edition (1997 pages)
Computerprep, Inc.: instructions to merge documents, create/use tables (fax pp2-30) 10/2/95

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Norton form letters to customers signed Peter Norton (4)

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Norton to customers reporting the number and increased frequency of new viruses discovered daily and the switch from a quarterly to a monthly release of new antivirus definitions, 14" Ultra VGA Color Monitor User's Manual (18 pages, Xeroxed; Signed by Korean Quality Control Manager), Letter from Intuit signed Intuit management: Scott Cook, et al., Virus, before and after

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Clippings re: Computers, Summer and Fall, 1996

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Word 6.0 for Windows The Visual Quick Reference

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Norton Antivirus for Windows 3.X/Dos User's Guide (4)

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Handwritten notes by Kevles

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"Norton Antivirus installation and scans of three 1.44 MB discs with negative results."

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Symantec AntiVirus News Update (3)

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Hewlett Packard LaserJet IIIP Printer User's Quick Reference Guide (8 pages)

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Hewlett Packard LaserJet IIIP Printer Getting Started Guide (32 pages, first edition)

box 4, folder 13

Hewlett Packard LaserJet IIIP Printer User's Manual

box 4, folder 14

Hewlett Packard LaserJet II/IIID/IIIP Printer Software Application Notes (Chapters 1-5)

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Handwritten Notebooks by Kevles (11 pages)

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topics include: program registration; addition of icon to toolbar; Norton reinstallation and virus scan; retrieval of lost c drive financial data from a drive; printer noises; blurred print, repairs, and replacement; deletion of hidden, but unnecessary files from c drive for net gain of nearly 9 million bites; information on printer, monitor, font drivers; directions to copy, delete directories, files, program icons, discs; use of fax modem; installation of new motherboard; method to retrieve hidden files in DOS; complete list of first computer equipment bought 1/13/93; various monitor problems and replacement; DOS code for time; 1995 installation MS Office (76 MG), Quicken; listed size of each program on computer; power surge repercussion.

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TurboTax Head Start version and Quicken 4

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Original box for Quicken Version 4 and Turbo Tax head Start Version 94.0 with Quicken requirements of minimum computer speed, version of Windows, memory capacity, hard drive space, and monitor level; Mail-in card for final version of Turbo Tax containing IRS forms for filing; Ads for Turbo Tax (6 pages), for Quicken Online (4 pages), for Intuit checks, Quicken electronic bill payment (10 pages), Quicken Visa card (4 pages), mailer for Quicken 4 Windows 5 1/4" discs; Turbo Tax for Windows Personal/1040 Head Start Tax Year 1994 Version 94.0 1.44 MB discs (4)

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Xerox TabWorks Brochure (1.44 MB trial demonstration disc)