
Preliminary Guide to the Lawrence Badash Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Lawrence Badash Papers

Dates: ca. 1921-1987

Collection Number: UArch FacP 33

Creator: Badash, Lawrence

Extent: 3 linear feet (2 records cartons)

Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections
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Abstract: Primarily auction, company, dealer, and exhibit catalogs relating to scientific instruments, publications, and the history of science, from a UCSB history faculty member.

Physical Location: Annex 2.

Language: English.

Access Restrictions

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Lawrence Badash, 2002.

Biography

Lawrence Badash (1934-2010) was a UCSB Professor of History and author of several works on the history of science in the nuclear age, including *Rutherford and Boltwood: Letters on Radioactivity* (1969), *The Rutherford Correspondence Catalog* (1974), *Radioactivity in America: Growth and Decay of a Science* (1979), *Reminiscences of Los Alamos, 1943-1945* (1980), *Kapitza, Rutherford, and the Kremlin* (1985), *Nuclear Fission: Reaction to the Discovery in 1939* (1985), and *Scientists and the Development of Nuclear Weapons: From Fission to the Limited Test Ban Treaty, 1939-1963* (1995).

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection primarily contains auction, company, dealer, and exhibit catalogs relating to scientific instruments, publications, and the history of science. These generally are arranged by name of company or repository. There also are some items pertaining to Badash's interest in astrolabes, clocks, scientific instruments, Sumerian clay tablets, sundials, and telescopes.

Some monographs and other published materials have been cataloged separately and can be searched on Pegasus, the UCSB Libraries online catalog.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Badash, Lawrence

Series 1. **Catalogs**

Box 1: 1	Adam Hilger Limited (book and instrument advertisements and catalogs), ca. 1920s
Box 1: 2	Adler Planetarium (2 general brochures), 1970, 1973
Box 1: 3 - 4	Alain Brieux (dealer catalogs), ca. 1971-1978
Box 1: 5	Arthur D. Little, Inc. (calendars), 1958, 1960-1962
Box 1: 6	Braun Corporation (Los Angeles) - <i>Laboratory Supplies...</i>, 1929
Box 1: 7	Burdny Library (Norwalk, CT)
Box 1: 7	<i>Early Electrical Machines</i>, 1957
Box 1: 7	<i>Leonard da Vinci: Machines and Weaponry</i>, 1974
Box 1: 8	Central Scientific - <i>Instruments for the Laboratory Sciences</i>, 1961
Box 1: 9	Dickinson College - <i>Apparatus of Joseph Priestley, the Discoverer of Oxygen, Preserved in the Collections of Dickinson College</i>, n.d.
Box 1: 10 - 11	Fisher Scientific Company - <i>Modern Laboratory Appliances</i>, ca. 1960, 1962
Box 2: 1	Harriet Wynter Ltd. (dealer catalog), 1981
Box 2: 2	Harvard University - <i>Some Early Scientific Instruments at Harvard University</i>, 1949
Box 2: 3	Learning Things, Inc. (catalog), 1986-1987
Box 2: 4	Libert & Castor (French auction catalogs), 1979, 1982
Box 2: 5	National Museum of the History of Science at Leyden - <i>Descriptive Catalogue of the Physical Instruments of the 18th Century</i>, 1951
Box 2: 6	Norman F. Sprague Memorial Library (Claremont, CA) - <i>The Early History of the Telescope</i>, 1973
Box 2: 7	PHYWE (dealer catalog), ca. 1962
Box 2: 8	San Diego State College Library
Box 2: 8	<i>Astronomical Literature in the Ernst Zinner Collection</i>, 1969
Box 2: 8	<i>Literature of Time in the Ernst Zinner Collection</i>, 1970
Box 2: 8	<i>The Zinner Collection as a Tool of Research in the History of Science</i>, 1967
Box 2: 9	Science Museum (London)
Box 2: 9	<i>50 Things to See</i>, 1965
Box 2: 9	<i>Atomic Physics: Descriptive Catalogue</i>, 1963
Box 2: 10	Sol Moskowitz Instrument Engineering (dealer catalogs), 1970-1971
Box 2: 11	Sotheby's (auction catalog) - <i>Fine Instruments of Science and Technology, 1550-1950</i>, 1987
Box 2: 12	Transylvania College - <i>Early Philosophical Apparatus at Transylvania College (and Relics of the Medical Department)</i>, 1959
Box 2: 13	Welch Scientific Company - <i>Welch Apparatus for College Physics</i>, 1967
Box 2: 14	Yale College - <i>A Catalogue of Surviving Early Scientific Instruments of Yale College</i>, 1947

Series 2. **Miscellany**

Box 2: 15	Astrolabes (information and models), ca. early 1960s
Box 2: 16	Clocks (article), 1956
Box 2: 17	Scientific Instruments (notes), ca. 1961
Box 2: 18	Sumerian Clay Tablet (replica of original from ca. 1500 to 1000 BC)
Box 2: 19	Sundials (notes and model), ca. 1961
Box 2: 20	Telescopes (list of important dates), n.d.