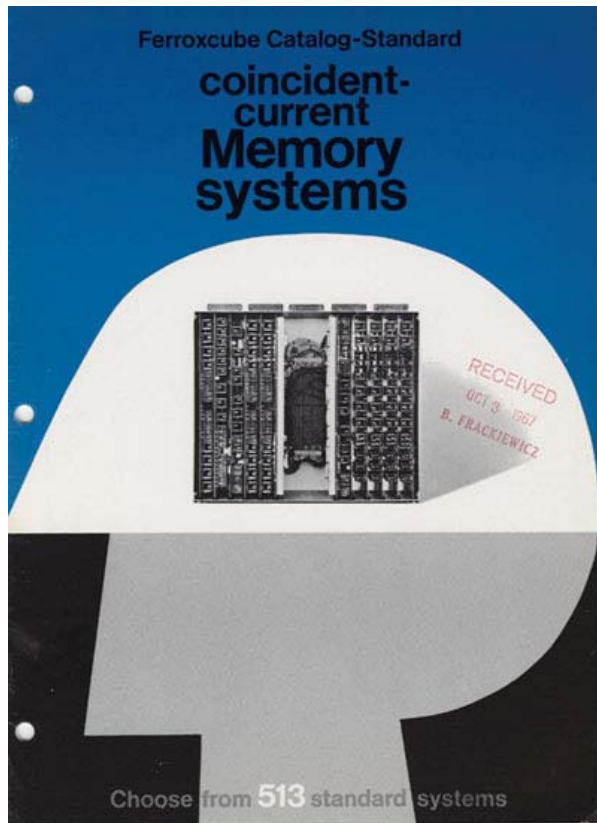# Guide to the Company Collection of Computing Manuals and Marketing Materials

Dates: 1930-2000, bulk 1960-1985
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Abstract

The Company Collection of Computing Manuals and Marketing Materials at the Computer History Museum is comprised of catalogs, correspondence, design drawings, manuals, program listings, promotional materials, specifications, technical notes and technical reports from a wide variety of computer-related companies and institutions. The Collection covers 1930 through 2000, encompassing 440 linear feet of materials.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions
The collection is open for research.

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Provenance
The provenance is unknown for the Company Collection of Computing Manuals and Marketing Materials. The material came from a variety of different sources most likely as documentation for physical objects that were added to the museum's collection. The collection thus began in the 1970s when The Computer Museum was founded in Massachusetts. At that time, Gwen Bell, the museum's first curator, arranged documents alphabetically by originating institution or company. This system of arrangement has been maintained.

When processing began in 2005, a found in collection lot number of X3067.2005 was assigned to the materials known as The Company Collection. The collection was processed by Computer History Museum staff, interns and volunteers from 2005 to 2007.

Repository
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Scope and Content Note

The scope of the Company Collection of Computing Manuals and Marketing Materials spans the rise of the information age in the twentieth century. This includes, among other areas, documents representing pre-computing technologies, mainframe computers, minicomputers, personal computers, computer input and output (I/O) devices, computer storage and memory

devices, software development, supercomputing and networking materials. The Collection covers 1,400 individual companies or institutions.

The Collection consists of over 10,000 documents including marketing brochures, manuals, design drawings, catalogs, program listings, promotional materials, specifications, technical notes and technical reports from 1930 to 2000. The bulk of the materials span the dates 1960 to 1985. The Collection is organized alphabetically by the name of the originating institution or company and then loosely by document creation date.

Some companies are represented by hundreds of documents while others may have only one document represented. Due to the large size of the collection, we have not included a listing of every folder in the collection but a list of the fifty-eight computer companies that have twenty-five or more documents represented. To search for a particular computer company or product, please use the Computer History Museum's online catalog at:
http://archive.computerhistory.org/search/.

International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) is the most represented company spanning 1936 to 2002 and encompassing over 1,700 documents and 75 linear feet of shelf space. The second most-represented materials relate to the producers of the UNIVAC line of computers (under the names Remington-Rand and Sperry Rand Corporation) and comprising over 440 documents spanning from 1940 through 1986. Control Data Corporation (CDC) and Cray Research, Inc. are also well represented in the collection.

Separated Material
Since the Computer History Museum is also the repository for the Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) corporate records, documents from DEC have not been processed as part of the Company Collection.

Index Terms
Analog computers.
Calculators.
Computers.
Computer Industry.
Computer input-output equipment.
Computer Software.
Computer Storage Devices.
Computer systems.
Electronic Data Processing.
Electronic Digital Computers.
Hybrid Computers.
Punched card systems.
Supercomputer Industry.
Tabulating Machines.
Teletypewriters.

Companies or Institutions with twenty-five or more documents

Aarhus, University of
Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)
Ampex Corporation
Apple Computer, Inc.
Atari, Inc.
Autonetics Division, North American Aviation
Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.
Bendix Corporation
Borland International
Burroughs Corporation
Computer Control Company
Computer Research Corporation
Control Data Corporation (CDC)
Convex Computer
Cray Research, Inc. (CRI)
Cromemco, Inc.
Data General Corporation (DG)
Electronic Associates, Inc. (EAI)
Electronic Memories, Inc.
Epson America, Inc.
Evans & Sutherland, Inc.
Ferranti Ltd.
General Electric Company (GE)
Harvard University
Heath
Hewlett-Packard Company (HP)
Illinois, University of (Urbana-Champaign)
Intel Corporation
Intergraph
International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)
Kendall Square Research Corporation (KSR)
Lockheed Electronics Company, Inc.
Micro Instrumentation Telemetry Systems (MITS)
Microsoft Corporation
Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc. Microprocessor Operations.
National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA). Ames Reseach Center.
National Cash Register Company (NCR)
National Semiconductor Corporation
NEC Corporation (Nippon Electric Company)
Osborne Computer Corporation
Packard Bell Electronics. Packard Bell Computer
Philco Corporation
Prime Computer, Inc. (PR1ME)
Processor Technology Corporation
Radio Corporation of America (RCA)
Rand Corporation
Raytheon Company
Remington Rand, Inc.

Royal McBee Corporation
Scientific Data Systems (SDS)
Silicon Graphics, Inc. (SGI)
Sperry Rand Corporation
Sun Microsystems
Tandem Computers, Inc.
Tektronix, Inc.
Texas Instruments Incorporated (TI)
Wang Laboratories, Inc.
Xerox Corporation