



The New York Public Library Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound

Guide to the

A.F.R. Lawrence collection of historical spoken word [sound recording]

1900-1970

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Summary

Creator: Lawrence, A. F. R.

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Date: 1900-1970

Size: ca; 3400 sound recordings

Abstract: The collection contains both commercial and noncommercial discs and tapes. The commercial recordings include the complete set of Nation's Forum discs, Benito Mussolini's personal copy, bound and numbered, of his recorded speeches, Victor long play discs from the early 1930's including Stokowski conducting the Philadelphia Orchestra in Schoenberg's Gurrelieder and Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, and the Sistine Chapel Choir recordings of the pre-electric era, at least eight or nine sides of which feature Alessandro Moreschi, last of the known castrati.

Conditions Governing Access:

Access to discs restricted.

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Creator History

A. F. R. Lawrence was an avid record collector and worked at Columbia Records.

Scope and Content Note

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Symphony, and the Sistine Chapel Choir recordings of the pre-electric era, at least eight or nine sides of which feature Alessandro Moreschi, last of the known castrati. The noncommercial items offer exhaustive coverage of politics and history of the U.S., Britain, France, Italy, and the Vatican -- with particular emphasis on World Wars I and II. The collection also includes Alexander Graham Bell in a re-enactment of the invention of the telephone, Alfred Lord Tennyson and Robert Browning reading their own works, William Ewart Gladstone in a phonogram to T. A. Edison, and Shakespeare excerpts recited by Sir Henry Irving, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Edwin Booth, and Ellen Terry. Constant Coquelin recites Cyrano excerpts, and Giacomo Puccini is heard on a radio broadcast. The collection contains recordings of speeches by political figures, including unissued Nation's Forum recordings.

Arrangement: I. Noncommercial recordings; II. Commercial recordings arranged alphabetically

Key Terms

Subjects

Speeches, addresses, etc., American
 Speeches, addresses, etc., English
 Speeches, addresses, etc., French
 Speeches, addresses, etc., German
 Speeches, addresses, etc., Italian
 Speeches, addresses, etc., Japanese
 Speeches, addresses, etc., Russian
 Speeches, addresses, etc., Spanish American

Names

Lawrence, A. F. R.
 Barnum, P. T. (Phineas Taylor), 1810-1891
 Barrymore, John, 1882-1942
 Baukhage, Gerd, 1911-1998
 Bell, Alexander Graham, 1847-1922
 Berliner, Emile, 1851-1929
 Bernhardt, Sarah, 1844-1923
 Booth, Edwin, 1833-1893
 Brice, Fanny
 Browning, Robert, 1812-1889
 Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925
 Carol II, King of Romania, 1893-1953
 Chaliapin, Fyodor Ivanovich, 1873-1938
 Charles I, Emperor of Austria, 1887-1922
 Clark, Champ
 Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933
 Coquelin, Constant, 1841-1909
 Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937
 Edison, Thomas A. (Thomas Alva), 1847-1931
 Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955
 Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939
 Gandhi, Mahatma, 1869-1948
 Gaulle, Charles de, 1890-1970
 George VI, King of Great Britain, 1895-1952
 Gladstone, W. E. (William Ewart), 1809-1898
 Goebbels, Joseph, 1897-1945
 Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923

Hirohito, Emperor of Japan, 1901-1989
Hitler, Adolf, 1889-1945
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964
Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972
Irving, Henry, Sir, 1838-1905
John XXIII, Pope, 1881-1963
Kipling, Rudyard, 1865-1936
Mussolini, Benito, 1883-1945
Nightingale, Florence, 1820-1910
Paul-Boncour, J. (Joseph), b. 1873
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948