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MSS 259 BARLOW Family Papers

1½ boxes. 15 folders. 422 items. 1927-1977. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Edward Barlow was born in Georgetown, Kentucky on 8 June 1910. His parents were Dr. Edward Calistis Barlow (1875-1958), an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, and Lily (Robertson) Barlow (1880-1954). He graduated from the University of Kentucky with an engineering degree. His particular interest was electrical engineering and he held various jobs in that field throughout his career. During World War II he worked for Western Electric in New Jersey as an inspector for radios that were to be installed in U.S. bombers. He had an avid interest in photography, often teaching classes and giving lectures and demonstrations. He also developed an early love for music, playing both the clarinet and the organ. All three Barlow family members were active in the Methodist Church. James Edward Barlow died in North Carolina on 27 September 2008 and is buried in the Georgetown Cemetery, as are his parents.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists primarily of letters written to James Edward Barlow from 1927 to 1977. During this time he lived and worked in Kentucky, New Jersey and North Carolina. The letters are from friends and family members inquiring about his career, his health, and his interests in photography, radio, and music. Some of the letters from his friends include comments on employment, drawings of circuitry, and details about experiments with new photographic techniques. The collection also includes his parents' correspondence. Those letters reveal daily lives that are chiefly devoted to their son's well-being and to family and church activities. Approximately 25 photographs taken by Barlow were transferred to the Kentucky Library. Only envelopes of display or historical value were kept with the letters.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 4	Barlow, J. Edward – Letters to	1927-1934	23 items
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Folder 8	Barlow, J. Edward – Letters to	1938	26 items
Folder 9	Barlow, J. Edward – Letters to	1939-1940	20 items
BOX 2	BARLOW Family Papers	1941-1977	179 items
Folder 1	Barlow, J. Edward – Letters to	1941	40 items
Folder 2	Barlow, J. Edward – Letters to	1942-1945	41 items
Folder 3	Barlow, J. Edward – Letters to	1946-47	52 items
Folder 4	Barlow, J. Edward – Letters to	1950-1977	24 items
Folder 5	Barlow, J. Edward – Letters to	n.d.	11 items
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BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Letters sent to James Edward Barlow, a Georgetown, Kentucky native who was employed in the electrical engineering field. The letters are generally from friends inquiring about his work, health, and interests in electronics and photography. Also includes correspondence of his parents, Edward Calistis Barlow and Lily (Robertson) Barlow of Georgetown, Kentucky.

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