



Archival Collection Finding Aid

TITLE: William Hubbard/Elgin Telephone Company Letters

ACCESSION NUMBER: 42.190.95

CREATOR: Hubbard, William

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1877-1881

QUANTITY: 0.25 cubic ft. (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

ABSTRACT: William Hubbard grew up in Elgin, Illinois, fascinated by telegraphy and telephone communications. His Elgin Telephone Co. operated in the late 1870s, with Hubbard receiving patents on some telephone equipment. He operated the Chicago Telephone Co. franchise for Elgin, from 1881-1888, until he left to develop the Elgin Telephone and Electric Supply Co. with some partners. Although Willard left the telephone business by the turn of the century, his private collection of telephone and telegraph equipment was exhibited at two World's Fairs.

The William Hubbard/Elgin Telephone Company Letters, 1877-1881, contains one bound volume of letters created using a letter copying press, which appear to relate to shipments and payments for the company.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open for research.

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