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Collection Summary

Title: E. H. Vestine Papers

Span Dates: 1932-1968

ID No.: MSS16501

Creator: Vestine, E. H. (Ernest Harry), 1906-1968

Extent: 3,900 items; 17 containers plus one oversize; 6.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Physicist. Correspondence, reports, writings, printed matter, and miscellaneous material focusing on Vestine's career as a physicist and his work on geomagnetics, seismology, and cosmic rays.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Vestine, E. H. (Ernest Harry), 1906-1968.

Organizations

Carnegie Institution of Washington.

International Scientific Radio Union.

National Research Council (U.S.). Committee for International Year of the Quiet Sun.

National Research Council (U.S.). Geophysics Research Board.

Rand Corporation.

World Magnetic Survey Board.

Subjects

Cosmic rays.

Electromagnetic fields.

Geomagnetism.

Geophysics--International cooperation.

International Geophysical Year, 1957-1958.

International Years of the Quiet Sun, 1964-1965.

Physics.

Science--International cooperation.

Scientists--Australia--Correspondence.

Scientists--England--Correspondence.

Scientists--Japan--Correspondence.

Scientists--Soviet Union--Correspondence.

Seismology.

Occupations

Physicists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of E. H. Vestine, physicist, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Mrs. E. H. Vestine, via the Rand Corp. in 1968-1969.

Processing History

The Vestine Papers were housed and listed circa 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Other Repositories

Other papers of E. H. Vestine are held by the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of E. H. Vestine is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of E. H. Vestine are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, E. H. Vestine Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1906, May 9	Born, Minneapolis, Minn.
1908	Moved to Alberta, Canada
1931	B.A., University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
1932	Joined Canadian Meteorological Office, Toronto, Canada Led expedition to Meanook in northern Alberta to establish a magnetic observatory
1937	Doctorate in mathematics, University of London, London, England
1938	Assistant, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C.
1946	Appointed head, Section on Theoretical Geophysics, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C.
1957	Joined Rand Corp.; performed work relating to International Geophysical Year
1964-1968	President, Geomagnetism Section, American Geophysical Union
1968, July 18	Died, Santa Monica, Calif.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ernest Harry Vestine (1906-1968) span the years 1932-1968 and consist of correspondence, reports, writings, printed matter, and miscellaneous material focusing on Vestine's career as a physicist and his work on geomagnetics, seismology, and cosmic rays with the Carnegie Institution of Washington and the Rand Corporation. Much of the correspondence is international, including with scientists from the Soviet Union, England, Japan, and Australia on technical or organizational subjects. The collection contains meeting material, reports and writings relating to organizations and committees such as the World Magnetic Survey Board, the International Scientific Radio Union, the National Research Council (U.S.) Geophysics Research Board, and the National Research Council (U.S.) Committee for International Year of the Quiet Sun. A focus is on the International Years of the Quiet Sun, 1964-1965, and the International Geophysical Year, 1957-1958.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection includes an addition and oversize material and is organized by name of organization or type of material.

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