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140 Phonographs
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240 35.73 cubic feet
241 51 Phonograph Clamshell-3.25, 7 Phonograph Clamshell-3, 1-2 drawer 3 x 5 card index, 2 cardboard boxes with blank presto disks, 1@CD/DVD box, 1 CD Box-7
261 In 1944 the Public Archives Commission began accessioning sound recordings of significant events in the State. The value of these recordings as a source of archival materials was brought to the attention of the administration and made possible by Mr. J. Gorman Walsh, Director, Radio Station WDEL, Wilmington. Recordings were received from Mr. Walsh, his colleague, Mr. Harvey Smith and later, from William Frank, WILM, the National Archives, and many others.
270 The phonograph collection contains 1217 10, 12 and 16 inch, 78 and 33 rpm. sound recordings of things like Emily Bissell's 1944 Christmas Seal message; 1945 Inaugural address of Hon. Walter W. Bacon, Governor of Delaware; Sgt. James M. Turner's speeches, aid for the 6th War Loan Drive, while home on furlough; Speeches of R.R.M. Carpenter and Admiral William Halsey, in connection with the 1945 War Fund Rally of the Delaware Chapter American Red Cross; Speech of US Senator James M. Tunnell broadcast over Station WDEL, Mar. 16, 1945; Reminiscences of early education in Delaware by Dr. H. V. Holloway, State Superintendent for Public Instruction, and an open reel recording "Voices of Presidents". More recent CD recordings include: On One Accord, "singing and Praying Bands of Tidewater Maryland and Delaware, the Delaware Continentals Monument Dedication and Buzz Carlton's "Freedom of Speech".
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310 These recordings have been digitized to wave files. All are stored on the digital archives server. Discs 0001 through 0039 are also on CD-R.
329 WORK STATUS ARCHIVIST:
___ needs sorting ___ review for identification/
___ needs unfolding ___ further determination
___ needs foldering/reboxing ___ processing
___ other: _____ ___ determine origin/purpose
___ other: _____
CONDITION: FILM:
___ totally disorganized ___ for security
___ order not apparent ___ destroy original
___ origin questionable ___ other:
___ other: _____

330 Arranged by item number
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360 Condition ranges from very poor to good. About 10 records were not digitized due to extremely poor condition, and 4 aluminum records were not digitized due to lack of proper playback equipment.
390 Access database complete and incomplete card file index.
420 For Accession information see Annual Reports and Accessions Lists, beginning in 1944.
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970 Phonograph records
971 Compact disc (CD-R)
972 wave files on the Archives server
990 October 23, 1997
995 March 15, 2016, June 18, 2018

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