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**Inventory of the Nathan S.
Addlestone Papers, circa 1910-2009**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Nathan S. Addlestone papers
Date(s)	circa 1910-2009
Creator:	Addlestone, Nathan S.
Abstract:	Scrapbooks, yearbooks, clippings, programs, newsletters, and reports pertaining to Nathan Addlestone, a Charleston businessman who founded several scrap metal businesses, including Steelmet, Incorporated and Addlestone International Corporation. He was also very active in philanthropy, particularly pertaining to education.
Extent:	1.5 linear feet (1 document box, 1 flat box, 1 oversize box, 2 audiocassettes)
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Call Number:	Mss 1127
Language of Material:	Materials in English

Biographical Note

Nathan Addlestone (1913-2001) was born to Rachel and Abraham Addlestone in Charleston, South Carolina. Though Nathan was registered to begin college at the University of South Carolina in 1931, due to difficulties caused by the Great Depression, he was forced to forgo college to help with the family's scrap metal business. He went on to establish several of his own highly successful scrap metal businesses, including Steelmet, Incorporated and Addlestone International Corporation. Nathan also served on the Foreign Trade Committee for the Institute of Scrap, Iron, and Steel and the Trident Technical College Area Commission.

In 1937, Nathan married Ruth Axelrod and the couple had two children, Carol and Susan. After 42 years of marriage, Nathan and Ruth were divorced, and in 1982 Nathan married Marlene Alfred Kronsberg.

Throughout his life, Nathan was known for his support of education. He gave significant gifts to Addlestone Hebrew Academy, Trident Technical College, and the College of Charleston, among other Charleston institutions. At the College of Charleston, he established an endowment for Lowcountry Art and Culture and, with his wife Marlene, donated 1.5 million dollars towards the College's new library, completed in 2005. To honor their generous support, the College named the building the Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library.

Collection Overview

The collection consists of materials documenting the professional career and philanthropy of Nathan Addlestone, including scrapbooks containing clippings, correspondence and photographs relating to his business, as well as programs, newsletters, and reports on his philanthropic activities, particularly in the area of education. The collection also contains his high school yearbook, yearbooks of Trident Technical College, and an audio tape of Addlestone reminiscing with his long-time friend Nate Muskin.

Collection Arrangement

1. Scrapbooks, circa 1910- 2001, undated
2. Yearbooks, 1931, 1977-1978
3. Philanthropy files, 1989-2000, undated
4. Audiovisual materials, 1997, 2009
5. Other, 1970-2009, undated

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include an oral history with Nathan Addlestone (Mss 1035-057).

Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

Names

Addlestone, Nathan S., 1913-2001
Addlestone International Corporation
Steelmet, Inc.

Subjects

Educational benefactors--South Carolina
Philanthropists--South Carolina--Charleston
Scrap metal industry--United States
Jewish businesspeople--South Carolina--Charleston
Jews--South Carolina--Charleston

Types of Material

- Scrapbooks
- Yearbooks
- Correspondence
- Black-and-white photographs
- Color photographs
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Programs (documents)
- Audiocassettes
- Files (document groupings)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisitions Information

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Scrapbooks, circa 1910- 2001, undated

Box 1

"Nathan Sidney Addlestone, Highlights of 80 Years," 1945-1988, undated

Contains clippings on the activities of Addlestone's various scrap metal businesses, including Steelmet, Incorporated and Addlestone International Corporation, as well as the companies' acquisitions and building expansions. Also includes reports on Addlestone's elections to various committees and boards and his work as chairman of the Trident Technical College Area Commission.

Box 2

"Nathan S. Addlestone Jan. 6 1913- April 11, 2001," circa 1910-1988

Contains clippings on the growth and activities of Addlestone's various scrap metal companies, as well as photographs of Nathan, his family, and his businesses. Photographs feature Addlestone's parents; Nathan and his first wife, Ruth; Nathan with his two brothers, Hyman and Jack; Nathan and his daughter Carol; scrap metal workers; processing plants; and Nathan with business associates. Also includes advertisements for Addlestone & Co. and Sumter Iron & Metal Co., as well as materials from the opening of Steelmet's Tokyo branch and the founding of Addlestone International Corporation.

Box 2

"Nathan S. Addlestone," 1989 -2001

Contains correspondence regarding Addlestone's honorary doctorate degree from the College of Charleston, photographs of Nathan receiving his honorary degree, a Freemasons' fifty-year certificate, correspondence from his grandsons, awards and certificates, and clippings pertaining to the Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library at the College of Charleston. Also includes commemorative articles in response to Addlestone's death in 2001, eulogies by family and friends, and condolences offered to Marlene.

2. Yearbooks, 1931, 1977-1978

Box 3 Folder 1

Hi-Ways Yearbook, 1931

Yearbook of Sumter High School's senior class, featuring Nathan Addlestone.

Box 3 Folder 2

Trident Technical College Retrospect, 1977

Yearbook from the period when Nathan Addlestone served on the board of the Trident Technical College Area Commission.

Box 3 Folder 3

Trident Technical College Retrospect, 1978

Yearbook from the period when Nathan Addlestone served on the board of the Trident Technical College Area Commission.

3. Philanthropy files, 1989-2000, undated

Box 3 Folder 4

Addlestone Program in Lowcountry Art, Culture, and History - five year report, 1989-1994

A packet of information on the courses, lectures, internships, and faculty of the Addlestone Program in Lowcountry Art, Culture, and History, established and funded by Nathan Addlestone.

Box 3 Folder 5 Course materials on an Addlestone Seminar in Lowcountry Art, Culture, and History, 1993

Materials for a Maymester course titled "Eighteenth-Century Charleston," offered as part of the Addlestone Program in Lowcountry Art, Culture, and History, established and funded by Nathan Addlestone.

Box 3 Folder 6 *Gems in a Crown: The People and Places of the College of Charleston*, University of Charleston, South Carolina, by Harry M. Lightsey Jr., 1993

Draft typescript of a book on the history of the College of Charleston. Publishing was funded by Marlene and Nathan Addlestone.

Box 3 Folder 7 Miscellaneous, 1970-2000, undated

Pamphlets, programs, and newsletters documenting donations from Marlene and Nathan Addlestone to Addlestone Hebrew Academy, the Jewish Community Center of Charleston, the College of Charleston, and the Medical University of South Carolina's Storm Eye Institute.

4. Audiovisual materials, 1997, 2009

(JHC Audiocassettes Box 2 | 2 Audiocassette Tape)

Audiocassette 1127-A01 Nate Muskin and Nathan Addlestone audio recording, 1997

Friends Nate Muskin and Nathan Addlestone discuss how they met, their friendship, and their careers in the scrap metal industry.

Audiocassette 1127-A02 Nate Muskin and Nathan Addlestone audio recording, 1997

Friends Nate Muskin and Nathan Addlestone discuss how they met, their friendship, and their careers in the scrap metal industry.

Box 3 Folder 8 Nathan Muskin and Nathan Addlestone audio recording transcript, 2009

5. Other, 1970-2009, undated

Box 3 Folder 9 Photographs, 1970-1989, undated

Photographs of Nathan Addlestone at the opening of the Addlestone Memorial Hall at Charleston's Jewish Community Center, receiving his honorary degree from the College of Charleston, and at the Georgetown Steel Corporation plant during its second scrap conference in 1979.

Box 1 Georgetown Steel Corporation materials, 1979, 1981

Matted letter appointing Nathan Addlestone as the vice president of the Georgetown Steel Corporation and the company's newsletter, *On Tap*, reporting on a scrap convention held at the plant.