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Biographical Note

Clark Mollenhoff was the Pulitzer prize-winning journalist who wrote Atanasoff: Forgotten Father of the Computer (Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1988). In his book he documents the Honeywell v. Sperry Rand, in which the court ruled in favor of Honeywell's argument that Atanasoff was the inventor of the first electronic digital computer. Mollenhoff was a professor of Journalism at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

Clark Mollenhoff was also a distinguished investigative reporter and legal consultant. A graduate of Drake University Law School, Mollenhoff won the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting while working for the Des Moines Register as an investigative reporter and Washington Correspondent, positions he held for more than 35 years. As Washington bureau chief in 1973, he became involved with the Atanasoff story. Mr. Mollenhoff received more than 25 major awards in 45 years as an investigative reporter, author, and lecturer on fraud and corruption in government and other American institutions. He was the author of 10 other books in his field.

Scope Note

This collection contains Clark Mollenhoff's subject files on John Vincent Atanasoff and the J. V. Atanasoff Trial; ca. 1970's-90. Atanasoff developed a prototype of the Atanasoff Berry Computer (ABC) at Iowa State University in 1939, though a final version was never completed.

Materials in this collection include correspondence, depositions, photographs, publications, and videocassette tapes.

Acquisition:

Boxes 1-3 received October 27, 1994 (Accession # 94-0187) from Jacquelin Mollenhoff Montgomery, 7007 Falconbridge Road, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. Box 4 received January 15, 1997 (Accession # 97-0003) from Jacquelin Mollenhoff Montgomery. Boxes 5-8 received September 1988 from Clark Mollenhoff.

Box/File		Date
1/1	Atanasoff - "Advent of Electronic Digital Computing"	1983
1/2	Honor's for J. V. Atanasoff	1988

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1/3 Henry L. Hanson	1967
1/4 Correspondence: RE: Book	1986-90
1/5 "Of the History of Computing" by B. Randell	1979
1/6 James Buck's statement on his friendship with Clifford Berry	1986
1/7 Correspondence w/Alice Atanasoff	1987-90
1/8 Bulgarian Correspondence	1970
1/9 <u>Honor Delayed</u> , Acknowledgements	1987
1/10 "Still More on First Computer" by A. R. Mackintosh	1984
1/11 JVA Chapter 22 - Iowa	1987
1/12 JVA Honorary Degrees Awarded	1984-87
1/13 "Court: Computer Iowan's Idea", DM Register	1974
1/14 Chapter 17 - JVA Witness	n.d.
1/15 Appendix - Letters 1941	n.d.
1/16 Judge Larson Decision RE: J. V. Atanasoff	1983
1/17 Atanasoff on Mauchly's Testimony	1986
1/18 2 Audio Cassettes of Atanasoff Interview at Atanasoff Maryland Farm	1986
1/19 <u>Campus Computer Calamity</u> - Honeywell and Henry Hanson	1986
1/20 Correspondence w/ J. V. Atanasoff	1986-90
1/21 "The First Electronic Computer" by Allan R. Mackintosh; advance copy of article to be published in <u>Physics Today</u> , March 1987`	1987
1/22 R. K. Richards - Correspondence w/ Jean Berry & Atanasoff	1963,66

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1/23 "The ENIAC: First General-Purpose Electronic Computer" by Arthur and Alice Burks; <u>Annals of the History of Computing</u> , Oct. 1981	1981
1/24 3,120,606 Claim 100 (ENIAC)	1986
1/25 Inserts - Chapter 22: A,B,C,D	1987
1/26 Changes in Chapters 7,8,9,10,11, and 12; Appendix C	n.d.
1/27 Reference Chronology for John Vincent Atanasoff	n.d.
1/28 Dr. John Vincent Atanasoff Court Record	1968-71
1/29 Atanasoff Trial Depositions v. 11 and 12	1971
1/30 Atanasoff Trial Depositions v. 13 and 14	1971
1/31 Atanasoff Trial Deposition V. 15	1971
1/32 Atanasoff Trial Deposition V. 16 and V. 17	1971
1/33 Atanasoff Trial Deposition V. 18 and V. 19	1971
2/1 Hall of Fame nominative paper	1983
2/2 JVA University of Florida	n.d.,1974, 83,85
2/3 Background Notes for book	n.d.
2/4 JVA Governor's Science Medal (Iowa)	1985
2/5 ISU "JVA and the ABC" Celebration	1983
2/6 Medal of Science and Medal of Technology	1990
2/7 Negatives and Photographs of JVA and Clark Mollenhoff	1986,88
2/8 American Ingenuity Award (Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry)	1986

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2/9 Correspondence	1987-90
2/10 "The Origins of Modern Computing" by Saul Rosen. <u>Computing Reviews</u> , V.31,No.9; September 1990	1990
2/11 Judge Larson Decision	n.d.
2/12 Babbage Institute	1987
2/13 Patent Lawyers - Allen Kirkpatrick & Kevin Joyce	1986
2/14 "Advent of Electronic Digital Computing" by J.V. Atanasoff. <u>Annals of the History of Computing</u> , V.6,No.3; July 1984	1984
2/15 "The Eniac: First General-Purpose Electronic Computer" by Arthur & Alice Burks. <u>Annals of the History of Computing</u> , V.3,No.4; Oct. 1981	1981
2/16 Judge Larson - Atanasoff Opinion	n.d.
2/17 Atanasoff Manuscript: "Advent of Electronic Digital Computing"	1983
2/18 Correspondence: Knebel - JVA - Conception Day	1989
2/19 Response of Clark R. Mollenhoff to Saul Rosen article for <u>Computer Reviews</u>	n.d.
2/20 Mollenhoff, Clark, "Working With Dr. Atanasoff, the Creative Genius Whose Mind Gave Us One of the Century's Greatest Inventions". Iowa State University Alumni Magazine, n.d.	n.d.
2/21 ISU Atanasoff Events,	1983,86,88
2/22 Moreau, Dan, "Change Agents". <u>Changing Times</u> , August 1990.	1980
2/23 Campbell, Jo, "The "Forgotten Father of the Computer". <u>Computer Digest</u> , October 1990	1990
2/24 <u>A History of Computing Technology</u> by Michael R. Williams {Highlighted Photocopies}	n.d.

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2/25 Biographical Data for John w. Mauchly	n.d.
2/26 Correspondence w/Jean Berry	1987
2/27 Atanasoff -Medal of Freedom Support	1988
2/28 Correspondence w/Cecil Johnson	1982,84,87
2/29 Herbert Hoover Library Archives	1986
2/30 Correspondence	1986-90
2/31 Book Review	1989
2/32 Selected list of readings used for research on J.V. Atanasoff biog.	n.d.
2/33 Mock up of <u>Atanasoff Forgotten Father of the Computer</u> : Preface Chapters 2,3,5,6,10	n.d.
2/34 Mollenhoff's Analysis of <u>Bit by Bit</u> by Stan Augarten	1989
2/35 Background Materials	1966,89
2/36 Research Note Cards	n.d.
3/1 Newsclippings	n.d,1988
3/2 Correspondence: Atanasoff Book	1984,86,87
3/3 Correspondence: Cosmos Club	1990
3/4 Charles Call Biographical Information	1986
3/5 Correspondence	1986,87
3/6 JVA Encyclopedias	1990
3/7 Clark Mollenhoff's Diary	1986
3/8 Burks	1989

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3/9 <u>Ballard To JVA - Inventor of the first Electronic Computer</u>	1989
3/10 Correspondence with Grace Berry	1988
3/11 Correspondence, Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award	1989
3/12 Senate Report No. 93-981	1973
3/13 JVA Smithsonian Exhibit on 1st Computer	1988-89
3/14 Loevinger and Larson; <u>Cosmos Club Bulletin</u>	1988-89
3/15 JVA - Nancy Chatt at Arronson	1990
3/16 Correspondence with Dwight Miller Herbert Hoover Library	1989
3/17 Correspondence Re: Smithsonian Exhibit	1989
3/18 Atanasoff - Pictures at Iowa State	1986
3/19 Correspondence with Charles G. Call	1989
3/20 Correspondence with Oldehoeft	1989
3/21 Correspondence with Yates about ISU Library	1988
3/22 World and I: <u>Forgotten Father of the Computer</u>	1989
3/23 Smithsonian Text	n.d.
3/24 Correspondence: Memo to ISU of JVA Exhibit	1990
3/25 Correspondence with Bruce Mckee	1990
3/26 <u>The National Inventors Hall of Fame</u>	1989
3/27 Correspondence with Richard Kinney about ISU Press - Japanese Translation	1988
3/28 Speech at Fisher Theater; Correspondence with David Lendt	1988,89

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3/29 Correspondence with John A.N. Lee	1990
3/30 Clark Mollenhoff Book Review	1988
3/31 Correspondence with Al Pipkin at Coors	1990
3/32 Correspondence with Dave Allison and Roger Kennedy, and Smithsonian Letters	1989
3/33 Congressional Records	1989
3/34 Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Annual Meeting	1990
3/35 Correspondence: Encyclopedia of Britannica INC.	1990
3/36 Al McIntosh - Aug. 1988 - Scientific American	1988
3/37 Reply to Rosen; Augarten Analysis	1984,90
3/38 <u>How the Computer Revolution Began 50 Years Ago</u> by William R. Turner and Correspondence	1988
3/39 Resource Management - <u>Hall of Fame</u>	1989
3/40 Annals of History of Computing	1989
3/41 <u>First Amendment Perspective</u> by C.M. and Messages	n.d.
3/42 Correspondence with Richard Kinney	1986
3/43 Articles in the Cedar Rapids Gazette and The Messenger	1990
3/44 Berry Pictures	n.d.
3/45 Atanasoff Pictures	n.d.
3/46 Photographs - Mollenhoff Book	n.d.
3/47 Negatives, Correspondence, <u>Physics Today</u>	1987,88

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3/48 <u>Atanasoff, Forgotten Father of the Computer</u> and Afterword by A.R. Mackintosh	1988
3/49 <u>Atanasoff, Forgotten Father of the Computer</u> figure legends	1987
3/50 Fax from Alice: Pres. Medal of Tech.	1990
3/51 <u>Atanasoff, Forgotten Father of the Computer</u> pamphlet, Des Moines Register Notes	1990
3/52 Letter to JVA from Jack Rochester	1990
3/53 Deposition of A.J. Etienne at Kingston, N.Y., Honeywell Corp.	1969
3/54 Correspondence with Dean Elrod	1989
3/55 Messenger - review of JVA Book	1988
3/56 Mollenhoff speaks about new book, Nomination for the President's National Medal of Science	1988
3/57 Cover - Messenger Entertainment	1988
3/58 Deposition of Ithael Coleman and Percy Hamilton Carr	1969
3/59 Atanasoff Book Pictures and Others	n.d.

Box 4:

Received January 15, 1997 (Accession # 97-0003) from Jacquelin Mollenhoff Montgomery, 7007 Falconbridge Road, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514. This box contains 2 scrapbooks and chapter proofs for Mollenhoff's book about John Vincent Atanasoff.

Box 5:

Miscellaneous Articles, Galleys and Rough Chapters for JVA Book, ca.1980's.

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Box 6:

JVA Testimony June 1971, Honeywell Computerized Trial Brief.

Box 7: Miscellaneous Publications and Documents, ca.1970's-80's, Correspondence with J. V. Atanasoff, Grace Berry, and Jean Berry.

Box 8:

Testimony Dr. Mauchly; Trial Transcripts, Nov. 1971; Deposition Information; Charles Call Memos.