



Archival Collection Finding Aid

TITLE: William A. (Radio Jake) Jacoby Scrapbook Collection

ACCESSION NUMBER: 85.161

CREATOR: Jacoby, William A., 1895-

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1918-1938

QUANTITY: 1 cubic ft. (5 boxes containing 9 scrapbooks)

LANGUAGE: English

ABSTRACT: Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, William Albert Jacoby, Jr., or “Radio Jake”, was known during the 1930s for his work as a radio engineer and personality resolving radio interference issues around the Midwest. Jacoby worked in several cities including Indianapolis, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and in Detroit for the Detroit News and WWJ Radio. In addition to his engineering work Jacoby organized a number of “Give A Radio” campaigns which collected and donated radios to shut-ins and disaster relief efforts. The nine scrapbooks contain clippings, photographs, scripts, and correspondence describing Jacoby’s career in radio and later as a publicist. Also included is a small amount of material from Jacoby’s time in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWI, where he was wounded in 1918 and later discharged.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open for research.

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