

Eugene Jules Houdry Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Eugene Jules Houdry Papers

Span Dates: 1931-1980

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1948-1959)

ID No.: MSS26542

Creator: Houdry, Eugene Jules, 1892-1962

Extent: 36 items; 1 container; 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and French.

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

Abstract: French-American chemist, chemical engineer, and inventor. Notes containing blueprints, mathematical calculations, formulas, and charts, and including remarks and papers relating to air pollution, petroleum chemistry, and public health.

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

Houdry, Eugene Jules, 1892-1962.

Subjects

Air--Pollution.

Petroleum industry and trade.

Public health.

Science--History--20th century.

Occupations

Chemical engineers.

Chemists.

Inventors.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Eugene Jules Houdry, French-American chemist, chemical engineer, and inventor, were given to the Library of Congress by Martha E. Ross in 1965 and by Jeffery K. Stine in 1981.

Processing History

The papers of Eugene Jules Houdry were arranged and described circa 1965. The collection was expanded in 1984. The collection and finding aid were revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Eugene Jules Houdry is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Eugene Jules Houdry 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, Eugene Jules Houdry Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1892, Apr. 18	Born, Dormont, France
1911	Graduated in mechanical engineering, Ecole des Arts et Métiers, Paris, France
1922	Married Genevieve Marie Quilleret
1930	Came to United States Refined his process for the conversion of crude oil products to high-quality gasoline
1937	First Houdry unit built at oil refinery of Sun Oil, Marcus Hook, Pa.
1942	Became citizen of the United States
1962	Received patent for catalytic converter for automobile exhaust systems
1962, July 18	Died, Upper Darby, Pa.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Eugene Jules Houdry (1892-1962) span the years 1931-1980, with the bulk of the material dating from 1948-1959. The papers are in English and French. A large portion of the papers consists of Houdry's notes on the topics of catalysts and catalytic cracking in the petroleum industry. Included also in the collection are remarks and papers concerning air pollution, petroleum chemistry, and public health. The correspondence was written between Houdry's sons, Jacques H. and Pierre D. Houdry, and Jeffrey K. Stine.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material and therein chronologically or alphabetically.

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BOX 1	"Suggestions for Study of Possible Use of Hydrosilicates as Cracking Catalysts," undated
BOX 1	Remarks and papers
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