

GUIDE TO THE RICHARD LANDSMAN COLLECTION

Collection Abstract: Miscellaneous items (ca. 1892-1930) pertaining to the history of Port Washington, New York, and including Fire Department Records, photographs, greeting cards, postcards and correspondence.

Collection Title: Richard Landsman Collection

Inclusive dates: ca. 1892-1930

Size: 2 boxes

Source: Gift of Richard Landsman, 1992 (additional image donated 2022, Edison record box donated 2025)

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INTRODUCTION:

Mr. Landsman bought his home at 8 Bayview Ave. (Port Washington) in 1988. The house was built in 1863. The items in this collection were found in a third ceiling above one of the bedrooms during renovation and beneath the living room floorboards.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection contains a Fire Department Record Book which was probably kept by Henry Birkel, who lived at 8 Bayview Ave. from 1906-1914, and belonged to Protection Engine Company. Miscellaneous items include cards sent to the McLaughlin (MacLaughlin) family, a tintype of a young woman and a portrait of a young boy (both unidentified), a negative and photographic print of an unidentified infant in the house's backyard, a Valentine's Day greeting, and an Edison Gold Moulded Record Cylinder Case, circa 1903.

ORGANIZATON:

The collection is arranged into two series:

Series I: Fire Department Record Book, Protection Engine Company, Port Washington, NY [1891-1897] (1 volume)

Records "Collection of Fines and Dues", "State of Finances", "Roll Call", "List of Expelled Members", "List of Resinged [sic] Members", "Honary [sic] Members", "Furniture and Equipments of Co.", "Caps, Badges & Belts"

Series II: Miscellaneous Items [1935-1936 and undated] (2 folders)

Items include cards sent to the McLaughlin (MacLaughlin) family, a tintype of a woman and a portrait of a young boy (both unidentified), a negative and accompanying photographic print of an unidentified infant in the house's backyard, and supporting documents describing the history of the Edison Gold Moulded Record Cylinder Case.

BOX LIST:

Box 1

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Content</u>
1	Fire Department Record Book, Protection Engine Company (Port Washington)
2	Miscellaneous Items (6 items) Portrait of young boy by A. W. Moody, Bristol, NH (unidentified) Tintype of a dark-haired woman (unidentified) Negative and photographic print of an infant (unidentified) Valentine greeting on a paper doily “Dear Doctor” letter, from a nurse seeking employment (unsigned) Postcard, March 20, 1936 to Jessie Mc Laughlin Christmas card to the George MacLaughlin family from W.H. McLaughlin of the Belfast Bank
3	Supporting documents describing the history of the Edison Gold Moulded Record Cylinder Case

Box 2

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Content</u>
N/A	Edison Gold Moulded Record Cylinder Case