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The Porticus Centre Acquires Collection of Historical Phone Related Documents

PHOENIX -- The Porticus Centre announced today that an agreement has been reached to acquire the entirety of the collection of phone company related printed literature from Donald K. Melvin. A former employee of both Automatic Electric and Intel, as well as having his own telecommunications consulting firm, Donald K. Melvin & Associates, Mr. Melvin also had numerous U.S. patents issued through his career.

"Mr. Melvin indicated that he was needing to find a secure and useful home for his many Bell System, Automatic Electric, General Telephone (GTE) and other miscellaneous historical phone company documents, some of which date back to the 1880's. DeWitt Hoopes President, CEO & CTO of Beatrice Companies, Inc. said. Mr. Hoopes went on to say, "Mr. Melvin is a delightful person and it is truly an honour to have met him, and was well worth the journey to spend time to get to know this person who helped contribute to the advancements in telecommunications innovations that we sometimes take for granted."

Among some of the many items that are now integrated into our archives are more than five hundred original Bell Laboratories Technical Journals, which date back to the 1930's through the early 1980's, when AT&T no longer published them for the public. Our goal is to eventually scan and digitize these materials, and add them to the Porticus web site.

About The Porticus Centre

The Porticus Centre, a business unit of Beatrice Technologies, Inc. (www.porticus.org) is an on-line historical business archival system that enables businesses, universities, libraries, and museums, to store, retrieve, and feature, through secure or open network connections, their historical documentation.