

GUIDE TO THE RECORDS OF TELIcommunity

Collection Abstract: The records of TELIcommunity, a not for profit organization created to provide community access television for Long Island, NY, include correspondence, minutes, printed matter, and clippings documenting the history of the organization.

Collection Title: THE TELIcommunity Records

Inclusive Dates: ca. 1980-1983

Size: 1 Box (.25 l.f.)

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TELcommunity

INTRODUCTION:

TELcommunity was begun in 1980 as a not-for-profit organization to provide community access television for Long Island. To gain community support, TELcommunity created a steering committee of 26 community leaders including educators, librarians, religious leaders and representatives from local government. Edward de Sciora, a former director of the Port Washington Public Library, served as the President of the Board of Directors beginning in 1980.

TELcommunity worked to promote the availability of the network to local groups, and to assist them in their production efforts by providing technical facilities and expertise at low cost. Originally funded by Cablevision, the organization failed to find additional sources of support. Although TELcommunity did produce over 70 programs in cooperation with individuals and community organizations, they were forced to close in 1982 due to a lack of funding.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

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BOX LIST:

BOX 1

Folder	Contents
1	Board of Directors Minutes & Steering Committee Minutes, 1980-1981
2	Clippings, 1980-1982
3	Committees, 1980
4	Correspondence, 1980-1981
5	Internship Program, c. 1981
6	Projected budget, 1982
7	Promotional and Information packet, 1980-1981
8	Report – “Public Access & TELcommunity”
9	Report – “Highlights”, ca. 1981; “TELcommunity: Conditions & Theories of Its Failure”, 1983