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**CAPEHART CORPORATION
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1929**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1929

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Homer Earl Capehart Autograph, SC 2584; Homer E. Capehart Papers, M 0817, CT 1516–1525, OM 0413

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Capehart Corporation, also known as Capehart Automatic Phonograph Co., was founded in 1927 by Homer Earl Capehart (1897–1979) in Huntington, Indiana. Capehart was an entrepreneur who set out to create the Orchestrope, a coin-operated jukebox that could hold fifty-six records as well as play both sides of a record. Capehart found success with the Orchestrope which sold primarily to bars and roadhouses. In 1929, production was moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In 1931, the Capehart Deluxe Automatic Home Phonograph was released in an effort to broaden their market and stay afloat during the Depression. Despite their efforts to branch out, the Depression took its toll on the company, and it went into bankruptcy in 1939. The company was divided and sold to other firms including RCA and Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation.

Homer Capehart went on to have a career in politics, and was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1944, 1950, and 1956.

Sources:

"History of the Manufacturer – Capehart Corp." Radio Museum. Accessed July 10, 2018. https://www.radiomuseum.org/dsp_hersteller_detail.cfm?company_id=2118.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains black and white photographs, ca. 1929 removed from a photo album. The photographs show products made by the Capehart Corporation. Many of the images contain product information.

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Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Capehart Office and Factory Drawing; Capehart Office Interior; Capehart Model 21; Capehart Model 400 "Chippendale"; Capehart Model 402 "Adam"

Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Capehart Model 16–E; School Model 193; Capehart Model 34; Capehart Model 33

Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Positive Review from Hotels of the Orchestrope; El Tejon Hotel–Woman; El Tejon Hotel Interior; El Tejon Hotel Exterior; Shirkmere Hotel Interior Showing Orchestrope; Shirkmere Hotel Exterior; Hotel Pere Marquette Exterior; Hotel Pere Marquette Interior Showing Orchestrope

Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Benjamin Franklin Hotel Exterior; Benjamin Franklin Hotel Interior Showing Orchestrope; Palmerin Hotel Exterior; Palmerin Hotel Interior Showing Orchestrope; Rogers Hotel Exterior; Rogers Hotel Interior Showing Orchestrope; Belmont Hotel Exterior; Belmont Hotel Interior Showing Orchestrope

Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Casa del Rey Hotel Exterior; Casa del Rey Interior Showing Orchestrope; Hotel Langwell Interior Showing Orchestrope; Positive Reviews from Hotels of the Orchestrope

Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Capehart Corp. Factory View; Capehart Model 1; Capehart Model 2–2 1/2; Capehart Model 4; Capehart Junior Model 5

Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Capehart 10–12–C Record Changer; Chassis Model 18–H; Commercial Model 10 & 11; Capehart Model 50; Speaker Model 500; Speaker Model 600; "A Typical Control Room"

Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Capehart Sound Amplifier Type M.I.O; Model 65; Speaker Model 300; Speaker Model 325; Speaker Model 350; Speaker Model 375

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Box 1, Folder 8

Capehart Photo Album, ca. 1929: Front and back covers

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