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## A Guide to the Montfort Paige: Ridgefield Athletic Club and NY Telephone Collection

### Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Montfort Paige: Ridgefield Athletic Club and NY Telephone Collection

**Call Number:**

**Creator:** Unknown

**Inclusive Dates:** 1916-1951

**Bulk Dates:** 1939

**Abstract:**

**Quantity:**

### Administrative Information

**Custodial History:** Gift of Sandra Sorell

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**Persons**

Paige, Montfort (1892-1974)  
Anderson, Jack  
Blossom, Peter H.  
Cahill, J. E.  
Carlson, A. C.  
Coyle, John W.  
Davison, William  
Emerson, W. C.  
English, Stewart  
Hadley, Theodore R.  
Hartshorn, 'Wake'  
Hemmer, G. A.  
Hoffsis, Harvey  
Hunt, Mrs. Toni  
Joyce, Kathleen  
Keating, Roy  
Kusserow, Burt  
Leonard, Bill  
McCarthy, Jim  
MacCracken, Cal  
Manning, C. R.  
Palmer, Howard W.  
Percival, Don  
Perle, Alex  
Potter, F. C. R.  
Richardson, W.A.  
Snyder, Carl  
Sutherland, Bill  
Turnbull, W. A.  
Vrooman Jr., Morrell  
Whitbeck, Randall  
Base, Stewart A. F. (Photographer)  
Allen, William H. (Photographer)  
De Meo, Roy E. (Photographer)  
Glenn, J. A. (Photographer)  
Owen, Dan (Photographer)  
Hahn & Roberts (Photographer)  
Kalinich, John (Photographer)

**Organizations**

New York Telephone  
The Ridgefield Athletic Club  
Glens Falls Kiwanis  
Schenectady Lions Club

Gloversville Rotary Club  
Johnstown Rotary Club  
NY Press Association  
Rotary Club of Albany  
Western Union  
Post Star Newspaper  
Syracuse Herald Newspaper  
The Leader-Republican Newspaper of Gloversville and Johnstown, NY  
Winthrop-Stearns Industrial Club  
Corning Rotary Club

### **Subjects**

Sports - Tennis, Telephone Company – NY Telephone

### **Places**

Ridgefield Athletic Club  
Y.M.C.A.  
Griffin Air Base, Rome  
Sampson Air Force Base  
Syracuse Traffic Party  
Norton Hall – U.B. Campus (Buffalo, NY?)  
Civic Playhouse  
Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira, NY

### **Document Types**

Scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, photographs

### **Titles**

None

<b>Biography of</b>
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Montfort Paige worked as Public relations Director for the **New York Telephone**, his activities as a tennis player at Ridgefield Park in Albany and materials related to his neighborhood in Albany's South End. Specifically there is a scrapbook related to Mr. Paige's job with the New York Telephone Company on State Street along with three photographs. 1. Mr. Paige Giving a Speech; 2. Mr. Paige playing snooker or billiards at the University Club; 3. Mr. Paige at the Harmanus Bleeker Library. The largest collection of materials related to Montfort's activities as tennis pro at the Ridgefield Athletic Club. **The Ridgefield Athletic Club** was formed by Howard King, a housing developer who was instrumental in developing the west end of Albany, which he named Pine Hills. The club, named in honor of Ridgefield, Conn., where the King family was originally from, boasted of 4 tennis courts and a toboggan slide. Eventually the property was acquired by the Y.M.C.A. and the athletic fields are still used on Partridge Street. The Ridgefield Collection includes scrapbooks, photographs of the club, rulebook, match results and a selection of trophies.

## Scope and Contents of the Collection

This collection covers the time when Montfort Paige worked for the NY Telephone Company, and was a member of the Ridgefield Athletic Club, playing tennis. There are numerous photographs of employees at the NY Telephone Company, as well as of the Ridgefield Athletic Club.

## Organization of the Collection

None

## Related Material

2009.004 Assortment of trophies won by Montfort Paige, Curatorial Collection

1. 1926 YMCA City Tennis Tourney Doubles Second
2. 1930 Albany Country Tennis Championship, Runner Up Doubles
3. 1931 Albany County Tennis Championship, Runner Up Doubles
4. 1933 Lincoln Park Doubles Winner
5. 1934 Lincoln Park
6. 1938 Albany County Doubles Winner
7. 1941 Ridgefield High School Runner Up Singles
8. Elsmere Tennis Meet M.S. Paige
9. Ridgefield toboggan outfit worn by Huybertie Pruyn, Curatorial Collection

## Separated Materials

None

## Other Finding Aids

None

## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

**Series #** [#]. **Series Title** [title]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1	1	Unused Letterhead of Monty Paige NY Telephone
1	2	Letters/Correspondence NY Telephone
1	3	Advertisements NY Telephone
1	4	Clippings NY Telephone
1	5	Photographs NY Telephone
1	6	Photographs Ridgefield Athletic Club
1	7	Assorted Sports Clippings
1	8	Baseball
1		Scrapbook – Blue – Sports
1		Scrapbook – Tan – Sports

