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**CREATOR:** Burr, Harold Saxton, 1889-

**TITLE:** Harold Saxton Burr papers

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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of research materials of Harold Saxton Burr relating to the electrodynamic fields of trees.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Biographical / Historical

Harold Saxton Burr was born on April 18, 1889, in Lowell, Massachusetts. He graduated from Sheffield Scientific School in 1911 and received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1915. On December 27, 1911, in Chicago, he married Jean Chandler, with whom he had a son. Between 1914 and 1958, he was a teacher at Yale, working his way from instructor to the E.K. Hunt Professor of Anatomy. His research contributed to the electrical detection of cancer cells, experimental embryology, neuroanatomy, and the regeneration and development of the nervous system. Burr's 1972 book, *Blueprint for Immortality*, showed that all living things have electrodynamic fields, which he called the blueprint of all life. Throughout his life, he loved to paint landscapes and in his years of retirement, he was a member of the Lyme Art Association. Burr died on February 17, 1973.

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## Scope and Contents

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b.2	Research notebook on electrodynamic fields of trees	1940s-1950s
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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Electrodynamics  
Science  
Trees

### **Names**

Burr, Harold Saxton, 1889-