

# **William Henry Radebaugh films and scripts**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Hagley Museum and Library: Audiovisual Collections and Digital Initiatives Department
<b>Creator</b>	Radebaugh, William H.
<b>Title</b>	William Henry Radebaugh films and scripts
<b>Call number</b>	412
<b>Date</b>	1959-1977
<b>Extent</b>	4 linear feet
<b>General Physical Description</b>	16 reels : sd. col. ; 16mm. 2 reels : sd., b&w ; 16mm. 1 videocassette (Betacam SP). 1 videodisc (DVD). 2 sound tape reels; analog. 21 items : scripts. 12 items : storyboards. 7 items : proposals. 2 items : lists. 1 item : letter.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	William Henry Radebaugh (1909-1996), was a public relations executive at the DuPont Company for over twenty years. He wrote, produced and directed many films about the company during his tenure there and for several years after his retirement. The bulk of the collection contains his scripts, storyboards, proposals and films, written and directed by William Henry Radebaugh. Several of the films are concerned about safety in the plants and in the use of DuPont products. Also included are four compilation reels of short news segments about different products, plants and services of the DuPont Company. There are also films about specific DuPont plants and laboratories including the Haskell Laboratory, the Spruance plant in Richmond, Va.; the Tecumseh plant in Tecumseh,

Kansas, the Washington plant in Washington, West Virginia and the twenty fifth anniversary of the Victoria, Texas plant.

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## Biography/History

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William Henry Radebaugh (1909-1996), was a public relations executive at the DuPont Company for over twenty years. He wrote, produced and directed many films about the company during his tenure there and for several years after his retirement.

Born 1909, in Mobile, Alabama, William Henry Radebaugh was the son of William Henry and Adelaide (Walsh). He went to Lancaster High School in Lancaster, Ohio and graduated from Ohio State University in 1931 with a degree in journalism. He began his career in public relations and in 1942, founded and was executive director of, the South Jersey Manufacturer's Association in Camden, New Jersey. Radebaugh then took a position at the DuPont Company as a public relations consultant in 1952. He later became the Director of Public Relations for the Textile Fibers Department.

When presented with a scratchy tape of a du Pont family member speaking about the family, Radebaugh produced a new film with James Q. du Pont walking through the Hagley Yard as he discussed the du Pont family history. After retiring from his career in public relations with the DuPont Company in 1974, he went on to produce more films for DuPont with two former colleagues who had started the production company, Arden Films. Radebaugh was also an accomplished musician, having played with Jimmie (1904-1957) and Tommy Dorsey (1905-1956), Louis Armstrong (1901-1971) and Jack (1905-1964) and Charlie Teagarden (1913-1984). He was also an artist, working in needlepoint, watercolors and printmaking.

Radebaugh was married Marie Rose Herman Radebaugh and had two sons, William Henry Jr. and Patrick Walsh. Marie Rose Herman Radebaugh died in 1989. William Henry Radebaugh died January 10, 1996.

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## Scope and Contents

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The bulk of the collection contains scripts, storyboards, proposals and films, written and directed by William Henry Radebaugh during his employment at the DuPont Company or for the company once he retired. A letter from a colleague and film lists from the company are also included. Some of the scripts or proposals are for films in the collection and others are proposals (that include storyboards) for slide/tape presentations. The documents are arranged in chronological order.

There are twenty 16mm films dating from 1959 to 1977. The films are arranged in alphabetical order by film title. All of the films are industrial films related to the DuPont Company. "Letter to a Child" is a commercial for DuPont from the Cavalcade of America series. William H. Radebaugh appears and explains how DuPont textiles are created using some of his own drawings. Several of the films are concerned about safety in the plants and in the use of DuPont products. There are three compilations of news segments containing one to three minute long pieces about different products, plants and services of the DuPont Company. "Corporate Perspective" is another compilation of segments, mostly about the DuPont Company's mission to improve air and water pollution in and around the plants. There are also films about specific DuPont plants and laboratories including the Haskell Laboratory, the Spruance plant in Richmond, Va.; the Tecumseh plant in Tecumseh, Kansas, the Washington plant in Washington, West Virginia and the twenty fifth anniversary of the Victoria, Texas plant.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

Film material is housed in cold storage and must reacclimate prior to viewing. Please contact the Audiovisual Collections and Digital Initiatives Department at least 48 hours in advance of research visit.

### **Existence and Location of Copies**

View the films in this collection online in the Hagley Digital Archives.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company.

## **Subject(s)**

- Air--Pollution
- Economic development projects.
- Industrial safety
- Laboratories.
- Nylon--History.
- Nylon.
- Pollution.
- Safety education, Industrial.
- Water--Pollution

## Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
<b>Asbestos: Hazards, Uses and How We Can Cope With It Safely, script, 1980 April 3. .</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Includes script for "Ethics: Videotape Presentation for Energy and Materials Department".	1	17
<b>Asbestos (Newport Plant), script, 1981 January 22. .</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Includes script for "Asbestos (Newport Plant)".	1	24
<b>Cancer: One of a Series of Videotapes on Occupational Health, script, 1981 January 15. .</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Includes script for "Cancer: One of a Series of Videotapes on Occupational Health".	1	23

	Box	Fold
<b>FILM_1975412_FC14. Chattanooga Safety Film, 1959. .</b>	Can 14	

**Scope and Contents note**

World Safety record set by employees of Chattanooga Nylon Plant. Four employees were named World's safest industrial employees. Safety measures throughout the plant are depicted.

	Box	Folder
<b>Chemical Toxicity (Newport Plant), script, 1981 January 8. .</b>	1	22

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script for "Chemical Toxicity (Newport Plant)".

<b>Cleaning Spacesuits, 1970 September 16. .</b>	2	
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**Scope and Contents note**

New segment created for Emphasis Delaware, WDEL-Master. McSpadden's Dry Cleaner in Wilmington, Delaware washes a NASA spacesuit, produced by ILC Industries, using DuPont's Valclene. Also see segment on "Moonsuit Cleaning" from Compilation Reel 02 film.

<b>Cleveland Plant Smoking Rules, script, 1980 September 17. .</b>	1	16
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script and storyboard for "Cleveland Plant Smoking Rules" film.



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**FILM\_1975412\_FC03. Compilation Reel No. 1, circa 1970. .**

Can 3

**Scope and Contents note**

News segments about DuPont: 1. Kinston plant, 2. Antifreeze pouches, 3. Daylight X-Ray machine, 4. Water treatment plant, 5. Haskell laboratories, 6. Dosimeter for noise measurement, 7. Benlate, 8. Windsurfing, 9. House made of DuPont chemical products, 10. Noise Exposure/hearing loss.

**FILM\_1975412\_FC15. Compilation Reel No. 2, circa 1970. .**

Can 15

**Scope and Contents note**

News segments about DuPont: 1. Apollo 9, 2. Fabridam, 3. Brevard Silver, 4. Fast freeze, 5. Apollo 11, 6. Lannate, 7. Golf Hacks, 8. Plains, Texas, 9. Dot Liebes, 10. Fake Snake, 11. Quilting Bee, 12. Moonsuit Cleaning, 13. Spokane, 14. GM can, 15. Water at Cleveland, 16. Manning Riser's Gardens, 17. Pneumacel, 18. Indians, 19. Nomex, 20. Ranking Cycle, 21. Upward Bound, 22. Lawyers, 23. Black Engineers.

**FILM\_1975412\_FC16. Compilation Reel No. 3, circa 1970. .**

Can 16

**Scope and Contents note**

News segments about DuPont: 1. Economic Impact-Tecumseh, 2. Environment-Kinston, 3. Safety-Florence, 4. Nomex bedding, 5. La Porte Pollution Control, 6. Cleveland-water, 7. Golf ball, 8. Fabridam, 9. Pneumacel, 10. Noise pollution/Hearing loss, 11. Plains, Texas, 12. Texas Quilt, 13. Old Hickory-Air pollution, 14. Economic Impact-Florence, 15. Kinston-Safety, 16. Manning Riser's Garden, 17. Delaware River Pilot Unit re pollution, 18. Air Pollution: Cleveland, 19. LaPorte.

	Box	Folder
<b>Consolidation of the Hazardous Materials Regulation (HM-103-112), storyboard, 1977 February 2. .</b>	1	11
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Includes script and storyboard for "Consolidation of the Hazardous Materials Regulation(HM-103-112)" tape/slide presentation.		
		Box
<b>FILM_1975412_FC17. Corporate Perspective, circa 1970. .</b>		Can 17
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Compilation reel about DuPont improving air and water pollution that includes some introductions by "News Anchor:" 1- Delaware River Pilot Unit re pollution, 2- South River/Virginia Tech, 3- Old Hickory: Air pollution, 4-Water at Cleveland, 5-Manning Riser's Garden, 6-GM Cans, 7-Kapton Polyimide film, 8-Texas quilt, 9-House made of DuPont chemical products, 10-Brevard silver, 11- KLEER-LOT Weed Killer, 12-Fabridam, 13-Dot Liebes, 14-Golf hacks, 15-Apollo 11, 16-Moonsuit Cleaning, 17-Economic Impact-Tecumseh, 18-Kinston -safety, 19-Upward bound.		
	Box	Folder
<b>DuPont motion picture lists, 1976/1977. .</b>	1	10
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Lists of available DuPont motion pictures for loan throughout the company. Includes information on obtaining the films and order form.		

<b>E.I. du Pont de Nemours &amp; Co., Inc. Victoria, Texas, motion picture proposal, 1975 October 22. .</b>	1	7
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes proposal for "Twenty Fifth Anniversary\_Victoria, Texas" film as well as storyboards with narration.

<b>Ethics: A Videotape Presentation for Energy and Materials Department, script, 1980 April 3. .</b>	1	18
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script for "Ethics: Videotape Presentation for Energy and Materials Department".

<b>Eye on Newsreel, script, undated. .</b>	1	29
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes scripts for "Annual Meeting", "TRL 25th Anniversary", "TV Advertising", "Energy Conservation", "Air & Space Museum", and "Gossamer Albatross".

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<b>FILM_1975412_FC05. Haskell Laboratory, 1970. .</b>		Can 4, 5	
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**Scope and Contents note**

Film explores the work done at DuPont's Haskell Laboratories for Toxicology and Industrial Medicine in Wilmington, Delaware. Laboratory Director John Zapp hosts film.

Discusses testing for food products, textiles and agricultural chemicals. Shows various shots of animal testing.

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**Haskell Laboratory, 1970. .**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Film explores the work done at DuPont's Haskell Laboratories for Toxicology and Industrial Medicine in Wilmington, Delaware. Laboratory Director John Zapp hosts film. Discusses testing for food products, textiles and agricultural chemicals. Shows various shots of animal testing.

**Haskell Laboratory, 1970. .**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Film explores the work done at DuPont's Haskell Laboratories for Toxicology and Industrial Medicine in Wilmington, Delaware. Laboratory Director John Zapp hosts film. Discusses testing for food products, textiles and agricultural chemicals. Shows various shots of animal testing.

**Haskell Laboratory, motion picture proposal, circa 1970. .**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes proposal for "Haskell Laboratory" film as well as storyboards with narration.

<b>Hearing Conservation and Noise Control at the Glasgow Site, script, 1980 May 30. .</b>	1	19	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>			
Includes script for "Hearing Conservation and Noise Control at the Glasgow Site".			
		Box	Fold
<b>FILM_1975412_FC18. James Q. du Pont History of the DuPont Company, 1973. .</b>		Can 18	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>			
James Q. Du Pont walks the ground of the Hagley Museum in Wilmington, Delaware explaining the history of the DuPont Company.			
		Box	Folder
<b>James Q. du Pont History of the DuPont Company, script, 1973. .</b>	1		3
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>			
Script includes description of audio and visual shots.			
<b>Jet Electroplating Machine (JEM) for Engineering Development Lab, script, 1981 March 19. .</b>	1		26
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>			
Includes script for "Jet Electroplating Machine (JEM) for Engineering Development Lab" tape/slide presentation.			

	Box	Fold
<b>FILM_1975412_FC06. Let Us Spray Safely, 1977. .</b>	Can 6	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Produced by DuPont Agrichemicals. Explains the importance of safety procedures around agrichemicals. Depicts various worksite issues and improper procedures. Hosted by puppets, a caterpillar and pilot.		
	Box	Folder
<b>Let Us Spray Safely, motion picture proposal, 1977 September 15. .</b>	1	13
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Includes proposal for Let Us Spray Safely film as well as storyboards with narration.		
	Box	Fold
<b>FILM_1975412_FC01. Letter to a Child, TV commercial, 1954. .</b>	Can 1	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
William H. Radebaugh appears in this commercial for DuPont Textile Fibers where he explains, using his own drawings and charts, how the textile fibers are created.		

	Box	Folder
<b>Letter to William H. Radebaugh from Jack McCafferty, 1974 December 10. .</b>	1	5

**Scope and Contents note**

Found in "Spruance Recruitment" film can. Letter to Radebaugh from colleague Jack McCafferty, offering compliments on his work and best wishes on retirement.

<b>Material Classification, storyboard, undated. .</b>	1	31
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script and storyboard for "Material Classification" tape/slide presentation.

<b>NOISE (Repauno Works), script, 1981 January 22. .</b>	1	25
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script for "NOISE (Repauno Works)".

<b>On the Scene, storyboard, 1976 January 16. .</b>	1	8
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script and storyboard for "On the Scene" film.

**Process Hazards Review, script, undated. .**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script for "Process Hazards Review" tape/slide presentation.

**Regulatory and Non-regulatory Agencies, storyboard, 1980 September 17. .**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script and storyboard for "Regulatory and Non-regulatory Agencies" tape/slide presentation.

**Rhythm Renewal, script, 1980 November 1. .**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script for "Rhythm Renewal".

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**FILM\_1975412\_FC02. Safety, 1969. .**

Can 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Four segments from various DuPont plants about their excellent safety records-Old Hickory, Kinston, Florence and Sabine River are shown.



**FILM\_1975412\_FC07. Safety-Injection Molding, circa 1970. .**

Can 7

**Scope and Contents note**

Film discusses the importance of safety around injection molding equipment. Narrated by two puppets, Edgar and Constance. Film produced for Plastics Education Foundation in conjunction with the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. and its Machinery and Molders Management Division. Produced, Written and Directed by William Radebaugh. Filmed by Arden Films, Arden, Delaware.

	Box	Folder
<b>Safety Inspection, script, 1979 September 5. .</b>	1	15

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script for "Safety Inspection" film.

**Society of the Plastics Industry, motion picture proposal, 1973 October 17. .**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes proposal for "Society of the Plastics Industry" film as well as storyboards with narration.

	Box	Fold
<b>FILM_1975412_FC08. Spruance Plant, circa 1970. .</b>		Can 8

**Scope and Contents note**

Visit to Spruance plant in Richmond, Va.

**FILM\_1975412\_FC09. Spruance Recruitment, 1974. .**

Can 9

**Scope and Contents note**

Recruitment film tells the story of the Spruance Technical Fibers plants near Richmond, Virginia, where originally Rayon and Cellophane were made. The plant was named after Rayon pioneer William Spruance. After the Rayon plants closed, new products were created there including Nylon, Teflon, Nomex, Tyvek, Kevlar as well as the original Cellophane plant. The film explains how the company found new hires and the benefits and training for new hires is discussed. Many employees of the company address the camera. Written, produced and directed by William H. Radebaugh. Produced by Arden Films, Inc. Narrator William Paine.

	Box	Folder
<b>Spruance Recruitment, motion picture proposal, 1974 May 15. .</b>	1	4
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Includes proposal for "Spruance Recruitment" film as well as storyboards with narration.		

**FILM\_1975412\_FC10. Tecumseh, 1973. .**

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Can 10

**Scope and Contents note**

DuPont Company's Tecumseh, Kansas cellophane plant.

	Box	Folder
<b>Tecumseh, motion picture proposal, 1973 August 13. .</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Includes proposal for "Spruance Recruitment" film as well as storyboards with narration.	1	1
<b>TEMPO: To Encourage Minority Purchasing Opportunities, script, 1981 June 2. .</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Includes script for "TEMPO: To Encourage Minority Purchasing Opportunities".	1	28
<b>The DuPont Story, The D Bonus, Wool, undated. .</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Three segments produced for DuPont for in-house use. "The DuPont Story" is a reflection of the creation of the company using actors playing the parts of the main characters, "The D Bonus" is a comical Public Relations department skit, "Wool" is an in-house skit on textile fibers.		2
<b>The End of the Beginning, script, 1977 March 21. .</b> <b>Scope and Contents note</b> Includes script and storyboard for "The Reactor" film.	1	12

<b>The Other Side of the Coin (Waste Disposal Glasgow), script, 1981 April 15. .</b>	1	27
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script for "The Other Side of the Coin (Waste Disposal Glasgow)".

<b>The Reactor, storyboard, 1980 September 17. .</b>	1	20
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script and storyboard for "The End of the Beginning" film.

<b>The Survey, storyboard, undated. .</b>	1	34
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script and storyboard for "The Survey" tape/slide presentation.

<b>Three TV news films, storyboard, undated. .</b>	1	35
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**Scope and Contents note**

Includes script and storyboard for "The Sabine River", "Du Pont in North Carolina", and "Economic Impact of Kinston Plant on Local Area" films.

<p><b>Transportation and Distribution Department, motion picture proposal, 1975 February 20. .</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Contents note</b></p> <p>Includes proposal, script and storyboard for a film for the Transportation and Distribution Department of E.I. du Pont de Nemours &amp; Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware.</p>	1	6	
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<p><b>Transporting Small Quantities of Hazardous Materials, storyboard, 1976 October 18. .</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Contents note</b></p> <p>Includes script and storyboard for "Transporting Small Quantities of Hazardous Materials" tape/slide presentation.</p>	1	9	
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<p><b>FILM_1975412_FC11. Twenty-fifth Anniversary, Victoria, Texas, 1905 May 28. .</b></p> <p><b>Scope and Contents note</b></p> <p>DuPont Victoria plant in Victoria, Texas. Many employees are interviewed and how Rayon is made at the plant is explained. Life at the plant is depicted as well as what many employees do in their free time.</p>	Can 11	Box	Fol
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**FILM\_1975412\_FC12. Washington Works, circa 1970. .**

Can 12, 13

**Scope and Contents note**

Film depicts DuPont Washington Works in Washington, West Virginia and the products created: Teflon, Tynex, Butacite, Delrin, Zytel and Lucite. Also shown is the DuPont employee recreation center.

	Box	Folder
<b>Waste Our Nation Cannot Afford, storyboard, 1977 October 10. .</b>	1	14
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Includes script and storyboard for "Waste Our Nation Cannot Afford" film.		