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Neil L. Block Papers, 1912-1987

Provenance Note: Years after the 1988 death of Neil Block [sometimes shown as “Bloch,”] 1988 death, these files were discovered at the Woodbury, Minnesota home of Carl Weschcke. In December, 2007 Weschcke sent the files to Michael Erlewine, of Matrix Software and the Heart Center Library, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The University of Illinois Social Sciences Health and Education Library obtained the Neil Block files along with the holdings of the Heart Center Library in late 2013. The files were in disarray, unfolded, or in unmarked folders, and the processor was forced to impose an artificial order, gathering related material into separate folders, and organizing alphabetically by subject.

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## ELECTRONIC RECORDS

### Online Electronic Content:

Contains a sample of electronic content from the Neil L. Block papers including articles and notes concerning Block's work on astrology.

### Nearline Electronic Content:

Contains all the electronic contents from the Neil L. Block papers, including software manuals, and instructions; executable files; system files; data tables; image files; bibliographies; indexes; resumes; articles and notes; relating to specialized software including FORTRAN, Lotus Symphony, dBASE Table File Format (DBF), C programming language, File Archive Utility, and AutoCAD (.DWG); programming instructions, astronomy, and astrology. Includes excerpts from the programming book "LEARNING C" by Larry L. Severson and Neil Block

Processing Note: In February 2015, archives staff took the following actions to prepare a nearline access version of Neil L. Block's electronic records: (1) Ran virus-scan program on the files; (2) Used TreeSize Pro, and DROID to extract metadata in order to facilitate appraisal and processing decisions; (3) Used TrID file extension identifier to analyze and append missing file extensions on a number of files during processing; (4) Deleted files containing proprietary, confidential, and sensitive information from online and nearline access copies. (5) Created access derivatives in .txt format of files which's original format hindered their access. These actions were completed in July 2015.