

John Ratcliffe collection of communication devices for the deaf

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Box 1 – TDD and Other Devices and Equipment [circa 1950s-2013]

- Doorbell signal made specially for John by Patrick Revlange [circa 1950s]
- Phone-TTY Inc. – Remote Receiver (white) Model R-IW for incandescent lamp [circa 1985]
- Phone-TTY Inc. – Remote Receiver (black) Model R-I 9H13 [circa 1985]
- Montgomery Ward Airline – Remote Receiver Model R-IW for incandescent lamp [circa 1990]
- Sonic Alert – Smoke Alarm Model BC400 [circa 1995]
- Radio Shack – Fone Flasher 2 (in bag)[1995]
- Global door beacon (in green box) [1997]
- ComSwitch3500 – Phone Line Management System [1998]
- Shake Awake – Vibrating Alarm Clock (in box) [circa 2000]
- Sonic Alert- Telephone Ring Signaler, Model TR75VR [circa 2000]
- Sonic Alert – Sonic Ring Elite Deluxe Videophone Signaler (purple box) [2013]
- 2 Sonic Alert-Sonic Blink Strobe receivers, Model BL300 (in boxes) [N.D.]
- Device with “Antenna Wire” [N.D.]
 - Has volume dial on it
 - Made in Japan for indoor use only
- Gemini CV60 2-way splitter, 5-900 MHz [N.D.]

- Phone-TTY Inc. – Smoke Alarm [N.D.]
- 7 paper rolls in 2 different sizes used in a Telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) [N.D.]
- Wireless doorbell – remote chime only (in bubble wrap bag) [N.D.]
- Wireless doorbell chime (made in China, in box) [N.D.]

Box 2 – TDD And Other Resources [1974-2015]

- Teletypewriters Made Easy! (in red vinyl binder) [1974]
 - Written by Teletypewriters for the Deaf, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana
 - A manual on teleprinters commonly used in the telephone Network for the Deaf
 - Model 15 teletype
 - Model 28 teletype
 - Model 32 teletype
- MinicomII by Ultratec TDD (in black, soft cover case) [circa 1985]
- Signaling Code Trainee’s Guide, N.D., Teletype Corp. Technical Training Center [circa 1980]
 - Outlines the essential principles of the Teletype Signaling code
- Operating Manual for Porta-Tel by Specialized Systems, Inc. [circa 1990]
- The Life Saver by TDI of Rochester order form [circa 1995]
- ComSwitch 3500 Operator’s Guide by Command Communications [1998]
- 1 Braille alphabet and numbers card from AURORA of Central New York [N.D.]
- American Deaf Schools 2011 Calendar [2011]
- The Blue Book TDI – 2015 National Directory and Resource Guidelines [2015]
 - Comprehensive history and timelines in the front of the directory

Not in box:

- 1 Superphone Communications Terminal (TDD) [circa 1980]
 - Belonged to Betsy Ratcliffe (hearing) who used it to communicate with her father