

Basic Detail Report



Title Central Village Telephone Office, Plainfield

Date 1912

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Photography; gelatin silver print on paper

Description Two women wearing telephone headsets are at the right. A telephone switchboard is at the left. Slips of paper are in pigeonholes at the right of the switchboard. A slip with the weather forecast is posted on a message board above. Other notes are attached with thumbtacks. Notices read: "The voice with / the smile wins" "Number please" "Operators shall not listen / unnecessarily to messages, and / are forbidden to divulge any / information incidentally ob-/tained. / The attention of operators / is called to the fact that the / law makes it an offense punish-/able by a fine or imprison-/ment to violate

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the secrecy / of telephone communication / (signed) C.S. Doolittle / Supp't

Traffic." A list of Danielson telephone numbers is posted at upper left.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width): 8 1/4 x 10 1/4in. (21 x

26cm)