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Subject: Mathematician Melvin Dresher ??

I saw this and thought of you again today

It was nice to hear your voice today sounding so happy.
Happy Birthday J

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Collectibles Sale!

Friday-Saturday
January 21-22, 2011

This is the former home of Mathematician, Melvin Dresher, who worked with the Rand Corporation, and his Peace Activist-wife, Martha. There literally are boxes and file cabinets filled with correspondence, brochures, manifests, newsletters, magazines, programs, fliers, and other related documents dating back to the '50s-'60s-'70s, plus an extensive library of books on historical, political, cultural and contemporary art-related subjects. In 1950, while at Rand, the Polish-born American, Melvin Dresher (1911–1992), working with Rand's Merrill Flood, developed, the game theoretical model of cooperation and conflict known as the "Prisoner's Dilemma". (Albert W. Tucker gave the game its prison-sentence interpretation, and thus the name by which it is known today). Dresher came to the United States in 1923 and earned his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1937. The title of his dissertation was "Multi-Groups: A Generalisation of the Notion of Group."

He was the author of numerous RAND research papers on game theory. His widely acclaimed "The Mathematics of Games of Strategy: Theory and Applications" (originally published in 1961 as "Games of Strategy: Theory and Applications") continues to be read today.

Dresher's research has been referred to and discussed in a variety of published books, including "Prisoner's Dilemma" by William Poundstone and "A Beautiful Mind" by Sylvia Nasar.

What's There?

There is an extensive collection of art, including original oils, prints, lithos, and numerous books, catalogs, etc. Vintage airplane/car kits, Erector set, Lionel Train parts, tube radios, old trunks, Childrens books, 78-45-331/3 records from jazz to classical. There also is a collection of beautiful shells (some fairly rare), vintage and other jewelry, original contemporary oils and prints and etchings, vintage children's clothes, '50s furniture including a Walnut Acrosonic console piano, sofa, side tables and more contemporary cabinets (built ins), desks and file cabinets, double beds, dressers and book cases. There is a fairly new washer/dryer, small appliances, various kitchen utensils, glassware, linens and other household goods.

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