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An Inventory of the Files of Holman Field Director F. J. Geng

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission.
Series Title: Files of Holman Field Director F. J. Geng.
Dates: 1927-1966.
Quantity: 1.8 cu. ft. (1 box and 2 partial boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Correspondence (1944-1966) and subject files (1927-1965) kept by Geng, Holman Field director from 1927 through 1961. The files cover all aspects of his role as supervisor of airfield activities, including fueling, rentals, service, and maintenance. He also oversaw several expansions of the field. Along with correspondence, maps, graphs, leases, and memos, the files also include monthly traffic reports (1946-1957), a 1965 interview with Geng, and a 1948 history of the field covering 1926 through 1944.

Major topics covered in the files include traffic control, floods, facility rentals, hangars, restoration, the Northwest Airlines modification center, and relations with the Champion Aircraft Company, General Air Inc., the Minnesota National Guard, the state's Aeronautics Department, Northwest Airlines, Northwestern Aeronautics Company, and the U. S. Weather Bureau.

RELATED MATERIALS

See also the Ramsey County: St. Paul: Holman Municipal Airport correspondence (cataloged separately).

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Air traffic control--Minnesota--Saint Paul.
Airplanes--Minnesota--Saint Paul--Maintenance and repair.
Airport buildings--Minnesota--Saint Paul--Maintenance and repair.
Airports--Minnesota--Saint Paul--Floods.
Airports--Minnesota--Saint Paul--Management.
Airports--Minnesota--Saint Paul--Maps.
Airports--Minnesota--Saint Paul--Traffic control.
Hangars--Minnesota--Saint Paul.

Persons:

Geng, Francis J., 1893-1981.

Organizations:

Champion Aircraft Company.
General Air Inc.
Holman Field (Airport : Saint Paul, Minn.)--History.
Minnesota. Dept. of Aeronautics.
Minnesota. National Guard.
Northwest Airlines, inc.
Northwestern Aeronautics Company.
United States. Weather Bureau.

Types of Documents:

Maps--Minnesota--Saint Paul.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below. Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.

Location	Box	
103.K.13.3B	1	Correspondence: Airport director, 1944-1966: 1944-1949. 6 folders.
103.K.13.4F	2	1950-1966. 3 folders. Subjects files, 1927-1965: Authorization for sale of buildings, 1951-1952. Aviation Services Company report, July 6, 1948. Brandt Aero Service, Champion Aircraft hangar, 1946-1957. Budget, 1944-1945. Champion Aircraft Company, 1948-1955. Formerly Flyers Service Co. Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, 1948-1950. Control tower, 1944-1956. Control Towers Operators: Arbitration meeting, December 20, 1960. Correspondence: Airport director, 1946-1966. 7 folders. Equipment maintained by U.S. Army, 1945-1948. Expansion files: Reimbold Real Estate Co., 1948-1952. Flood, 1951, 1952, 1965. 3 folders. General Air Inc., 1946-1956. Geng, Francis: Interview, June 12, 1965. Great Western Swing Bridge, 1953-1954. Lafayette Street Bridge, 1960-1961. Maps and graphs, 1927-1946. Minneapolis Dredging Company, 1954-1955. Minnesota National Guard, 1947-1958. National Guard (Federal), 1948-1958. Minnesota State Department of Aeronautics, 1951-1954. Monthly traffic reports, 1946-1957. 2 folders. Northwest Airlines: Lease, June 11, 1946. Northwest Airlines: Modification center, 1946-1949, 1957-1959. 2 folders. Northwest Airlines hangar, 1944-1954. Northwest Airlines Riverside hangar: Lease, 1949-1954, 1960. Northwest Airlines sprinkler system, 1947-1951. Northwest Hanger Corporation, 1960. Northwestern Aeronautical Company, 1945-1955. 2 folders.

Location	Box	
103.K.13.5B	3	Obstructions, proposed, 1953-1958. Ordinances, 1950-1953. <i>Origin and Development of Holman Field, 1926-1944</i> , March 24, 1948. Patterson Dental Supply Company rental, 1951-1955. Radio installation, 1948. Range Oil Company tanks, 1950. Raymond Laboratories Inc., 1947-1949. Removal of nose hangars, 1951-1952. Rentals in Administration Building, 1940-1958. Rentals: New tie down rates and leases, 1948-1956. Restoration data, 1946-1958. 2 folders. Rules, undated. Runway closing, 1953-1956. Sale of Holman buildings, 1951-1952. Seaplane Harbor shoreline, 1953-1954. S.F. 35: Claim for government damage and restoration, 1953. South Hangar: Bids opened 10-13-60. 2 folders. Survey of St. Paul Modification Center No. 12, March 19, 1946. Weather Bureau, 1944-1953. Miscellaneous, 1940-1963.