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An Inventory of the Wold-Chamberlain Field Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Airports Commission.
Series Title: Wold-Chamberlain Field files.
Dates: 1928-1983 (bulk 1940-1960).
Quantity: 7.4 cu. ft. (6 boxes and 2 partial boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Subject files documenting all aspects of the operation and administration of Wold-Chamberlain Field, including correspondence of airport directors Larry D. Hammond and L. A. Johnson (1946-1966), records of the Governor's Interdepartmental Transportation Task Force Professional Advisory Committee (1972), and files covering such topics as accidents and investigations, personnel, concessions, air traffic control, site expansion, fire and crash protection, fire and rescue equipment, gasoline sales and usage, hangars, landing use fees, the movie "Airport," parking, police, rentals and airport tenants, restaurants, rules and regulations, snow removal, runways, terminals, and taxis. They also cover relations with General Mills, the Metropolitan Council, Honeywell, Northwest Airlines, Travelers Aid Society, and the U. S. Air Force and Navy.

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.

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Organizations:

General Mills, inc.
Honeywell Inc.
Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area.
Northwest Airlines, inc.
Travelers' Aid (Minneapolis, Minn.).
United States. Air Force.
United States. Navy.
Wold-Chamberlain Field.

Persons:

Hammond, Laurence D., 1892-1968.
Johnson, LeRoy A.

Types of Documents:

Logs (records).
Statistics.

Titles:

Airport (Motion picture).

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.13.5B	1	Accident investigation report of Civil Aeronautics Board of Northwest Airlines accident near Wold-Chamberlain Field, March 7, 1950. Accident of June 5 and June 9, 1956. 2 folders. Accident of June 9, 1956: Report of investigation. Accident in Northeast Minneapolis involving U. S. Navy aircraft, May 30, 1957. Accident of August 28, 1958. Aircraft landings by military planes, May 13 - October 16, 1948. Aircraft operations: Passengers arrival and departure, 1962-1966. Airport cocktail lounge, 1948-1952. "Airport" (Movie), 1968-1969. 2 folders. Movie filmed at Wold-Chamberlain Field; includes shooting schedule, January-February 1969, and airplane blueprints. Air shows, 1954-1958. American Association of Airport Executives Convention Proceedings, May 1946. Pages 52-61 describe Wold-Chamberlain Field. Appraisal of buildings for Aviation Services Company, 1946. Bartow Lighting System, 1946-1953. Bean, John, 1971. National Business Aircraft Association, Inc. chair. Blue Angels exhibitions (U. S. Navy), 1948-1955. Brede Sign Company, 1958-1959. Brooks, Arthur L., 1950-1956. Barbershop. Bus service, 1950-1952.
103.K.13.6F	2	Citizens for Wold-Chamberlain League, 1957. Concessions: Auto, lockers, hotels, 1959. Concessions: Garage, parking lot, filling stations, 1959. Concessions: General, 1959-1961. Concessions: Travel insurance, 1959. Control tower, 1948-1959. Correspondence: Airport directors, 1946-1966. 10 folders. Larry D. Hammond and L. A. Johnson.

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103.K.13.6F	2	Diorama Corporation of America, 1947-1950. Directory of airport tenants (security/emergency purposes), [ca. 1960s]. Discharge of warhead (accidental), June 1954. Dishwasher equipment bids, 1953-1954. Drainage problem, 1950-1955. Emergencies, 1950-1955. Expansion: Regarding expansion of Wold-Chamberlain Field. 1945 - June 1946. July 1946 - February 1947. Letters concerning expansion, 1947. 1947-1950. 2 folders. Reimbold files, 1947-1950. 1951-1959. 3 folders.
103.K.13.7B	3	Bragg's rearrangement and Minnehaha Heights, 1950-1953. Condemnation of Cedar Avenue, 1956-1959. Condemnation proceeding, January 1959. Morris Park Fourth Edition, 1952-1953. 2 folders. New Ford Town lots (Richfield), 1952-1956. Relocation of Highways 5 and 100 at Fort Snelling, 1950-1958. Richfield, City of, 1950-1953. United States Air Force request for 35 more acres, 1953-1954. Veterans Administration, 1946-1947. Fire and crash protection: Correspondence, 1957-1961. Fire and crash protection: General information, 1960. Fire and crash protection: Transfer of USAF facilities: Cost protection, 1960-1961. Fire and crash protection: Transfer of USAF facilities: Personnel, 1960-1961. Fire and rescue: Proposal for combined departments, 1949. Fire department, 1961-1966. Fire protection, 1949-1959. Fire protection: City of Minneapolis, 1949-1963. 2 folders. Fire rescue equipment, 1956-1966. 4 folders.
103.K.13.8F	4	Fire rescue equipment: Call for bids, [ca. 1964]. Flagpole placement at National Cemetery, 1950-1951. Flight patterns, 1957-1959. Food catering service, 1947. Fort Snelling sewer easement, 1941. Gasoline sales statistics, 1948-1957. Gate positions, 1948-1953. General Mills hangar, 1951. General Mills sublease to Gopher Aviation Company (Minnesota Automotive), 1951-1955.

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103.K.13.8F	4	Governor's Interdepartmental Transportation Task Force Professional Advisory Committee: Membership lists and minutes, 1972. 2 folders. Correspondence and Minnesota documents, 1972. 2 folders. Documents pertaining to transportation in other states, 1972. 2 folders. Hedberg-Freidheim hangar, 1949. Instrument landing system, 1946-1951. Jet noise complaints, 1949-1959. Joint airport use meeting, May 1952. Kingsair Transportation Inc., 1946. Landing area use fees: Miscellaneous correspondence, 1945-1961. 4 folders. Field and runway costs, 1948-1956. General statistics, 1946-1955. 3 folders. Military use fees, 1948-1957. Other airlines, 1955-1961. U. S. Air Force, 1948-1955.
103.K.13.9B	5	U. S. Navy, 1948-1955. U. S. Navy/Air Force, 1953-1959. Use fees, poundage statistics, 1948-1956. Work sheets, 1945-1950. Lightning arresters, 1952-1953. Maps, 1942-1947. Master plan (map), July 1, 1948, 1952-1956. Memos, 1946-1952. Metropolitan Council matters, 1969-1973. 2 folders. Mid-Continent Airlines, 1950-1952. Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce Open House, May 22, 1949. Minneapolis-Honeywell hangar, 1945-1956. 2 folders. Monthly gasoline deliveries, 1944-1955. 3 folders. Mother and Duck lakes, 1953-1955. Illegal fill-in. New airport hearing exhibits 146-216, 1947. New airport, present status, 1958-1960. Newspaper articles: Northwest Airlines special section, <i>Minneapolis Daily Times</i> , November 18, 1943. New airport terminal special section, <i>The Richfield News</i> , January 11, 1962. Special section on Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, <i>Minneapolis Tribune</i> , Sunday Picture Magazine, January 17, 1982.

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103.K.13.9B	5	Northern States Power Company, 1948-1955. Northwest Airlines, 1949-1956. 2 folders. Northwest Airlines: Landing area use fees, 1949. Northwest Airlines: Main base agreement, March 5, 1956. Northwest Airlines: Request for additional space, 1946-1949. Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, 1948. Nursery, 1947-1955. Observation deck, 1953-1954. Oil company facilities, 1951. Outdoor signs, 1952-1955.
103.K.13.10F	6	Parking, 1950-1966. 2 folders. Passenger concourse, 1954. Passenger walk and spectator deck, 1950-1953. Peavey Company (F. H.) lease, 1955-1956. Police, 1960. Police and fire monthly incident reports, March-November 1964. Port of Entry, 1953-1954. Position papers and testimony by MAC officials, 1968-1973. Proposed Minnesota Department of Transportation, 1972. Proposed parachute drying tower, 1959. Recapture file, 1958-1962. Remote control radio receiver - Mother Lake area, 1949-1950. Rentals, 1944-1959. 3 folders. Rentals to specific groups/individuals: Braun property substation site lease, 1950-1951. Civil Aeronautics Administration, 1944-1955. 2 folders. Cummings, Delbert, 1950-1956. Deegan, George, 1950-1955. Friendshuh, Joseph H., 1950-1955. General Services Administration, 1951. Graves (S. J.) and Sons, 1951. Hohag, Albert, 1951-1952. Hohag, Earl, 1952-1957. Mill City Aviation, 1947-1948. Twin City Lines, Inc., 1962-1966. Van Dusen Aircraft Supplies, 1955. Wisconsin Central Airlines, 1952-1953. Report on Information Relating to Development of Major Air Transportation Facility for the Twin City Metropolitan Area, September 1947. 3 folders. By Aviation Services Company; includes financial and statistical history exhibits. Reserv-a-Room, Inc./Reserv-o-tel Corporation, 1953-1955. Restaurant correspondence, 1949-1958.

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103.K.13.10F	6	Restaurant monthly statistics, 1948-1954. 2 folders. Richfield access roads, 1950-1959. Richfield buried electric cable, 1954. Richfield condemnation matters, 1958-1959. Right of entry to Richfield, 1953-1954. Sewers and condemnation of No. 47.
103.K.13.11B	7	Rules and regulations, 1938-1963. 3 folders. Runway barriers, 1955-1958. Runway extension, 1955-1958. Runway lighting, 1965. Runway matters, 1950-1958. Safety notices, 1958. Second major airport site, 1968-1970. 2 folders. Signs in administration building, 1954-1958. Site for Major Air Terminal: Findings, Conclusion and Order, February 11, 1948. Snow removal, 1950-1952. Statistics, 1928-1950. Surveillance radar, CAA, 1951. Taxicabs, 1938-1958. Terminal building, 1950. Terminal building (old), remodeling, 1962. 2 folders. Traffic patterns, 1956-1957. Traffic signals, 1950-1953. Travelers Aid Society: Ben Berger flight, 1974. Correspondence, 1974. Donations, 1974. General information, [ca. 1974]. Mailing and guest list, 1974. Minutes and committee members, 1974. Rresponses, 1974. Tree removal, 1950-1951, 1958. Twin Cities Aviation Management Association proclamations, 1975.
103.K.13.12F	8	United States Air Force: Air Force flights, 1953-1956. “Booming” of June 14, 1952. Correspondence, 1951-1958. Land transfer, 1947-1950. Lease matters, 1949-1951. Orientation tour, June 28, 1952. Radio tower installation, 1951. Transfer of Ft. Snelling land to MAC, 1954-1955.

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103.K.13.12F	8	United States Air Force and Navy: Correspondence, 1950-1956. Joint conference with MAC, December 4, 1951. Landing area use fees meetings: January 12-13, 1950. March 14, 1950. 1949-1953. 2 folders. Recapture of field, 1951-1957. 3 folders. Request to Civil Aeronautics Administration for release from repossession clause, October 29, 1956. Release of Recapture, 1951-1960. United States Navy: Air Station, 1958. Correspondence, 1944-1955. 2 folders. Erection of five buildings, 1951. Land request for triangular piece, 1948-1959. Lease file, 1950-1952. Navy research laboratory hangar, 1947-1952. Revocable permit, 1948-1953. Recapture file, 1951-1952. Use of North/South runway, 1955. Vacuum pump for Terminal Building heating unit, January 1954. Vending machines, 1948-1951. Veterans Administration water tower, 1951-1956. Violations and misdemeanors, 1955-1956. Water supply, 1951-1956. Weather bureau matters, 1944, 1958-1959. Weed burner, 1949-1953. West access road at 63 rd Street, 1958.