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Chanute Air Force Base Subject Files:
Buildings

COLLECTION 200.002

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Chanute Air Force Base

Inclusive Dates: [1918-1993], bulk [1939-1987]

Physical Description: 1 box, 1.0 linear foot

Provenance:

The Chanute Air Force Base Subject files were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives from the defunct Chanute Air Force Base Museum upon its closure. The Subject Files were curated and maintained by the History Office of the Chanute Air Force Base and later preserved by the museum.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Biographical/Historical Note: Most permanent Chanute buildings were constructed during or following World War II. In the 1960s, CAFB renamed many buildings after decorated and fallen military personnel.

Scope and Content Note: This collection spans nearly the entire history of CAFB as an active military institution and contains documents pertaining to the buildings at the base. There are very few records concerning buildings prior to World War II and few in the late 1980s and early 90s, most likely because CAFB was no longer doing new construction. The 'Halls' records have considerable documentation concerning renaming buildings and dedication. These would be of interest to those researching the Army Memorialization Board and later groups that established army regulations and criteria for naming military buildings. The housing records, particularly those concerning Title VIII Wherry Act Housing, would be of interest to those researching military housing and federal efforts to improve living standards in the military. The bulk of the collection comes from the 1950s-1970s. For more information concerning the buildings, the CAFB Maps collection includes numerous blueprints of various CAFB buildings and the Building Records Collection has construction records, inventories, drawings, and facility disposal reports.

Arrangement: Files are arranged alphabetically by folder title. To avoid creating a subseries, halls are listed by 'Hall – NAME' to keep them all together within the collection. Within each folder, records are typically arranged in order by correspondence, building information, biographical information, ephemera, and newspaper clippings.



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 - U.S.A.F. News Release, 1972
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Talking Paper

Folder 8: Dining Halls

Correspondence
Official U.S. Army Cookbook, 1946 (copy)
Official U.S. Military Building Form
Newspaper Clipping

Folder 9: Dormitories and Barracks

Regulations
Newspaper Clipping
Museum Exhibit Records
Newspaper Clipping

Folder 10: Halls - Dyess

Correspondence
Building Dedications/Descriptions
Floor Plan
William Dyess Statement of Military Service
Ephemera
Wings, May 16, 1968

Folder 11: Halls - Faktor

Correspondence
Building Dedication
Staff Summary Sheets
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Ephemera
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Folder 12: Halls – Gates

Correspondence
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Maj. Gen. Byron Gates Biographical Sketch
Newspaper Clipping

Folder 13: Halls – Grissom

Correspondence
Building Histories
Trainer Rockets
Gus Grissom Personnel Records
Talking Papers
Maps/Floor Plans
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Folder 14: Halls – Hopwood (1/2)

Correspondence
Building Histories/Facts
Lectures/Speeches
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Folder 15: Halls – Hopwood (2/2)



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- Routing Slips
- Ephemera
- Newspaper Clippings

Folder 16: Halls – Howard Smith

- Correspondence
- Building Dedication
- Maynard Howard Smith Biographies
- Maynard Howard Smith Statement of Military Service
- Ephemera
- Newspaper Clippings

Folder 17: Halls – Hunter

- Correspondence
- Biographical Sketch of Hunter
- Obituaries
- CAFB Bulletin, 1980
- Newspaper Clippings

Folder 18: Halls – Jackson

- Correspondence
- Historical Sketches of Building
- Dedication Remarks, 1968
- Carl E. Jackson Personnel Records
- Ephemera

Folder 19: Halls – Mathies

- Correspondence
- Building Dedication
- Biographical Sketches
- Man's Magazine* Article, February 1962
- Training Services Work Orders
- Ephemera
- Newspaper Clippings

Folder 20: Halls – Roberts

- Correspondence
- Biographical Sketch
- Building Dedication
- Ephemera
- The Pacesetter, July 1987 (3 issues)
- Newspaper Clippings

Folder 21: Halls – Truemper

- Correspondence
- Building Dedication
- Walter Edward Truemper Statement of Military Service
- Biographical Sketch
- Floor Plan
- Ephemera

Folder 22: Halls – White/'Buckingham Palace'



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- Correspondence
- Building Dedication
- Building Histories
- Thomas White Statement of Military Service
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- Security Guard Post Guidelines
- Floor Plans
- Ephemera
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Folder 23: Housing at CAFB

- Correspondence
- Fact Sheets
- Contracts
- Annexation
- Maps
- Ephemera
- Newspaper Clippings

Folder 24: Old Buildings (Pre-1920)

- Correspondence
- "Air Puffs", 1918

Folder 25: P-6 Center Headquarters

- Correspondence
- Building History
- Attic Floor Plan

Folder 26: Post/Base Exchange

- Ephemera
- Newspaper Clipping

Folder 27: Prairie View Inn

- Welcome Guide

Folder 28: Red Cross Building

- Site Plans/Blueprints
- Ephemera
- Newspaper Clippings

Folder 29: Title VIII/Wherry Act Housing (Chanute Gardens) 1/2

- Correspondence
- Memorandums
- Contracts
- Survey

Folder 30: Title VIII/Wherry Act Housing (Chanute Gardens) 2/2

- Specification Manuals