

Drapela Space and Aviation Collection

Collection Summary

Title: Edward Drapela Space and Aviation Collection

Collection Group: Aviation

Creator: Edward Drapela, John Drapela

Dates: 1910-1973

Location: Archives B, G6

Quantity: 1 box

Abstract: Edward Drapela was born in Nebraska, 1905 and died in Denver, Colorado in 1967. He moved from Nebraska to Grand Junction in 1936 and became the first permanent manager of the airport. He also operated a flying school and charter service in Grand Junction before moving to Denver after World War II. He is known as "Mr. Aviation of Grand Junction". He contributed to bringing aviation to this area of the United States.

There is also a collection of photographs and newspaper clippings on Frank Kastory (aka Castori, Castoria) and other pioneer aviators from the early 1900's. Frank Kastory was born in Hungary in 1883 and moved to the United States in 1908. The collection consists of photos, newspaper clippings, a postcard he received and handwritten notes for a speech he gave in 1932 on European education. Little is known about how this collection came together or who it belonged to previously.

There is also a collection on US, Soviet, and European space developments in the early 1970's. The collection is made up of newspaper articles mainly from the Denver Post between 1970 and 1973. The articles are arranged by subject and include: The Soviet Union's space program, satellites, Mariner 9, 10 and Pioneer 10, Mars, Apollo 13-17, Sky Lab I-III, and miscellaneous articles relating to space, business, and science.

There are 3 boxes in the Archives B relating to aviation. They are located on shelf BI 4.

Arrangement: The materials in each series are arranged by subject and chronological order when possible.

Contents

Series

Box 1 of 1

Series I: Edward Drapela

Folder 1: This folder contains a photocopied packet of photographs, newspaper articles, certificates and more, detailing Edward Drapela's life and accomplishments.

Folder 2: Newspaper articles relating to aviation, May 1968-July 1974.

Folder 3: Newspaper articles relating to Stapleton Airport August 1968-August 1971.

Folder 4: Contains a financial report for Frontier Airlines 1970. Also contains a booklet titled, *The Airport: A community Asset*, 9/12/1969, and a United Airlines booklet about the DC-7 Mainliner and other historic planes.

Series II: Aviation in the early 1900's

Folder 5: This folder contains photographs of Frank Kastory and other aviators and their planes. There are some negatives but they are not the original negatives. 1911-1921.

Folder 6: This folder contains photographs of Frank Kastory and other aviators and their planes. There are a some negatives but they are not the original negatives.

Folder 7: This folder contains copies of photographs re-printed and mounted on manila cardboard. Some pictures have typed text explaining the picture. 1910-1916.

Folder 8: This folder contains: A manila folder with new prints of old photographs of aviators and their planes. The outside of the folder reads, "59 prints from Kastory originals to be billed at 1.00 each"; A second manila folder contains 5 photographs of an unknown event and 2 copies of old photographs, one of Frank Kastory and the other of Walter L. Brock.

Folder 9: This folder contains newspaper articles relating to Frank Kastory and aviation. 1912-1960

Folder 10: This folder contains newspaper articles relating to Frank Kastory and aviation. 1913-1916

Folder 11: This folder contains photocopies of the newspaper articles from folder 9 and 10. 1915-1932.

Folder 12: This folder contains: A letter dated March 20, 1922 written to Frank Kastory; A postcard written in French, to Frank Kastory, no date; Handwritten notes for a speech on European education with a photocopy of newspaper article explaining the speech, dated Sept. 26, 1932.

Folder 13: This folder contains a notebook full of newspaper clippings, fair ticket stubs and other memorabilia. Some of the pages were removed and laminated by the Aurora public library. 1910-1915.

Series III: Contemporary Aviation and Space

Folder 14: This folder contains the following booklets: "Pageantry of Flight: The Story of Beech Aircraft Corporation" 1967, "Annual Report 1967: Beech Aircraft Corporation", "NASA Report to Educators" May 1973. There is also a postcard of a Continental Airlines plane pictured on the front.

Folder 15: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding aviation. Date range: 1968-1973.

Folder 16: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding the Soviet Union's space program. Date range: 1962-1973.

Folder 17: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding satellites. Date range: 1971-1973.

Folder 18: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Mariner 9 and 10, and Pioneer 10. Date range: 1971-1973.

Folder 19: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Mars. Date range: 1971-1973.

Folder 20: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Apollo 13. Date range: 1970-1971.

Folder 21: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Apollo 14. Date range: 1971.

Folder 22: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Apollo 15. Date range: 1971-1972.

Folder 23: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Apollo 16. Date range: 1971.

Folder 24: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Apollo 17. Date range: 1971-1973.

Folder 25: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Sky Lab I, II, and III. Date range: 1971-1973.

Folder 26: This folder contains newspaper articles regarding Sky Lab I, II, and III. Date range: 1971-1973.

Folder 27: This folder contains miscellaneous newspaper articles regarding space, business and science. Date range: 1971-1973.