

William Fuller Collection
History of Aviation Collection

Biographical Information

Born: Trenton, NJ, February 11, 1895

Died: Dallas, TX., November 3, 1978

Education: Trenton, New Jersey High School

Aviation Background

Wright Aeronautical, New Brunswick, NJ building Hispano-Suiza Engines 1915-1916

Soloed in Curtiss Jenny at Love Field, Dallas. In first class of Flying 1916-27

Sergeants – early 1917. Served as Maintenance Officer and Instructor, and Flight Instructor 1917-1919. Army Air Corps Pilot 1919-1925. Army Corps

Reserve Officer 1925-27.

Founded Meacham Field, Ft. Worth Municipal Airport in 1925 and served 1925-42 as Manager until 1942.

Vice President & Factory Manager Globe Aircraft Corp. 1942-46

Chief – Airport Management and Maintenance Division Civil Aeronautics 1946-50 Administration, Washington, DC.

Director of Airports, Fort Worth, TX. Developed Greater Southwest 1950-64 (Amon Carter) Airport. Responsible for both Fort Worth Municipal Airports

Honors

Past President and Honorary Life Member of American Association of

Airport Executives.

President's Award – AAAE 1961

Member OX5 Club of Aviation Pioneers.

Personal Papers

This series includes all personal correspondence and clippings and personal Army records, personal and real property records, awards and honors. The correspondence is divided into incoming correspondence arranged alphabetically and outgoing correspondence arranged chronologically. All other materials are filed chronologically.

Meacham Field files deal with Mr. Fuller's work in founding Meacham Field, Ft. Worth Municipal Airport in 1925 and his management of the field until 1942. The order for these files is alphabetical subject files with chronological arrangement within each file. Included in these records and contracts, reports, correspondence, landing and takeoff records, etc.

Civic Activities:

Mayor of Euless, TX

1963-69

Secretary-Treasurer North Central Texas Council
Member Chancellor's Council, University of Texas
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Mr. Fuller's extensive photographic collection includes events in his army career, his family, inventions, Ft. Worth Municipal Airport (Meacham Field) and Globe Aircraft Corporation. Airports and Aircraft Manufacturers are arranged alphabetically. The accident series comprise two groups: early aviation years and Associate Press photos. Aircraft Museum and telephotos complete this group.

Men and women in aviation, Air Lines (domestic and foreign) are arranged alphabetically as are speed planes and people by aircraft.

Military aircraft, U.S. Army, U.S.C.G. and Marines are arranged chronologically. U.S.A.F. people are arranged alphabetically. Travel completes the series and is arranged alphabetically.

Provenance

This collection was given to the History of Aviation Collection by William G. Fuller on October 5, 1968. It consists of papers and photographs in his personal possession and generated by and for him from 1914-1978. In addition to an extensive photographic collection, Mr. Fuller maintained separate files for his correspondence and many of his endeavors. All his flight logs and papers relating to his early and personal flight experience are included in his personal papers. Separate files were kept for his involvement with Meacham Field, the Globe Aircraft Corporation, Greater Southwest Airport, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the American Association of Airport Executives, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and the Chancellor's Council University of Texas.

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