

Guide to the
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Biographical Sketch:

Keith Hayes Kahle was born September 25, 1909 to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Edgar Kahle in Sisterville, West Virginia. Keith's family moved to Oklahoma City where his father worked as a doctor. In 1914 the family moved to the oil boom town of Drumwright, Oklahoma. In 1924 Keith's mother passed away after a long illness, and his father moved the family to Norman, Oklahoma. While attending junior high school in Norman, Keith developed what would become his lifelong support of the Oklahoma University Football Team. In 1925 Dr. Kahle remarried and moved his family back to Oklahoma City. In 1927 Keith Kahle entered the School of Engineering at Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1932.

After graduation Keith went to work in the Oklahoma oil fields. In 1932, with his friend Bill Bleakley, he participated in The Cord Cup Air Race, where they finished in seventh place. Keith wrote dispatches for the *Oklahoma City News* covering his adventures during the race. Also at this time Keith stopped working in the oil field and started publishing his own aviation newsletter called *The Taxi Strip*, as well as writing for the *Oklahoma City News* as an aviation correspondent. He was actively involved in Oklahoma Air Tours, an attempt to spur airport construction and interest in aviation in Oklahoma. While on the tour, the plane Keith was riding in crashed. Keith used this experience to write a widely publicized article on what it was like to survive a plane crash.

Deciding to organize and run his own airline, Keith Kahle, along with Oklahoma City pilot Jerry Sass and attorney W.C. Lewis created Trans Southern Airlines, Inc. Trans Southern Airlines, Inc. applied for a route running from Amarillo, Texas to Atlanta Georgia. The airline's proposal was denied by a Civil Aeronautics Board committee. After this setback Keith continued writing for the *Oklahoma City News* until it went bankrupt, then he started writing a Sunday aviation column for the *Daily Oklahoman*. Using what he learned about the politics of the aviation industry when trying to establish Trans Southern Airways, Inc. Keith Kahle decided to have another go at starting an airline.

With help from friends in the Federal Government Keith Kahle established Southwest Airlines, as a massive regional feeder airline serving routes from Chicago to Brownsville, with its headquarters in Oklahoma. However, some of his New York backers were concerned with Kahle's inexperience and they brought Thomas Hardin to run the airline. Keith became suspicious of Hardin, believing that Hardin was plotting to take all the research and planning Keith had done, and then force him out of Southwest Airlines. His suspicions were confirmed when one night a security guard called Kahle, saying that Hardin was cleaning out the company office, and loading the files and records into a van. Kahle managed to catch Hardin at the Oklahoma City Airport, and through his influence with Oklahoma politicians and judges, got a warrant that impounded the files and prevented them from being taken out of Oklahoma. This led to a court battle which would drag on for several more years, and the failure of Kahle's second attempt at an airline.

During World War II Keith was unable to get into active duty aviation, but he held the rank of Major in the Oklahoma Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. He also worked at Tinker Field as the civilian head of the post newspaper. It was during this time that Keith

Kahle developed the idea of starting a “feeder” airline, which would be a system of air routes from Oklahoma City to medium size and smaller cities, which feed passengers and cargo from these destinations back to Oklahoma City. Keith set about compiling the necessary funding and evidence he needed for the Civil Aeronautics Board to grant him a permit for the airline structure he wanted. In 1944, Keith gathered a group of men to help form this airline which included Judge Murrah, a Federal Judge from Oklahoma, Guy Marchant, an investor in the Oklahoma oil industry, and Luther Bohanon, Marchant’s lawyer. Marchant, Kahle and Bohanon held a meeting in Colorado where they decided to name their new venture Central Airlines.

Kahle spent two and a half years preparing his documents and evidence, and then submitted a bid for air routes in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado. He was competing with 42 other applicants including American Airlines and Braniff. The concept Keith proposed involved Central Airline’s operating DC-3’s out of a hub at Oklahoma City and connecting to other airlines departure routes in other cities. Also Kahle wished for his system to include a Central Airlines Employee as a “Fixed Base Operator” at all the smaller airports Central served. On November 14th, 1946 the Civil Aeronautics Board made its decision and granted Central Airlines the Feeder Airline routes north of a line drawn east/west through Dallas/Ft. Worth.

To prepare for the eventual start of Central Airlines’ operations Keith Kahle had rented hangar space at The Oklahoma City Municipal Airport and opened Keith Kahle Aviation Incorporated. This was a flight school that operated two Cessna 120s. He also operated a one plane airline on a route from the Oklahoma City Municipal Airport to Lawton, Oklahoma. Kahle needed more backers to fund his plans, so he recruited two oil men, Dean Gill and F. Kirk Johnson, to finance part of Central Airlines. In 1948 the Civil Aeronautics Board contacted Keith and told him he would have to get his airline into operation, or he would need to relinquish his operations certificate. His main backer Marchant was reluctant to invest in Central Airlines, and offered to sell his interests to Gill and Johnson. Gill and Johnson persuaded M.E. Harding and the Fort Worth National Bank to loan the rest of the money. With the money in hand Central Airlines was ready to operate.

In September 1949, Central Airlines launched its inaugural flight with 11 Beechcraft Bonanzas. Kahle had to get a special waiver from the Civil Aeronautics Board, because it was against government policy to have a certificate scheduled airline operate single engine aircraft. Six months later Kahle brought six DC-3s from American Airlines, and Central Airlines began operating as its certificated demanded. Central Airlines gradually expanded adding routes to Kansa City and Little Rock in 1954, and new destinations in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado in 1960. It also continued to update its fleet purchasing Convair 240’s from American Airlines and United Airlines. In 1958 Central moved it headquarters to Amon Carter Field in Fort Worth, Texas.

Johnson and his investors decided to sell Central Airlines, and negotiated a deal with a group headed by Carl Pohlada, a Minneapolis Banker, who bought the airline in 1962. Kahle’s relationship with the new owners remained amicable, but six months after Central Airlines was purchased Pohlada wanted to sell Central for a profit, then get out of the aviation industry. Because Keith had founded the airline, Pohlada offered him a chance to find another buyer. Kahle wound up selling to one of his own board members, Jack Bradford of Midland, Texas. Bradford made several changes to Central including

firing certain employees and equipping the Convair 240's with Rolls Royce Dart engines. About a year into Bradford's ownership relations with Kahle became strained, to the point that Bradford fired Kahle in 1963. Bradford had trouble controlling Central, going through two more presidents (L.E. Glasgow and Lamar Muse) in a short period of time. Finally he negotiated a deal merging Central Airlines into Frontier Airlines.

After he was fired Keith received a call from Clyde Skeen, a Senior Vice President at LTV. Keith was asked to look at a film on the V/STOL aircraft LTV was building dubbed the XC-142. It was a prototype tilt rotor aircraft that could fly like plane, or take off and land like a helicopter by rotating the wings and engines. Keith became a consultant for the project, and became one of the presenters and demonstrators for the prototype. When the XC-142 program ended Keith took a leave of absence from LTV and helped organize a national bank in Fort Worth. He also became active in politics, becoming close friends with Congressman Jim Wright of Texas. He also continued to support one of his earliest interests, Oklahoma University Football.

Keith Kahle returned to LTV full time and worked on several engineering projects including improving the AIRTRANS ground system in use at DFW, and devising method to break up ice using either lasers or ultrasonic frequencies. He also received two patents for football safety equipment. In 1982 Keith Kahle was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation Hall of Fame.

In 1984, Keith became an advisor to Bob Bouzard, the president of Electorcom, finally retiring in 1992. Keith Kahle was married twice, first to Betty Alexander, who passed away from cancer after 15 years of marriage, and then Jean McLaughlin, whom he married in 1977. Keith Kahle passed away at the age of 88 on July 4th, 1997.

Sources

Keith Kahle Collection, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Richardson, Ginger D. "Commercial Aviation Pioneer Keith Kahle Dies After Illness". *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, July 5, 1997.

Additional Sources

Marion Lamar Muse Collection, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Braniff Airlines Collection, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas

Scope and Content Note

The Keith Kahle/Central Airlines collection is composed of documents, photographs, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia of Keith Kahle. Items are related to Kahle's life and business, as well to Central Airlines, an airline Kahle ran from its inception in 1944 to his firing in 1963.

Series Description

The Keith Kahle/Central Airlines Collection consists of 4 Series of material totaling 34.58 linear feet:

Series I. Documents, 1930 – 1982. 5.83 linear feet (14 legal size manuscripts boxes).

The material contained in Series I includes documents related to the operation of Central Airlines, Keith Kahle's other aviation projects, his career with LTV, documents relating to his personal interests, information on the donation of his material to the Oklahoma Aviation Hall of Fame, and legal depositions involving Central Airlines and Southwest Feeder Airlines, Inc.

Series II. Photographs, 1938 – 1982. 2.25 linear feet (3 legal size manuscript boxes, 1 flat box)

The photographs in the collection include Keith Kahle's personal life and interest, Central Airlines, and various aspects of aviation.

Series III. Newspaper Clippings, 1940 – 1982. 15 linear feet (15 flat boxes)

The Newspaper Clippings in the collection contain information regarding The Oklahoma Civil Air Patrol, Keith Kahle's personal life, business interests, and Central Airlines.

Series IV. Memorabilia. 1930 – 1982. 11.5 Linear feet. (10 flat boxes)

The collection's memorabilia consist of various certificates, paintings, posters, aircraft models, and other items accumulated by Keith Kahle.

Provenance Statement

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Box 1

Titles, Dates, and Description

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| 1 | Keith Kahle's Donation of Material to the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame (1982) |
| 2 | Keith Kahle's Induction to the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame (1982) |
| 3 | Keith Kahle Biographical Information (1982) |
| 4 | Statement of Keith Kahle before Senate Investigation and Foreign Commerce Committee (1958) |
| 5 | Keith Kahle – Personal Notes (1949) |
| 6 | Timeline of Keith Kahle History (1982) |
| 7 | History of Organization and Incorporation of Central Airlines (1960) |
| 8 | Central Airlines List of Stockholders (1962) |
| 9 | Central Airlines Stock Sales and Trades (1962 – 1963) |
| 10 | Central Airlines Stock Inquiries (1963) |
| 11 | Central Airlines Annual Report (1965) |
| 12 | Central Airlines Personnel Issues (1961 – 1963) |
| 13 | Monthly Analysis of Personal Changes (1964 – 1965) |

Box 2

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| 1 | Letters on leadership of Frontier Airlines (1965) |
| 2 | Material Related to Central Airlines Merger with Frontier (1965) |
| 3 | Central Airlines – Frontier Airlines Merger (1965) |

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|---|---|
| 4 | Estimated Cost Combining Central Airlines and Trans Texas Airlines (1961) |
| 5 | Central Airlines Financial Discrepancies (1960 – 1963) |
| 6 | Central Airlines Financial Status (1962 – 1964) |
| 7 | Central Airlines Financial Reports (February, May – July 1964) |
| 8 | Central Airlines Financial Reports (August – November 1964) |

Box 3

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| 1 | Correspondence on Southwest Feeder Airlines Route System (1939) |
| 2 | Southwest Feeder Airlines, Inc. Official Correspondence (1938 – 1939) |
| 3 | Keith Kahle Correspondence with J.E. Dudley (1937 – 1939) |
| 4 | Keith Kahle Correspondence with Thomas O. Hardin (1937 – 1939) |
| 5 | Keith Kahle Correspondence with Oliver Payne (1937 – 1939) |
| 6 | Keith Kahle Correspondence with Art Stewart (1937 – 1939) |
| 7 | Keith Kahle's Feeder Airlines Report (1937 – 1938) |
| 8 | Keith Kahle's Feeder Airline of the Southwest Report, Draft Version (1938) |
| 9 | Confidential Memo on Federal Aviation Regulation (1950) |

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| 10 | Confidential Shareholders Report – Southwest Feeder Airlines, Inc. (1938) |
| 11 | Keith Kahle Personal Notes on Southwest Feeder Airlines (1936 – 1938) |
| 12 | Operating Expenses for Southwest Feeder Airlines, Inc. Routes (1937) |
| 13 | Financial and Operational Estimates for Southwest Feeder Airlines, Inc. (1937) |
| 14 | Information on Aircraft Choices for Southwest Feeder Airlines, Inc. (1937) |
| 15 | Keith Kahle Research for Southwest Feeder Airlines (1937 – 1938) |
| 16 | Keith Kahle’s Statement on his Work for Southwest Feeder Airlines (1937) |
| 17 | Keith Kahle’s Statement on Potential Operation of Southwest Feeder Airlines (1937) |
| 18 | CAB Application for Southwest Feeder Airlines (1938) |
| 19 | Keith Kahle Legal Briefs and Correspondence (1939 – 1942) |

Box 4

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|---|---|
| 1 | Central Airlines General Maintenance Manual (Folder A) (1964) |
| 2 | Central Airlines General Maintenance Manual (Folder B) (1964) |
| 3 | Central Airlines General Maintenance Manual (Folder C) (1964) |

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Box 4 Titles, Dates, and Description

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| 4 | Central Airlines Overhaul Manual (Folder A) (1965) |
| 5 | Central Airlines Overhaul Manual (Folder B) (1965) |
| 6 | Central Airlines Overhaul Manual (Folder C) (1965) |
| 7 | Central Airlines Passenger Load Reports (1962) |

Box 5

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| 1 | Congressional Record (May 13, 1968) |
| 2 | Congressional Record (May 22, 1968) |
| 3 | New Ideas, Inc. Investor Information (1976) |
| 4 | Shannon International Airport Shopping Guide (1968/1969) |
| 5 | NASA Apollo 17 Press Kit (1972) |
| 6 | US Navy Aviation Safety Comics (Folder A) (1941 – 1945) |
| 7 | US Navy Aviation Safety Comics (Folder B) (1941 – 1945) |
| 8 | US Navy Aviation Safety Comics (Folder C) (1941 – 1945) |
| 9 | LTN-51 Navigation System (1956) |
| 10 | Information on Air Routes of the Southwest (1936) |

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| 1 | Central Airlines Employment Contracts (1963 – 1964) |
| 2 | Central Airlines Maintenance Contract Bid (1964) |

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| 3 | Central Airlines Business Memos (1964) |
| 4 | Central Airlines Comparative Data (1961 – 1965) |
| 5 | Central Airlines Corporate Minute Book, Volume 2 (1951 – 1956) |
| 6 | Central Airlines Corporate Minute Book, Volume 3 (1956 – 1963) |
| 7 | Minutes of the Central Airlines Board of Directors Meeting (1967) |
| 8 | Central Airlines Overhaul Manual (Folder A) (1964) |
| 9 | Central Airlines Overhaul Manual (Folder A) (1964) |
| 10 | Central Airlines Overhaul Manual (Folder A) (1964) |

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| 1 | Ray and Ray Local Service Airline Reports (Folder A) (1965) |
| 2 | Ray and Ray Local Service Airline Reports (Folder B) (1965) |
| 3 | Ray and Ray Local Service Airline Reports (Folder C) (1965) |
| 4 | Detailed Specification for Consolidated Model 28-4 Survey Airplane (1945) |
| 5 | Change Order #1 to General Dynamics Purchase Agreement (1957) |
| 6 | Analysis of Introducing CV-240D Aircraft on the Central System (1955) |
| 7 | Rolls Royce Dart Engine Sales Contract (1963) |

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- 1 Rolls Royce Dart Engine Purchase Contract: Addendum (1963)
- 2 E-3 AWACS Operations Manual (Folder A) (1975)
- 3 E-3 AWACS Operations Manual (Folder B) (1975)
- 4 FAA Advisory Circular (March 23, 1967)
- 5 FAA Flight Navigator Written Examination Guide (1967)
- 6 Central Airlines CAB Series (1949 – 1954)
- 7 CAB Rate Setting Hearings (1937)
- 8 CAB Uniform System of Accounts and Reports (1949)
- 9 CAB Reports on Texas Oklahoma Case (1937)

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- 1 Central Airlines 1964 Financial Statement (1964)
- 2 Central Airlines Account Journal (1964)
- 3 Central Airlines Expenses (1964)
- 4 Central Airlines Financial Summary (Folder A) (1964)
- 5 Central Airlines Financial Summary (Folder B) (1964)
- 6 Miscellaneous Financial Information (1964)
- 7 Central Airlines Budget and Expense Forecast (1965)
- 8 Central Airlines Supporting Schedules for Revenue (Folder A) (1965)

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|---|---|
| 1 | Central Airlines Supporting Schedules for Revenue (Folder B) (1965) |
| 2 | Central Airlines Daily Status Reports (1965) |
| 3 | Central Airlines Balance Sheet (1965) |
| 4 | Central Airlines Expense Reports (1965) |
| 5 | Central Airline Income Statement (1967) |
| 6 | Central Airlines Financial Reports (1967) |
| 7 | Minutes of the Board Meetings of Central Airlines (1965 to 1967) |
| 8 | Keith Kahle v. Central Airlines (Folder A) (1963) |
| 9 | Keith Kahle v. Central Airlines (Folder B) (1963) |

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| 1 | Central Airlines Financial Statement (December 1963) |
| 2 | Central Airlines Financial Statement (January 1964) |
| 3 | Central Airlines Financial Statement (April 1964) |
| 4 | Central Airlines Financial Statement (December 1964) |
| 5 | Central Airlines Press Book (December 1964) |
| 6 | Central Airlines Financial Statement (January 1965) |
| 7 | Central Airline Financial Report (February 1965) |

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8 Central Airlines Bound Financial Reports (1964)

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1 L.E. Glasgow Deposition (Folder A) (1965)
2 L.E. Glasgow Deposition (Folder B) (1965)
3 L.E. Glasgow v. Central Airlines (1965)
4 Deposition of C.E. Lundstrom (Glasgow v. Central Airlines) (1965)
5 Local Service Airlines Operating Statistics (1963)
6 Local Service Airlines Operating Statistics (1964)
7 Local Service Airlines Operating Statistics (1965)

Box 13

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1 Airline Route, Schedule, and Rate Information (1980)
2 Feeder Airline Recommendation to F. Kirk Johnson, R.F. Windfhor, and Deane Gill (1958)
3 Holiday Clip Art (n.d)
4 Miscellaneous Aviation Programs (n.d)
5 Financial Summary – (Folder A) (1964)
6 Financial Summary – (Folder B) (1964)

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1	Douglas Spare Parts Price List (1949)
2	Douglas Spare Parts Price Catalog (1949)
3	Report: Present Activities and Facilities Available for Civilian Contract Flying Schools for The United States Air Force (1957)
4	Ground Instructor
5	F-100(f) Technical Manual (1965)
6	America in Space: The First Decade (1968)
7	Air Systems Encyclopedia (1956)
8	Tinker Air Force Base Silver Anniversary (1965)
9	Cimarron Chief – Class of 44-D (1944)
10	Cimarron Chief – Class of 44-G (1944)
11	Cimarron Chief – Class of 44-I (2 Copies) (1944)
12	The Space Place (1973)
13	Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Transportation Study (1973)

Central Airlines/Keith Kahle: Container List (Series II: Photographs)

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| 1 | Photographs: Keith Kahle (Folder A) (1933 – 1947) |
| 2 | Photographs: Keith Kahle (Folder B) (1947 – 1959) |
| 3 | Photographs: Keith Kahle (Folder C) (1959 – 1963) |
| 4 | Photographs: Keith Kahle (Folder D) (1963 – 1992) |
| 5 | Photographs: Keith Kahle Party (1971) |
| 6 | Photographs: Keith Kahle Family Vacation (n.d.) |
| 7 | Photographs: Keith Kahle at the Department of Transportation (1973) |
| 8 | Photographs: Keith Kahle Family (n.d) |
| 9 | Photographs: People (Folder A) (1933 – 1992) |
| 10 | Photographs: People (Folder B) (1933 – 1992) |

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| 1 | Photographs: Central Airlines (Folder A) (1947 – 1965) |
| 2 | Photographs: Central Airlines (Folder B) (1947 – 1965) |
| 3 | Photographs: Central Airlines (Folder C) (1947 – 1965) |
| 4 | Photographs: Central Airlines (Folder D) (1947 – 1965) |
| 5 | Photographs: Central Airlines (Folder E) (1947 – 1965) |
| 6 | Photographs: Central Airlines (Folder F) (1947 – 1965) |
| 7 | Photographs: Central Airlines (Folder G) (1947 – 1965) |

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| 8 | Photographs: Central Airlines in Color (1947 – 1965) |
| 9 | Photographs: Central Airlines Arrives in Arkansas (1957) |
| 10 | Negatives: Central Airlines (1947 – 1965) |
| 11 | Photographs: Keith Kahle/Central Airlines Personal ((1947 – 1963) |
| 12 | Photographs: Central Airlines Employees (1947 – 1965) |

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| 1 | Photographs: Oklahoma Football Game (1979) |
| 2 | Photographs: Jim Wright Party (1983) |
| 3 | Photographs: Hoover Dam (n.d.) |
| 4 | Photographs: Jim Wright Victory Party (1984) |
| 5 | Photographs: Jim Wright (1986) |
| 6 | Photographs: Jim Wright (1987) |
| 7 | Photographs: People in Backyard (1971) |
| 8 | Photographs: Backyard (1980) |
| 9 | Photographs: Oklahoma Air and Space Hall of Fame (1982) |
| 10 | Photographs: Notre Dame vs. Oklahoma Football Game (1956) |
| 11 | Photographs: Florida and Hunting (1967 – 1968) |
| 12 | Photographs: Snow (n.d.) |

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13	Photographs: Notre Dame University (1979)
14	Photographs: Washington, D.C. (1973)
15	Photographs: Ranch (n.d.)
16	Photographs: Dog (n.d.)
17	Photographs: Fishing (n.d.)
18	Photographs: Bill Parker and Early Aircraft (1940's)
19	Photographs: Miscellaneous Aircraft (Folder A) (1929 – 1973)
20	Photographs: Miscellaneous Aircraft (Folder B) (1929 – 1973)
21	Photographs: Negatives (n.d.)

Box 4

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1	Photographs: B-36 (1956)
2	Photographs: Keith Kahle (1942 – 1973)
3	Oversize Photographs (Folder A) (1942 – 1957)
4	Oversize Photographs (Folder B) (1957 – 1982)

Central Airlines/Keith Kahle: Container List (Series III: Press Clippings and Scrapbooks)

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| 1 | Civil Air Patrol Scrapbook (Folder A) (1940 – 1947) |
| 2 | Civil Air Patrol Scrapbook (Folder B) (1940 – 1947) |
| 3 | Civil Air Patrol Scrapbook (Folder C) (1940 – 1947) |
| 4 | Civil Air Patrol Scrapbook (Folder D) (1940 – 1947) |

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|---|---|
| 1 | Curtiss News Clippings (1937 – 1942) |
| 2 | Historic Front Pages from the Fort-Worth Star Telegram (1960) |
| 3 | Airmail Scrapbook (1930 – 1944) |
| 4 | Early Flight Scrapbook (1930 – 1935) |

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| 1 | Central Airlines Press Clippings (1949 – 1963) |
| 2 | Miscellaneous Aviation Press Clippings (Folder A) (1935 – 1973) |
| 3 | Miscellaneous Aviation Press Clippings (Folder B) (1935 – 1973) |

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| 1 | Pilot Press Clippings |
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| 2 | Oklahoma Press Clippings (1932 – 1943) |
| 3 | Keith Kahle Aviation Scrapbook (1948 – 1963) |

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| 1 | First Day Covers (1973 – 1990) |
| 2 | Central Airlines Scrapbook (1949 – 1963) |
| 3 | OTC Scrapbook (No. 1) (1946 – 1950) |

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|---|---|
| 1 | OTC Scrapbook (No. 2) (1946 – 1950) |
| 2 | OTC Scrapbook (No. 3) (1946 – 1950) |
| 3 | Keith Kahle Advertising Psychology Project (1931) |

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| 1 | Trans-Southern Airways (TSA) Scrapbook (No. 1) (1935 – 1939) |
| 2 | Trans-Southern Airways (TSA) Scrapbook (No. 2) (1935 – 1949) |
| 3 | Central Airlines: The Early Years Scrapbook (1949 – 1953) |

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|---|---|
| 1 | LTV Tilt-Wing Aircraft Scrapbook (1964 – 1970) |
| 2 | Leslies Photographic Review of The Great War (1919) |
| 3 | Civil Air Patrol Scrapbook (1943) |
| 4 | Singed Braniff Painting (n.d.) |

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| 1 | Keith Kahle News Scrapbook Volume 1 (1927 – 1935) |
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| 1 | Keith Kahle News Scrapbook Volume 2 (1935 – 1940) |
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| 1 | Keith Kahle News Scrapbook Volume 3 (1940 – 1949) |
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| 1 | Keith Kahle News Scrapbook Volume 4 (1949 – 1956) |
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1 Keith Kahle News Scrapbook Volume 5 (1956 – 1965)

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1 Keith Kahle News Scrapbook Volume 6 (1965 – 1973)

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1 Keith Kahle News Scrapbook Volume 7 (1982 – 1973)

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1 Keith Kahle News Scrapbook Volume 8 (1982 – 1992)

Box 17

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1 Personal Book for Executives (1948)

2 Keith Kahle Scrapbook – Unbound (1940 – 1948)

Central Airlines/Keith Kahle: Container List (Series IV: Memorabilia)

Box 1 **Titles, Dates, and Description**

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|---|---|
| 1 | Two Central Airline Mugs (1957) |
| 2 | Masonic Apron (n.d.) |
| 3 | Model Boeing 737 (n.d.) |
| 4 | 5 Die Cast Space Shuttle Toys (n.d.) |
| 5 | Model Ryan Monoplane (“Spirit of St. Louis”) (n.d.) |
| 6 | Democratic Nation Convention Visitors Pass (1964) |

Box 2

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| 1 | Boeing Helicopter Model (n.d.) |
| 2 | Douglas DC-7 Model (n.d.) |
| 3 | Beechcraft Bonanza Model (n.d.) |
| 4 | United States Air Force Experimental Aircraft Model (n.d.) |
| 5 | Douglas DC-8 Model (n.d.) |
| 6 | B-36 Peacemaker Model (n.d.) |
| 7 | B-58 Hustler Model (n.d.) |

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| 1 | Mercury Spacecraft Model (n.d.) |
| 2 | Boeing 727 Model (2) (n.d.) |

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3	F-4 Phantom Model (2) (n.d.)
4	Central Airlines DC-3 Model (n.d.)
5	Central Airlines Convair 240 Model (2) (n.d.)
6	Central Airlines BAC One-Eleven Model (n.d.)
7	Vought Corsair II Model (n.d.)
8	F-111 Model (n.d.)
9	LTV XC-142 Model (2) (n.d.)
10	Convair 990 Model (n.d.)
11	DC-8 Model (n.d.)
12	DC-3 Model (n.d.)

Box 4

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1	Central Airlines Captain's Hat (1949 – 1963)
2	Central Airlines Uniform Shirt (1949 – 1963)
3	Central Airlines Uniform Jacket (1949 – 1963)

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<u>Box 5</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
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1	Central Airlines Renewal Case Book (1951)
2	United States Navy Plotter Radio Fix (1944)
3	A.A.F. School of Applied Tactics Time of Run Sighting Angle Computer (1943)
4	True Air Speed Computer (1943)
5	Star Identifier AM-Type 1 (1943)
6	Desk Clock (1950)
7	Central Airlines Fishing Fly – Commemorating Service to Denver (1960)
8	Black Ceramic Ash Tray (n.d.)
9	Scotch Cellophane Tape Dispenser (1942)
10	Set of Keys in Leather Key Holder (n.d.)
11	Key to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (1954)
12	1960 Democratic National Convention Floor Passes (1960)
13	Central Airlines Cocktail Napkin (1949 – 1963)
14	T.E. Robinson Leather Shoulder Patches (1949 – 1963)
15	Charge-a-Plate Store of Dallas Charge Plate (1958 – 1960)
16	Framed Photograph of Dr. C.E. Kahle (Keith Kahle’s Father (1928)
17	LTV Plaque for Keith Kahle (1973)
18	Central Airlines Emory Boards (1949 – 1963)
19	E3A Prowler Operations Manual (1970)

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| 20 | Spoons from The Hotel Washington (1960) |
| 21 | Beechcraft Bonanza Paperweight (1949 – 1963) |
| 22 | A-7 Corsair II Paperweight (1970) |
| 23 | Guest of the Secretary of the Navy Orientation Cruise Paperweight (1971) |

Box 6

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| 1 | Master Keys to Amon Carter Field (1959) |
| 2 | TWA Ambassadors Club (1959) |
| 3 | Small Business Association Certificate (1960) |
| 4 | Photograph: Skeet Richardson (1950) |
| 5 | Oklahoma Semi Centennial Exposition (1957) |
| 6 | Congressional Resolution (1955) |
| 7 | Proclamation: City of Fort Worth (1960) |
| 8 | Honorary Citizenship in Fort Smith, Arkansas (1955) |
| 9 | S.A.D.A.S.S. Certificate of Membership (1965) |
| 10 | Central Airlines Route Map (1949 – 1963) |
| 11 | Certificate: Commodore of the Oklahoma Navy (1952) |
| 12 | Affidavit of Heriship – C.E. Kahle (1987) |
| 13 | Signed Central Airlines News Clips (1950 – 1963) |
| 14 | Signed Photograph of the LTV XC-142A (1970) |

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15	Certificate of membership in The Lancers (n.d.)
16	Award of Special Merit (1957)
17	Certificate: Confederate Air Corps (1955)
18	Photograph of First Mail Carried by Central Airlines (1953)
19	Certificate: American Airlines Admiral of the Flagship Fleet (1938)
20	Certificate: Beechcraft Honors Central Airlines First 1,000,000 Miles (1950)
21	7 Aircraft Paintings (n.d.)
22	Inaugural Flight Key (1957)
23	Key to the City of Denver (1956)
<u>Box 7</u>	
<u>Folder</u>	
1	Canceled Checks (1960 – 1983)
2	Wiley Post's Aerospace Achievements (1963)
3	Alaska Sport Fishing Certificate (1984)
4	Air Force Systems Command Doctorate of Aerospaceology (1965)
5	Civil Air Patrol Commander's Commendation Award (1981)
6	Central Airlines Certificate of Achievement (1962)
7	Official Test Pilot Song (1968 – 1970)
8	Warranty Deed for Land on Pike's Peak (1954)

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| 9 | Honorary Flight Commander – Oklahoma (1938) |
| 10 | General of the Tuttle Creek Air Force (1961) |
| 11 | Honorary Citizenship – Dallas, TX (1961) |
| 12 | Arkansas Traveler Award (1954) |
| 13 | Arkansas Traveler Award (1956) |
| 14 | Appointment to Texas Aeronautics Commission (1961) |
| 15 | Membership – Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce (1968) |
| 16 | Democratic Congressional Dinner (1964) |
| 17 | Central Airlines Skywriter (May – June, 1964) |
| 18 | Central Airlines Giveaways (1949 – 1963) |

Box 8

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| 1 | Photograph: Keith Kahle and LTV XC-142 (1970) |
| 2 | Photograph: Lt. Clarence Kahle (August 29 th , 1918) |
| 3 | Photograph: Hughes H-1 Hercules (“Spruce Goose”) (1947) |
| 4 | Key to Guymon, Oklahoma (1954) |
| 5 | Cover of <i>American Aviation</i> (March – 1965) |
| 6 | Key to the City of St. Louis, Missouri (1956) |
| 7 | Autographed Photo: Vice President Richard Nixon (1957) |

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| 8 | President John F. Kennedy Inaugural Address (1961) |
| 9 | Photograph: First Flight of “Central Airlines” (June 3, 1944) |
| 10 | Autographed Photo: Colonel T. D. Harris (1953) |
| 11 | Proclamation: “Oklahoma City Salutes Central Airlines” (1951) |
| 12 | Honorary Marshall of Dodge City, Kansas (1959) |
| 13 | Honorary Citizen of Fort Smith, Arkansas (1956) |

Box 9

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| 1 | 8 mm Film: <i>Halifax</i> (September – 1967) |
| 2 | 8 mm Film: <i>Congressional Briefing – Air Trans</i> (1974) |
| 3 | 8 mm Film: <i>Hydrofoil – Seattle, Washington</i> (1968) |
| 4 | 8 mm Film: <i>Downtown People Mover</i> (1974) |
| 5 | 8 mm Film: Keith Kahle (n.d.) |
| 6 | 8 mm Film: <i>Oklahoma vs. Navy</i> (1965) |
| 7 | 8 mm Film: <i>Copter in Color</i> (1960 – 1963) |
| 8 | 8 mm Film: <i>Clouds at Vandenberg Air Force Base</i> (1965) |
| 9 | 8 mm Film: <i>Old Pictures of Central Airlines</i> (1952) |
| 10 | 8 mm Film: <i>Cotton Bowl: Oklahoma vs. Texas</i> (1965) |
| 11 | 8 mm Film: <i>Pan Am Show</i> (June – 1965) |
| 12 | Unlabeled Kodachrome II Film Cartridge (n.d.) |

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| 13 | Unlabeled 8mm Film Reel #1 (n.d.) |
| 14 | Unlabeled 8mm Film Reel #2 (n.d.) |
| 15 | Unlabeled Reel to Reel Audio Tape (n.d.) |

Box 10

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| 1 | Key to the City of Enid, Oklahoma (1950) |
| 2 | Poster of Central Airlines DC-3 (1955) |
| 3 | Mosaic of a Central Airlines Convair 240 (1960) |
| 4 | Oil Painting of a Central Airlines DC-3 (1960) |
| 5 | Framed American Airlines Business Card Signed by C.R. Smith (n.d.) |
| 6 | Signed Photograph and Personal Account of "Indian Jim" Bob Moore (n.d.) |
| 7 | Gavel Used in Ceremony Dedicating Central Airlines Service to Harrison, Arkansas (1957) |
| 8 | Framed Keith Kahle Article (1960) |
| 9 | Shovel Used in Ground Breaking Ceremony of Central Airlines Facility, Amon Carter Field, Fort Worth, Texas (1958) |