

Guide to the
James H. Walker Collection

1.17 linear feet

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Biographical Sketch:

James H. Walker was born January 16, 1906 in Commerce, Texas. In 1927 he secured his pilot certification and Walker was commissioned in the U.S. Army Reserve. He traveled around the west performing a variety of jobs in the aviation field, finally taking a job as an airline pilot with Cromwell Airlines in 1929. He flew for Cromwell until 1930, when he joined Bowen Airlines. In 1932 he went to work for American Airways as a pilot until 1942 when he was called to active duty during World War II. He flew for the Army Air Corps and was assigned to the European Air Transport Command from 1942 to 1945. After returning from the war he resumed his career as a commercial pilot and continued to fly for American until his retirement in 1966. He spent several years of his retirement in Colorado, and then moved to a retirement community for Air Force officers in San Antonio, Texas.

Sources

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James H. Walker Papers Box 1 Folder 1, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Additional Sources

More on James H. Walker and Cromwell Airlines can be found in the James Mattern collection, in the holdings of the History of Aviation Collection, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas. Consult the finding aid for further information.

Series Description

The James H. Walker collection has one series consisting of two boxes of material totaling 1.17 linear feet. The collection holds loose material in folders and several bound log books. The collection is described at the folder level. See container list for the title of individual folders.

Scope and Content Note

The James H. Walker Collection covers the years 1930-1962 and includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, military records, identification cards, and black

and white photographs. The collection also contains several bound logbooks which cover Walker's aviation career from 1930-1942 and 1947-1962.

Provenance Statement

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Container List

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James H. Walker Papers: Container List

Box 1

Titles, Dates, and Description

Folder

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| 1 | Flying School, Airline, and Flying Club Information |
| 2 | Correspondence with Family and Friends |
| 3 | James Walker Individual Flight Record (Military Documents) |
| 4 | Identification Cards, Commendations, and Certificates |
| 5 | Aviation Related Newspaper and Magazine Clippings |

Box 2

Folder

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| 1 | Black and White Photographs |
| 2 | Log book: January 1930 – January 1935 |
| 3 | Log book: February 1935 – January 1937 |
| 4 | Log book: February 1938 – May 1942 |
| 5 | Log book: September 1947 – July 1952 |
| 6 | Log book: August 1952 – March 1956 |
| 7 | Log book: April 1956 – December 1962 |