



Walter Heckman, Jr. Collection, 1846-2009

Collection Summary:

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Summary: Personal papers of Walter Heckman, Jr., including paper items, scrapbooks, publications, audio materials, photographs, and assorted memorabilia.

Physical Description: 6 linear feet

Language: English

Stack Location: Closed Stacks

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville-Davidson County, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219

Biographical/Historical Note:

Born March 8, 1921, Walter Waring Heckman, Jr. worked for the City of Nashville at the Air Traffic Control Tower at Berry Field. Heckman graduated from West End High School in 1939, and was later admitted to Vanderbilt University before beginning his career. He married Mary Kathryn Scarborough in 1943.

Beginning his career in 1941, Heckman began his work at the Nashville Tower and became a Federal employee with the Civil Aeronautics Administration a year later. He also served the Knoxville Tower, and later Served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in Port Moresby, New Guinea and Brisbane, Australia. Heckman was active in the American Legion and served as Commander of the Belle Meade Post 45, as well as the 6th District Commander and Chairman of the Davidson County Chapter.

In addition, Heckman was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA), the Calvary United Methodist Church, the West Nashville Kiwanis, and the West High Lunch Group. As a supporter of local history, Heckman lobbied for the preservation of Union Station and the Andrew Jackson

Hotel and appeared on local NPT programs regarding the history of aviation and baseball in Nashville. Heckman died June 26, 2009.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains approximately 200 items belonging to Walter Heckman, Jr., including paper items, scrapbooks, publications, audio materials, photographs, and assorted memorabilia. Items in this collection pertain to Heckman's career as an air traffic controller, the FAA, and the CAA, Nashville history and government, junior high and high school, Heckman's organizational memberships, and personal items.

Paper items include American Airlines accident reports, building plans, ATC newsletters, brochures, event programs, maps, charts, invoices, FAA/CAA guidelines and manuals, city planning documents, clippings, and newspapers. Newspapers (1877-2000) include the *New York Tribune*, *The Tennessean*, and the *Nashville Banner*, and contain articles and headlines regarding events of historical significance, the centennial anniversary of the Battle of Nashville, and stories featuring the Nashville Airport. Also included are newspapers from Cavert Junior High School's *Newsreel* (1936-1937) and West End High School's *The West Wind* (1938-1941).

Scrapbooks (c. 1930s-1950s) include collections of news clippings regarding the history of aviation and sports.

Publications include books and magazines regarding the history of Vanderbilt University, the American Legion, and Nashville music, as well as several Nashville telephone directories (1935-1943).

Audio materials include several reel-to-reel recordings of audio training programs for aviation and air traffic control guidelines.

Photographs include aviation-related photos such as landing accidents, the Nashville Tower, air shows, aerial views, ATC meetings, and Air Force planes (1926-1981). Other photographs include an autographed photo of Tommy Dorsey (c. 1938), a photo of Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford (1931?), and a photograph of a ceremony for the first electric car in Nashville (1889).

Memorabilia includes items related to Nashville history and community, such as Nashville Boosters banners and ribbons, ticket stubs and local business cards, political buttons, posters, and flyers. Other items in this collection aviation-related memorabilia such as map overlays, school-related memorabilia, and personal memorabilia such as handwritten poems from Mary A. McIntosh (date unknown).

Contents Listing:

Box 1: Aviation-Related Materials

- Folder 1:** Accident Report: 12/19/1946
- Folder 2:** Accident Report: 12/24/1946
- Folder 3:** Accident Report: 12/28/1946
- Folder 4:** Accident Report: 02/04/1947
- Folder 5:** Addition to ATC Building (1963)
- Folder 6:** Addition to ATC Building Original (1962)
- Folder 7:** Aerial Photographs (c. 1936)
- Folder 8:** ATCA Annual Meeting (1964)
- Folder 9:** ATCA Bulletin (1968)
- Folder 10:** ATC Meeting (?) Photographs (n.d.)
- Folder 11:** ATC Information (1967-1970)
- Folder 12:** ATCA's Service to the Controller (n.d.)
- Folder 13:** ATC Tower Photographs (n.d.)
- Folder 14:** CAA Manual, Ch. 1-8 (1943)
- Folder 15:** CAA Manual, Ch. 9-12 (1943)
- Folder 16:** Coolidge Comic (n.d.)
- Folder 17:** FAA Brochures (1970-1971)
- Folder 18:** FAA Change: 09/25/1969
- Folder 19:** FAA Change: 12/10/1969
- Folder 20:** FAA Change: 03/16/1970
- Folder 21:** FAA Order: 12/31/1969
- Folder 22:** Facility Management Supplement (1969)
- Folder 23:** Faction on Aviation (1944)
- Folder 24:** Federal Airways Manual of Operations (1944)
- Folder 25:** Landing Accident Photographs (1943-1944)
- Folder 26:** Nashville Airport ATC Tower (n.d.)
- Folder 27:** Nashville Airport Drawings (1964-1967)
- Folder 28:** Nashville Aviation Days (1969)
- Folder 29:** Other Photographs (1926-c. 1960)
- Folder 30:** Photo Album I (1955)
- Folder 31:** Photo Album II (1936-1981)
- Folder 32:** Standard Air Traffic Control Procedures (1944)
- Folder 33:** Tale of the "Tin Goose" (1962?)
- Folder 34:** Tennessee Aviation Days Air Show (1976)

Box 2: School-Related Materials

- Folder 1:** Beta Club Journal (1940)
- Folder 2:** Cavert Junior High School (1935)
- Folder 3:** George Peabody College for Teachers (1940-1941)
- Folder 4:** High School Football Programs (1938-1939)
- Folder 5:** Hillsboro High School Father's Club (1968-1970)
- Folder 6:** Nashville Business College (1940)

Folder 7: "Newsreel," May-Dec. 1936
Folder 8: "Newsreel," Jan-Mar. 1937
Folder 9: "Newsreel," Apr.-May 1937
Folder 10: Other School Newspapers (1939-1940)
Folder 11: Tommy Dorsey Photograph (c. 1938)
Folder 12: Vanderbilt 50th Anniversary (1925)
Folder 13: West End High Graduation (1938-1941)
Folder 14: West End High Memorabilia (1938-1942)

Box 3: Personal Materials and Organizational Memberships

Folder 1: American Legion (n.d.)
Folder 2: Banner Quiz Scrapbook (n.d.)
Folder 3: Car Tags (1977-1980)
Folder 4: Davidson Co. Anti-Tuberculosis Assn. (1951-1955)
Folder 5: Event Programs: Memorial Day (1947-1964)
Folder 6: Event Programs: Music (1939-1975)
Folder 7: Event Programs: Organizations (1912-1956)
Folder 8: Event Programs: Restaurants and Theater (n.d.)
Folder 9: Invoices (1940-1944)
Folder 10: Marriage Announcement Form (n.d.)
Folder 11: Nashville Association of Musicians (1975)
Folder 12: News Clippings (n.d.)
Folder 13: Old Wine in New Bottles (1967)
Folder 14: Organizational Memberships (1946-1990)
Folder 15: St. Thomas Hospital (c. 1950s)
Book: History of the American Legion Department of Tennessee (1953)

Box 4: Sports Memorabilia and Powder Puff Derby

Folder 1: All-Sports Almanac (1954)
Folder 2: College Sports News Clippings (1937-1940)
Folder 3: Hole in One Certificate (1986)
Folder 4: Nashville Vols (1955-1963)
Folder 5: Pro-Celebrity Golf Tournament (1970)
Folder 6: Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee Programs (1942-1946)
Folder 7: PPD Contestant List (1976)
Folder 8: PPD Final Results (1976)
Folder 9: PPD General Information (1976)
Folder 10: PPD Information for ATCs (1976)
Folder 11: PPD Information for Contestants (1976)
Folder 12: PPD News Releases (1975-1976)
Folder 13: PPD Rules (1976)
Folder 14: PPD Time Tickets (1976)
Folder 15: Thank-you Cards (1976)

Box 5: Nashville Government and History

- Folder 1:** Andrew Jackson Hotel Rates (1959-1967)
- Folder 2:** Andrew Jackson Hotel Room Rates, Framed (1952)
- Folder 3:** Antiques in Tennessee (1971)
- Folder 4:** Bumper Stickers (n.d.)
- Folder 5:** City Planning Documents (1955)
- Folder 6:** The Coleman Handbook (1949)
- Folder 7:** Democratic Primary (1941)
- Folder 8:** E. Thomas Carney, D.D.S. Letterhead (2009)
- Folder 9:** Government Letters (1966-1968)
- Folder 10:** Government Publications (1952-1962)
- Folder 11:** Historic Homes Information (n.d.)
- Folder 12:** Historic Nashville News Clippings (1991)
- Folder 13:** Letter to Ben West (1962)
- Folder 14:** Local Business Memorabilia (c.1964)
- Folder 15:** Lyzon Art Gallery (2009)
- Folder 16:** Marathon Motor Cars (n.d.)
- Folder 17:** Nashville Points of Interest (1978)
- Folder 18:** Nashville Times Calendar (1940)
- Folder 19:** Opposition to Harpeth Hills Incorporation (1959)
- Folder 20:** The Other Music City, 1920-1970 (c.2002)
- Folder 21:** Parthenon at Athens and Nashville (n.d.)
- Folder 22:** Planning Activities 1954
- Folder 23:** Post Office Information (1936)
- Folder 24:** Property Listings and Bid Information (1970)
- Folder 25:** The Volunteer (1943-1945)

Box 6: Tickets, Pay Stubs, Holiday Cards, etc.

- Admission Tickets (1937-1940)
- Air Show Passes (1948)
- Avalon Excursion Steamer (n.d.)
- Business Cards (n.d.)
- Christmas Cards (n.d.)
- Colonial Dinner Club (n.d.)
- Commerce Union Bank (1941-1943)
- Eastern Air Lines (n.d.)
- Golf Cards (n.d.)
- Hettie Ray's Dinner Club (n.d.)
- Local Business Stubs (n.d.)
- National Bond and Investment Company (n.d.)
- Phillips & Burtorff (n.d.)
- State Fair Tickets (1962-1967)
- Valentine's Day Card (n.d.)

War Assets Administration (n.d.)
WKDA Nightwatchmen Club (n.d.)

Box 7: ATC-Related Memorabilia

Brightness Selector (n.d.)
Runway Selector (n.d.)
Microphone Piece (n.d.)

Box 8: Nashville Memorabilia

Andrew Jackson Hotel (n.d.)
Battle of Nashville Centennial (n.d.)
Collecting Tin (n.d.)
Corn Cob (n.d.)
Deputy Sheriff Badge (n.d.)
First American National Bank (n.d.)
Green Spot Orangeade (n.d.)
Nashville Arena (1996)
Lewdon's Hat Shop (n.d.)
Nashville Booster Banners (n.d.)
Nashville Booster Pins (1935)
Nashville Booster Ribbon (1925)
Pins and Buttons (c.1940)
Reception Ribbon (n.d.)
State Fair Banner (1940)

Box 9: Sound Reels

Air Masses and Fronts (n.d.)
Air Traffic Rules (n.d.)
The Atmosphere (n.d.)
Basic Radar Fundamentals (n.d.)
Thunderstorms and Turbulence (n.d.)
Weather Briefing Techniques (n.d.)
Words and Phrases - Noise Modulation (n.d.)
Words and Phrases (n.d.)
Note (n.d.)

Box 10: Memorabilia

Mary McIntosh Poems (n.d.)
Letter from W. Freeman, Jr. (1846)
Hanging Banner (1938)
ATC Tower at Berry Field (n.d.)
The Hermitage (n.d.)
Worldly Fears and Uncertainties (1934)

Louie Gasser's Flying Circus (1934)
Louie Gasser's Flying Circus Original (1934)
Prohibition Sign (1929)
Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford (1931?)
Wanted Sign (1962)
Frontpage of WWII History (1941-1945)
Mike Flight, Berry Field Pickup (n.d.)
Phillips & Burtorff Plates (n.d.)
West End High Hat (n.d.)
Map overlays (n.d.)
Wallace School Pillowcase (n.d.)

Box 11: *Nashville Tennessean* Souvenir Edition (1964)

Box 12: Newspapers, 1877-1964

Box 13: Newspapers, 1984-1998

Box 14: Newspapers, 1998-2000

Box 15: *The West Wind*, 1938-1941

Unboxed Books:

FAA Change to Facility Management Handbook (1969)
FAA ATC Manual, Section 7110.8A (1970)
Instrument Approach Charts (1943-1946)
Proposed Public Sanitary Sewer System for the Nashville Metropolitan Area (1956)
Financial Structure of Nashville and Davidson County (1955)
Nashville, TN Phone Directory (1935)
Nashville, TN Phone Directory (1937)
Nashville, TN Phone Directory (1943)
Scrapbook of Aviation (n.d.)
Sports News Clipping Scrapbook (n.d.)
Football News Clipping Scrapbook (c. 1930s)
The Vanderbilt Campus: A Pictorial History (1977) - bookshelves

Unboxed Framed Items:

American Legion Post 45 Plaque (n.d.)
First Electric Car (1889)

Unboxed Oversize Items (RG2):

Oversize Maps (n.d.)

Nashville Aerial Photograph (n.d.)
Berry Field Aerial Photograph (1972)
Map of Davidson County (1961) – 2 maps
Wings of Defense (1984)
Barry Field, Nashville, Tennessee (1950; 1960)
City Planning Chart (1954)
Civil Airways and Mileage Charts (1952-1953)

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