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Chanute Air Force Base Subject Files:
Octave Chanute

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Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Chanute Air Force Base

Inclusive Dates: 1970s-2000s

Physical Description: 1 box, 1 linear feet.

Provenance:

The Chanute Air Force Base files were donated to the Champaign County archives after the Octave Chanute Air Museum closed. The Chanute Air Force Base Subject files were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives from the defunct Chanute Air Force Base Museum upon their closure. These files were originally created and maintained by the History Office at the Chanute Air Force Base.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Historical Note:

Octave Chanute was a well-known engineer that focused on developing railroads in the United States. Later in life, Chanute would shift his focus and research to developing different gliders and ways to fly. While his own work is impressive, Chanute is also well-known for corresponding and advising the Wright Brothers on their goal of flight. The Chanute Air Force base was named in his honor after his death in 1917.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection mostly spans from the 1970s to early 2000s with the content being produced by the Chanute Air Force Base officials, historians, and community members of those affected by Chanute's work. There is also content created by Chanute's descendants and their involvement with the Chanute Air Force Base. It contains correspondence, publications, photographs, and blueprints related to Octave Chanute's life, family, and work.

Arrangement:

By subject matter and chronologically.

Subjects Terms:

Chanute
Chanute Air Force Bases
United States Air Force
Engineering
Flight
Glider



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Box 1:

Folder 1: Bibliography Information Part 1

Correspondence

“Recent experiments in Gliding Flight” by Octave Chanute

Articles

Timeline

Biography article

Pamphlet

Folder 2: Bibliographic Information Part 2

Essays

“Octave Chanute Aviation Pioneer” by J. Paul Clayton

Pamphlet

Newspaper Clippings

Folder 3: Publications Part 1

Octave Chanute Aviation Pioneer

Aerospace Historian 1968

Aviation News 1973

Knight Templar 1987

Soaring & Motorgliding 1996

Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History

High Speed Indiana 1997

Old News

“Wrighting an Old Wrong” by Kathleen McAuliffe

“Eyewitness to Octave Chanute’s Secretive Flights” by Henry S. Bunting

Chicago Tribune 1992

Folder 4: Publications Part 2

Aviation News Vol. 9 No. 3

Chicago Tribune Magazine 1978

Crain’s Chicago Business 1997

Folder 5: Photos

Slides

Stickers

Photographs

Photo copies

Folder 6: Octave Chanute Engineering Projects

Correspondence

Public Relations Release

Articles

Publications

Flyer

“Knox & Kane Railroad” Web page

Poster

Newspaper Clippings



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Map

Photographs

Postcard

Folder 7: Chanute Glider Part 1

Letter with envelope and photo.

Correspondence

Dedication Guest List

Itinerary

Publications

"Chanute's Glider" by David Young

"Evolution of Two-Surface Flying Machine" by Octave Chanute

"Celebrate the Chanute Glider Centennial" Web page

"The Octave Chanute Pages" Web page

Letter with envelope - USED

Photographs

Diagrams

Folder 8: Chanute Glider Part 2

Blueprints

Newspaper clippings

Photo copies of pictures.

Sticker

Transparencies

Negatives

Photographs

Slides

Article

Folder 9: 'Ox' Chanute Part 1

Correspondence

Folder 10: 'Ox' Chanute Part 2

Speech

Correspondence

Microfilm

Photographs

Newspaper Clippings

Folder 11: Octave Chanute Stamps

Correspondence

Photocopy of envelope

Envelope with stamps UNUSED

Envelope without stamps UNUSED

Envelope with stamps UNUSED

Stamps in envelope

Copy of envelopes

Photo of envelope

Invitation



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Program

Newspaper Clippings

Folder 12: Chanute Grave Site

Correspondence

Meeting Minutes

Photos

Microfilm

Newspaper Clippings

Folder 13: Philip Weiner

Correspondence

“America’s Forgotten Daedalus” By Philip Weiner

“Chanute... Southeast Kansas” By Chanute Chamber of Commerce

Folder 14: Chanute Kanas

Phamplets

Correspondence

Newspaper Clipping

House Resolution No. 6029

Booklets