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Base Closure Files
Years 1970-1993

COLLECTION 200.021

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Chanute Air Force Base

Inclusive Dates: 1977-1993

Physical Description: 3 boxes; 3 linear feet

Provenance:

The Chanute Air Force Base Closure Files were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by the Octave Chanute Air Museum after their closure. The Museum originally received these files from Chanute Air Force Base. The Base Closure Files were separated from the larger Subject Files collection.

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:

The Chanute Air Force Base was open for 75 years and operated as a training ground for generations of Air Force servicemen and women. Its long history through several military conflicts and influence as a Technical Training Center made it a well-researched and well-documented subject.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of reports, newspaper clippings, memos and correspondence about the Chanute Air Force Base Closure. This collection covers two decades of material, from the 1970s until the base closure in 1993.

Arrangement:

These files are arranged into two series: general base closure files, and newspaper clippings and articles. Both series are arranged chronologically by date. In instances of multiple newspapers within a given year, they will be arranged alphabetically within the year.

Subject Terms:

Chanute Air Force Base (Ill.)

Chanute Air Force base (Ill.)—History

Chanute Field (Ill.)—History

Air Bases—Rantoul—History

Rantoul (Ill.)



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Container List:

Box 1

Series 1: General Base Closure Files

Folder 1: Background and Status Quo Study, 1977

Base Closure and Realignment Info Sheet
Background/Status Quo Reports (1977)

Folder 2: Base Closure Studies (1/2), ca. 1978

Newspaper Clippings
Correspondence
Pamphlets
Handwritten Notes
Memos

Folder 3: Base Closure Studies (2/2), ca. 1978

Correspondence
Briefing for Congressman Madigan
Review of Air Training Technical Command
Reports
Speech Copy
Newspapers

Folder 4: Correspondence and Memos (1/2), 1978

Business Card
Correspondence
Memos
Newspaper Clippings

Folder 5: Correspondence and Memos (2/2), 1978

Correspondence
Memos
Base Closure Studies Report (1978)

Folder 6: Memos, Papers, and Clippings, 1978

Newspaper Clippings
Memos
Correspondence
Press Query Sheets
Notes

Folder 7: CAFB Point Paper, 1978-1988

Newspaper Clippings
Summary Report



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Folder 8: Base Closure, 1988

- Report
- Correspondence/Articles
- Unclassified Document-Report
- Description of Proposed Actions
- Economic Resource Impact Statement
- Installation Commander's Guide (Base Realignment and Closure)
- Installation Restoration Program Status Booklet

Folder 9: Base Closure (1/2), 1989

- Closure Pamphlets
- AFA Newsletter
- Correspondence
- Air Force Times Copy (1/9/89)

Folder 10: Base Closure (2/2), 1989

- Closure Memos
- Working Committee Points of Contact
- Cost Tracking Workshop Files
- Correspondence
- AFA Report
- Meeting Minutes
- Amarillo AFB History and Note

Folder 11: Base Closure Petition Materials, 1989

- Correspondence (1989)
- Proposal
- Edward Madigan Testimony (1989)

Folder 12: Air Force Association (AFA) Materials, 1990

- Correspondence (some with Don Weckhorst)
- AFA Newsletter

Folder 13: Base Closure (1/2), 1990

- Memos
- Reports
- Early Course Moves Document
- Record of Decision Document
- Newspaper Clippings
- DeBack Interview

Folder 14: Base Closure (2/2), 1990

- Base Realignment
- Correspondence
- Meeting Scripts
- Public/Press Briefing



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- Contact Lists
- Folder 15: Reusing the Base, 1990-1994
 - Newspaper Clippings
 - Rantoul Newsletter
 - Base Reuse Activity Status
 - Memos
 - Meeting Minutes
 - Museum Documents
- Folder 16: Newsletters and Memos, 1992-1993
 - The Word from Chanute (Keith Tedrow)
 - Chamber Newsletter
 - Community Council Meeting
 - Address List
 - Literary Digest
 - Keith Tedrow Certificate of Appreciation
- Folder 17: Timothy Ballard Base Realignment Report, 1999

Box 2

Series 2: Newspaper Clippings and Articles

- Folder 1: Newspaper Clippings, ca. 1970s
- Folder 2: 1978
 - ID Card
 - Mess Hall Card
- Folder 3: 1983-1992
- Folder 4: 1988
- Folder 5: New York Times, 1988-1989
- Folder 6: Paxton Daily Record, 1988-1989
- Folder 7: Chicago Tribune, 1988, 1990
- Folder 8: 1989 (1/3)
- Folder 9: 1989 (2/3)
- Folder 10: 1989 (3/3)
- Folder 11: News-Gazette, 1989
- Folder 12: 1989-1990
- Folder 13: Daily Illini, 1989-1990
- Folder 14: 1990
- Folder 15: News-Gazette, Jan-Feb, 1990
- Folder 16: News-Gazette, Mar-June, 1990
- Folder 17: News-Gazette, July-Dec, 1990



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Box 3

Series 2: Newspaper Clippings and Articles

- Folder 1: Rantoul Press, 1990
- Folder 2: San Angelo Standard Times, 1990
- Folder 3: Paxton Daily Record, 1990-1992
- Folder 4: News-Gazette, Jan-June, 1991
- Folder 5: News-Gazette, July-Dec, 1991
- Folder 6: Rantoul Press, Jan-June, 1991
- Folder 7: Rantoul Press, July-Dec, 1991
- Folder 8: Air Force Times, 1991-1992
- Folder 9: 1991-1993 (1/2)
- Folder 10: 1991-1993 (2/2)
 The Countdown Copy
- Folder 11: Chicago Tribune, 1991-1993
- Folder 12: News-Gazette, Jan-June, 1992
- Folder 13: News-Gazette, July-Dec, 1992
- Folder 14: Rantoul Press, 1992
- Folder 15: News-Gazette, 1993
- Folder 16: Rantoul Press, 1993