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Phillip Alexander Weihrouch Chanute Scrapbook, 1920's

Collection 349

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Sara Bennett, October 2022

**Creator/Corporate Name:** Phillip Alexander Weihrouch

**Inclusive Dates:** 1920s

**Physical Description:** 1 box, (0.25 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

**Provenance:**

The Phillip Alexander Weihrouch scrapbook was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Weihrouch's grandson, Mike Peterson in May 2022.

**Access:**

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**Biographical Note:**

Phillip Alexander "Alex" Weihrouch (April 10, 1904 – November 18, 1964) was born in Van Wert, Ohio to Louise Anna Miller Weihrouch (1883-1966) and George V. Weihrouch (1882-1908). He married Edith Elizabeth Mills in Decatur, IL on July 12, 1924. They lived in Chicago and then South Bend, Indiana. In South Bend, Weihrouch worked as a foreman making Stromberg carburetors at Bendix. They had three children together, Helen, Robert, and Mary Jo. Weihrouch trained at Chanute Air Force Base in the early 1920s. Based on the photographs, we know we was involved in the on-base band, football team, and basketball team.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains the unbound scrapbook pages created by Weihrouch during his time at Chanute Air Force Base and a written history of Weihrouch's life by his grandson, Mike Peterson. The scrapbook includes photographs of airplanes, training sessions, Chanute classrooms, on-base socializing and off-base activities, including the Chanute Air Force Band, football team, and basketball players. There are also photographs of an aerial camera and aerial photographs of the Champaign-Urbana area, and other locations. It is unknown whether the aerial photographs of other locations were taken by Weihrouch. Except for one photograph, all subjects are unidentified.

**Subject Terms:**

Aerial photographs



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Airplanes  
Band  
Basketball  
Biplanes  
Blimp  
Football  
Machine gun drill and tactics  
Military education  
Parachutes  
Triplanes

**Name Terms:**

Chanute Air Force Base  
Deem, C.  
E.R. Newcomb Hardwood Floors  
Fairchild Aerial Camera Corporation (New York)  
Kruger, R.G.  
Macarthy, L.E.  
Weihrouch, George  
Weihrouch, Helen  
Weihrouch, Louise Anna Miller  
Weihrouch, Mary Jo  
Weihrouch, Phillip Alexander  
Weihrouch, Robert

**Container List**

**Box #1**

Folder 1: Phillip Alexander Weihrouch history written by Mike Peterson.  
Folder 2: 44 unbound scrapbook pages, one newspaper clipping.