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*Papers of Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight Superintendent.* Includes histories of TWA, speeches and manuscripts by employees, policy and procedure information, clippings and photographs.

**BIOGRAPHY:**

Gordon R. Parkinson was an employee of Transcontinental Air Transport, Western Air Express in 1929, when they merged to become TWA. Early in his career, Parkinson was a weatherman and Flight Dispatcher. He became a Flight Superintendent. Parkinson served as president of the TWA Seniors Club.

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INVENTORY:

BOX 001

Folder 1  Early TWA history 1948-1980
Folder 2  Policies and procedures-Dispatch and Flight operations 1940-1953
Folder 3  Flight Engineer requirements, handwritten notes re: systems examinations, booklet: Cable Splicing 1935, Steward Bloomfield items 1945, 1977
Folder 4  Correspondence 1929-1977
Folder 5  Speech: Jack Ebbert, KC District Traffic manager to American Association of University Women, March 16 (during WWII)
Folder 6  Speech: Wayne Parrish 1950
Folder 7  Speech: Carter Burgess 1986, before Active Retired Pilots Association of T.W.A.
Folder 8  Manuscript: TWA’s Flight Thru Time 1925-1952, presented by the Airport (Municipal) Operations Department Management members
Folder 10  Manuscript: Memories of Kansas City and TWA days 1930-1938 by Wes Bunker: mentions Rockne crash, Gordon “Parky” Parkinson (weather man and flight dispatcher) and various other individuals
Folder 11  Manuscript: Rediscovering the part of TWA’s historic 1929 inaugural air service from coast to coast by Alan K. Hogenauer
Folder 12  Manuscript: The Richter file: copy of October 21, 1944 Agreement between TWA and pilots (1of 2)
Folder 13  Manuscript: The Richter file: “The Truth about Pilot’s Pay”
January 25, 1933; History of TWA 1940 by Civil Aeronautics Authority (2 of 2)

Folder 14  Clippings, articles, photocopies 1929-1988

Folder 15  *TAT Plane Talk* July 1929; News from TWA 40th Anniversary of First Round-the-clock Flying 1972

Folder 16  Photographs and organizations 1947-1982

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Folder 1  Airway Map of the United States, December 1, 1937, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Air commerce

Folder 2  Memory Book: 1939 Fiesta Vallejo Ranch, September 14-18
Conquistadores del Cielo (TWA hosted event includes among others: Jack Frye, Lou Holland)