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Walter W. Davis (1922-2011) Papers
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Davis was a flight engineer with Trans World Airlines (TWA). Includes newsletters, publications, clippings, handbooks, and reports, and employee agreements, an employee grievance pamphlet, a retirement handbook, and a copy of a legal Motion for Intervention filed by Flight Engineers

BIOGRAPHY:

Walter W. Davis was born in Hemple, Missouri. He graduated from Brookfield, Missouri High School, and then studied at the Missouri Aviation Institute in Kansas City, Missouri. Davis was first employed by Curtis Wright in St. Louis, Missouri, working on the early manufacture of the C46. He moved to Kansas City and worked on the B25’s, progressing to Tulsa, Oklahoma and 4-engine B24’s. Davis entered the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served as an Aviation Machinist Mate until 1946. He joined TWA in 1946 and retired in 1984 as a flight engineer. Davis flew both domestic and international flights, on all airplanes requiring a Flight Engineer C54/747.

In 1976 Walter Davis was awarded Flight Engineer of the Year from the Chicago domicile. After his retirement, Davis became involved in the restoration of the Lockheed Constellation “Connie” in Kansas City. During the 15 years he worked with the “Connie”, he was made “Designated Flight Engineer” by the F.A.A. He conducted yearly recurrent classes and personal instruction to new flight engineers for the “Connie.” In 1996, Davis received the Charles Taylor Master Mechanics award, presented to those with 50 years aircraft mechanic experience.

Walter W. Davis married Frances Houser from Marceline, Missouri in 1942. They had one son who became a TWA pilot after service in the Navy. Of his two grandsons, one became a pilot with Jet Blue.
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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of an inspection write-up report, employee agreements, an employee grievance pamphlet, a retirement handbook, and a copy of a legal Motion for Intervention filed by Flight Engineers August 1978. Additional materials include newsletters, publications, clippings, handbooks, and reports.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001


Folder 3  Motion for Intervention- Air Line Pilots Association against TWA, Flight Engineers, interveners, August 23, 1978

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Folder 5  Newsletters: Flight Engineers International Association, April 1961-March 1962
Folder 6  Flight Engineers strike of 1961, scrapbook
Folder 7  Feinsinger Report, 1961
Folder 8  TWA reports progress of lack of ALPA cooperation 1962
Folder 9  Clippings: re Flight Engineers strike, 1961
Folder 10  *Standard Aircraft Worker’s Manual*, Fletcher Aircraft School, 1941 [Mr. F.A. Pollmiller]
Folder 12  TWA *Flight Engineer Information Letter*; November 21, 1956, October 31, 1957, April 10, 1958
Folder 13  TWA Flight Crew recurrent training questionnaire, May 7, 1976-November 7, 1983
Folder 15  747 Questions, October 23, 1979
Folder 16  Lockheed *Field Service Digest*, July 1954-June 1958
Folder 17  Lockheed *Field Service Digest*, November 1954-August 1960
Folder 19  *Service and Line Maintenance Instructions PB-10 Automatic Pilot*, 1988
Folder 20  *Flight Engineer Knowledge Test Guide*, 1999
Folder 22  Clippings, 1958-1962
Folder 23  Clippings: Ona Gieschen, Save A Connie Museum, May 15, 1994
Folder 24  Jackson County Historical Society Journal, Spring 2007- *TWA’s Mid-Town Building. With a Rocket on Top. . .by Ona Gieschen*
Folder 25  *A History of TWA Aircraft*
Folder 26  *Men at Work- Flight Engineer* by Richard Thruelsen, reprint from Saturday Evening Post, 1954
Folder 27  
*Skyliner*, June 17, 1954; *Skyliner*, December 20, 1991

Folder 28  
1981 Retirement-Pilots

Folder 29  
Accidents: TWA Flight 800, July 17, 1996; Boeing Stratoliner 307, March 28, 2002; TWA Flight 841, September 8, 1974

Folder 30  
Photograph (color copy) Flight Engineers control panels