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Nelda S. Higginbotham (1930-2011) Papers
1952-2009
1 cubic foot, oversize

Papers and artifacts of former Trans World Airlines (TWA) hostess. Includes hostess pins and name tags, public relations photographs, promotional items, an emergency procedures handbook, a framed award, model airplanes.

BIOGRAPHY:

Nelda S. Higginbotham was born December 3, 1930 to James C. and Mabel (Dicken) Higgenbotham. She graduated from Panhandle High School in Pampa, Texas. In 1952, Higginbotham went to work for Trans World Airlines, where she worked for the next thirty years.

After retirement from TWA, Higginbotham returned to McKinney, Texas, where she worked for Texas Instruments as a receptionist in the security department for the next 18 years.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

The collection includes hostess pins and name tags, public relations photographs, promotional items, an emergency procedures handbook, a framed award, model airplanes. Donated uniforms were transferred to the Kansas City Museum/Union Station, and the TWA Museum.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

Folder 1  TWA issued pins:
One Million Mile, “thunderbird” design with emerald
One Year, “prop” red with TWA in center
Fifteen year, “rocket” with ruby
Twenty year, “rocket” with emerald
Twenty-five year, “rocket” with diamond
Name tag- ground agent
Hostess wings 1960-1968 (designed by Raymond Loy, worn with Don Loper uniform)

Non TWA issued pins:
Junior pilots wings (2) (kept in passenger service kits on plane for flight attendants to give to kids)
Tie tacks (2), public relations hand-outs

Folder 2  Mounted name tag pins (7)
Supervisor pin (1)
TWA 50 th Anniversary, First Coast to Coast Service, October 25, 1930 (1)

Folder 3  Photographs (11):
TWA airplanes: 747, Ford Tri-Motor, DC-3, Lockheed Constellation, and 1011
Flight Times –Then and Now 1930 vs. 1975
Ford Tri-motor plane at Harrisburg, PA ca. 1929
Public relations photo releases with descriptions

Folder 4  Playing Cards of TWA planes, mounted on card;
Ford Tri-Motor- 1929
Douglas DC-3 -1937
Boeing Stratoliner -1940
Douglas DC-4 -1946
Martin 404 -1950
Lockheed 749 -1950
Lockheed 1049 -1952
Lockheed 1649 – 1957
Lockheed 1049G -1955

Folder 5  TWA Public Relations folder ca. 1975
re: 45th Anniversary of Coast to Coast Air Service in the U.S.

Folder 6  TWA Emergency Procedures Handbook, Nelda Higginbotham,
Tulsa 1981-1983

Folder 7  “Class of 1983” addresses and phone list

Folder 8  Skyliners-TWA Seniors June 2004-December 2005

Folder 9  Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, TWA retirement, employee benefits
information

Folder 10  Color-fotos of TWA airplanes, print on paper (3)

FLAT BOX 001

Folder 1  In flight with TWA-The Super Constellation, color-foto by Trans
World Airlines, print on paper

Folder 2  Skyliners June 30, 2000-January 31, 2001

Item 3  Framed award: Nelda S. Higginbotham, 25 years of loyal service,
March 9, 1979

ARTIFACTS

Item 1  Model DC-3 airplane, TWA 386, NC1845, on stand with
functioning propellers ca. 1990’s [contracted to be made by the
Save-A-Connie museum], metal

Item 2  Model Lockheed Constellation Super “G” airplane, TWA N8650,
no stand, plastic replacement propellers, metal

Item 3  Red plastic zippered RON (remain over nite) kit, empty [would
have contained toiletries to give away to passengers compelled to
remain overnight without their luggage]

Item 4  Red plastic snap closure kit, empty [see above notation]

Item 5  Blue zippered case, empty [would have been given to first-class
passengers, containing paper, pen, pencil, stapler etc.]

Item 6  TWA promotional items: pocket knife in black case
ITEMS REMOVED FROM COLLECTION
DONATED TO KANSAS CITY MUSEUM / UNION STATION (summer 2011)
  Item 1    Howard Greer uniform: “cut-out”; jacket, skirt; TWA blue, 1944-1952
  Item 2    Pierre Balmain winter uniform hat, (1), turquoise
DONATED TO TWA MUSEUM, 10 RICHARDS ROAD (summer 2011)
  Item 1    Ralph Lauren uniform: jacket, skirt, belt; size 10R, dark navy
  Item 2    Ralph Lauren uniform: jacket, pants; size 10R, dark navy
  Item 3    Ralph Lauren uniform: jacket, pants; size 10R, dark navy
  Item 4    Pierre Balmain winter uniform hat, (1), turquoise