BIOGRAPHY:

Frank Piepenbring, Jr. was born in Kansas City, Missouri on June 24, 1917 to Frank O. and Sylvia Bernard Piepenbring. He attended Frances Willard Grade School, Paseo High School, Kansas City Junior College, and was a member of the Linwood Presbyterian Church.

In December 1941 Piepenbring enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp. As an enlisted man, he served as a bombardier on submarine patrol in Florida. After officer’s training, Piepenbring became an intelligence staff officer. He flew as an observer on a B-29 raid over Japan. This experience helped him debrief bomber crews. He earned a European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and an Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with two Bronze Stars. Piepenbring was relieved from active duty in October 1945, but remained in the Air Force Reserve, retiring in 1977 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After WWII, Piepenbring resumed his career in sales, working for Lincoln Engineering Co. in St. Louis, then moving to Kansas City where he began a thirty-seven year career with Davis Paint Company. In 1947 Piepenbring moved to Enid, Oklahoma, to manage the Davis Paint Store. He was active in the Enid Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants Association, the Air Force Reserve, First Methodist Church, the Scottish Rite Temple, Masonic Lodge, and the Lions Club.

His involvement with the Lions Club and other civic and social organizations continued even after returning to Kansas City in 1962. As a new member of the Overland Park Host Lions Club, Piepenbring suggested a new community service project. The Metcalf Avenue of Flags began in 1966 as a patriotic fund raiser with forty five American flags, raised on six annual occasions. By 2009, the
The project had grown to four hundred and sixty flags. The project’s beneficiaries are local and Kansas Sight Conservation programs.

Piepenbring was an active member of the Lions Club International for 61 years. During that time he held the office of Kansas District Governor and president of the Kansas Sight Foundation.

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DESCRIPTION:

The collection reflects the personal, business, civic, and military activities of Frank Piepenbring, Jr. It includes correspondence, publications and printed materials. Of particular interest are the World War II military training materials, maps, and photographs.

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Folder 3  Christmas lists- Frank Piepenbring, 1942, 43, 44
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Folder 23  Programs, newsletters: Enid Community Chest, First Methodist Church, Oakwood Country Club, misc., 1958-1963
Folder 24  Remembrances, personal writings-Frank Piepenbring, ca. 2000
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Folder 26  Publication- Industry and Technology, airplanes, cars, salt, ca. 1930s
Folder 27  Publication-Chicago World’s Fair, 1933; Jacksonville, Florida Beach 1942
Folder 28  Publication-Reader’s Digest magazine, September 1943
Folder 29  Publication- *The Lookies*, 1949; *The Candidate, James Durante*, 1952
Folder 30  Publication- Enidopester, Chamber of Commerce, Enid, Oklahoma, January 1950
Folder 31  Publication-*Drying 100 Motors Daily*, Boese-Hilburn Electric Co., Kansas City, 1951
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Folder 34  Publication- Theater Guild Oklahoma, Truman Library 1959, Renaissance Festival 1986
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*Davis Paint Company*

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Folder 13  Publications- United States Gypsum Company, 1951
Folder 14  Publications- Davis Paint Company, Paint Sundries Catalog, 1962-1963
Folder 16  Publications: “Business Career Plan for Two” Davis Paint Company; Davis Paint Company, DA-TEX color chart, ca 1960
Folder 17  Publications: “Paint Record Book” 1940, “Guide to Painting Specifications” 1965
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Folder 17  Organization:  315th Bomb Wing Association


Folder 20  Publication:  Why Space is Important, Space Shuttle Facts, STS-1 and Beyond, 1981

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Folder 22  Publication:  United States War Department, Field Manuals, Technical Manuals, 1941, 1942

Folder 23  Publication:  Army Air Force Guides to Crews, 1942

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Folder 25  Publication:  United States Naval Intelligence, statistical data on Navies, December 1942

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Folder 30  Publication:  Aircraft Evaluation Report, Italian Aircraft, December 1942

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Folder 2  Publication: Our Navy at War, Admiral Ernest J. King, U.S.N., March 27, 1944
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