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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

Guy Murphy Photograph Collection

Abstract: Photographs of aviation, mostly at Lambert Airfield in St. Louis. Portraits include one of Charles Lindbergh, two of actress Joan Valerie, and many images of or dedicated to Airport Manager Ralph Page.

Extent: 18 prints

Physical Description: Photographs

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Lambert Airport came into its own in the mid-1920s when it was acquired by the City of St. Louis from Albert Lambert. Charles Lindbergh worked at the Airport before making his famous trans-Atlantic flight in 1927. It is the first airfield with its own air traffic control system. At times, the airfield hosted the Missouri Air National Guard. In 1956, construction was completed on an iconic terminal designed by Minoru Yamasaki.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

MS192 Gerald R. Massie Collection

MS253 Governor Elliott Woolfolk Major Collection

RG104 Department of Economic Development Commerce and Industrial Development

Additional External Resources

The Missouri History Museum in St. Louis maintains collections:

[#A0012 Aeronautics Collection, 1830-1979](#)

[#A0829 Louise O. Knight Collection, 1927-1980](#)

[#A0868 Albert Bond Lambert Papers, 1936-1946](#)

[#A0903 Lindbergh Collection, 1918-1987](#)

[#A0904 Charles Augustus Lindbergh Papers, 1827-1969](#)

[#A1312 William B. Robertson Collection, 1923-1964](#)

[#A2940 Richard A. Gephardt Papers, 1940-2007](#)

“Ruth Nichols and Party Guests at Dinner Here.” [St. Louis Star-Times](#) Vol. 53 No. 107. St. Louis, MO: 04 February 1939. P. 5.

“Ruth Nichols Guest of Aeronautical Group Here.” [St. Louis Star-Times](#) Vol. 53 No. 106. St. Louis, MO: 03 February 1939. P. 9.

The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia maintains collections:

[#C1405 Estelle Hickok Scrapbooks, 1927-1945](#)

#P0076 Missouri National Guard Photographs

#P0235 Joseph Webber Photograph Collection

#P0318 John J. Cochran Charles Lindbergh Photograph

[#S0774 Richard “Dick” A. Ford Collection, 1912-2005](#)

PHOTOGRAPHS, 1939-1940

Extent: 18 Photographs

Arrangement: Original order maintained

Scope and Content

This is a series of images related to Lambert Airfield / Airport, Charles Lindbergh, Ralph Page, actress Joan Valerie, and others. The images were collected by Ralph Page then obtained by Guy Murphy. Murphy gives permission to the Archives for reproductions.

Digital TIF images are on the Z Drive. Five images can also be found on Flickr.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	69	10A	A group of men inside an airplane at Lambert Airfield, Airfield Manager Ralph Page third from left, an American Airlines dispatcher next to him (photo by Todd Studios, St. Louis)	n.d.
	69	10B	Pilot Charles Lindbergh (middle) and two other men. All three are wearing aviator flight suits with caps and goggles. (photographer unknown)	n.d.
	69	10C	Airfield Manager Ralph Page holds a proclamation with actress Joan Valerie who is sitting on a car at Lambert Airfield. Valerie is in town to promote her new film <i>Tail Spin</i> . (photographer unknown)	02/03/1939
	69	10D	Airfield Manager Ralph Page (right) and two other men on the steps outside a TWA airplane at Lambert Airfield (photographer unknown)	n.d.
	69	10E	Portrait of Ruth R. Nichols in front of her Akita Lockheed airplane, Crosley Radio Corp #NR496M (photographer unknown). Photo dedicated "To Ralph Page Happiest remembrances of your splendid airport and yourself." Nichols is in town to help Joan Valerie and three other actresses from <i>Tail Spin</i> promote their film.	02/03/1939
	69	10F	A group of men outside a building, Airfield Manager Ralph Page in front row second from left (photographer unknown)	n.d.
	69	10G	Portrait of Maj. Kelly (photographer unknown). Dedicated "To Major Page: the best boss I ever had."	n.d.
	69	10H	Portrait of John B. Dean (photographer unknown). Dedicated "To Mr. Ralph Page."	n.d.
	69	10I	Lambert Airfield personnel party (photographer unknown)	n.d.
	69	10J	Man aiming a spotlight (photographer unknown)	n.d.
	69	10K	Two men stand in front of an airplane (photo by 110 th Photo Section, 35 th Division Aviation, Missouri National Guard)	n.d.

	69	10L	Lambert Airfield crew (photo by Airport Studio, Bridgeton, MO). Dedicated "To a good boss Major Ralph Page from City Crew Municipal Airport."	1940
	69	10M	L to R: R. Moore (Flight Director C&S); H. Boyd (Commercial Agent Railway Exp.); J. McGee (co-pilot D&S Airlines); Mrs. Maybelle Kuhlman (Chgo & So Airlines); J. Knopper (Pass Agt. TWA); Major Ralph Page (Airport Manager). (photographer unknown) Dedicated "To my good friend Ralph Page, Yours, H.B. Boyd REA."	n.d.
	69	10N	Portrait of Jim Graham (photographer unknown). Dedicated "To Ralph Page a regular guy."	06/07/1939
	69	10O	Portrait of Jim Wheeler in front of a Shell (the oil company) plane (photo by Todd Studios, St. Louis). Dedicated "To a good friend and a swell comrade – Ralph Page – happy landings."	n.d.
	69	10P	Portrait of Dean C. Smith (photo by Max Ewan). Dedicated "To Ralph Page with best wishes."	n.d.
	69	10Q	Portrait of actress Joan Valerie (photographer unknown). Dedicated "To Mr. Ralph Page, sincere best wishes."	n.d.
	69	10R	Portrait of J.H. McKary (or McKay) (photographer unknown). Dedicated "To Ralph Page, sincerely."	n.d.