Parks Air College Collection  
(R1412)

Collection Number: R1412

Collection Title: Parks Air College Collection

Dates: 1932

Creator: Parks Air College

Abstract: The Parks Air College Collection contains an admission packet for Parks Air College sent to Harold S. Macreading II, in 1932. The packet includes a brief history of the school, description of school facilities, detailed flight course descriptions, and information on the ground, executive, and mechanics’ schools.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot  
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla. If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shs.mo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Oliver “Lafe” Parks founded the Parks Air College (now known as the Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and Technology) in 1927. The college was the first federally certified aviation school in the United States. The college was vital in training numerous pilots during World War II. Parks gave the college to the Saint Louis University in 1946 to allow for a more comprehensive education for pilots. In 1997, the school moved from Cahokia, Illinois to its current home on the campus of the Saint Louis University and became the Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and Technology.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains an admission packet for Parks Air College sent to Harold S. Macreading II in 1932. The packet includes a letter detailing dormitory reservations, an outline of courses and tuition fees. Also included is Skyward Ho!: A Book about Parks Air College, which contains a brief history of the school, description of school facilities, detailed flight course descriptions, and information on the ground, executive, and mechanics’ schools. The school facilities included a dormitory, barbershop, lounge, terminal, and hangers. Courses offered included flying courses, executive and regular transport, limited commercial pilots’ courses, courses in meteorology, navigation, engines, parachutes, radio, and air law.

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