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Ida K. Staggers (1913-1993) Papers

1936-1972

1/3 cubic feet, oversize

Photographs, scrapbook and other memorabilia related to Staggers' 35-year career with Trans World Airlines (TWA) as an Air Hostess.

BIOGRAPHY:

Ida K. Staggers graduated from Hill City (Kansas) High School. She was a private duty nurse before joining TWA in 1936 to become a student hostess (Skyway Sallys). She was in the second class to be trained by TWA when air hostess service was first inaugurated on the airplane. Staggers moved through the ranks from student hostess to hostess, class instructor, Stratoliner hostess and division chief hostess before her promotion to chief hostess in 1943.

In 1937, she was chosen to be Air Hostess on the longest privately chartered plane trip in the United States. The flight, chartered by the Honorable Arthur Ernest Guinness was an air tour of the United States for a group of British nobility. In 1939, Staggers was among the first nine hostesses to receive 500,000 mile pins. Her career lasted until 1972 when she reached mandatory retirement age. She had flown 10 million miles and was the world's oldest living airline stewardess still flying.

PROVENANCE:

This gift was received as part of the Trans World Airlines (TWA) Records as accession KA1410 on October 11, 2005.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of photographs, a scrapbook, and other memorabilia
of Ida K. Stagers' career with TWA.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

- Folder 1 Photographs 1936-1972
- Folder 2 Log of Guinness Charter May 28-June 9, 1937
- Folder 3 Public Relations material
- Folder 4 Photographs- retirement party June 21, 1972
- Folder 5 Retirement Military Aircraft Command plaque 1936-1972

BOX 001X1

- Item 1 Scrapbook- *Memoirs- Ida Stagers 1936-1972*, embossed leather
cover

FLATBOX 001

- Item 1 Handmade certificate on vellum, made by Esther S. Roach, in
honor of Ida Stagers' retirement after 35 years of service to TWA
1936-1972