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Busch Voigts (1910-2011) Papers

1960s-2007

14 folders

Papers of former Trans World Airlines (TWA) pilot. Includes correspondence, invitations, pilot newsletters, newspaper clippings, card decks, photographs, and a TWA booklet.

BIOGRAPHY:

The grandson of two pioneer Johnson County families, Busch Voigts was born November 16, 1910 to Ella Adeline Busch of Lenexa, and Herman John Voigts (October 14, 1881-September 10, 1973), of Leawood, a cattleman. Busch attended the University of Kansas and the University of Arizona in Tuscon.

In 1933, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Air Reserve Corps. By July 1935 Busch had accrued 1445 hours of flying time, and was hired as a co-pilot by Transcontinental and Western Air in Kansas City. During his 35 year career with TWA, Captain Busch Voigts served as Chief Pilot in the training department and on two different occasions, flew with Howard Hughes, who owned the airline.

Busch was selected to fly presidential and campaign charters for Truman (1951), Eisenhower (1952-1954), Nixon (1952), Adlai Stevenson (1952), as well as a state Department tour of the USA by Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia. In 1955 he piloted the TWA inaugural flight from London to Los Angeles. From 1956-58, he was one of 123 pilots of German heritage selected to train pilots for Lufthansa as the airline was activated after WWII. Busch returned to TWA in 1959 to pilot the Boeing 707 jet, which he flew internationally until he retired in 1970.

Together with his wife, Lucille Newcomer Voigts, who he married in 1939, they have three children; Madelyn Moran, Busch Voigts, Jr., and Marcia Rhodus. Busch served as Governor for the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show, past president of the Saddle and Siroloin Club, past chairman of the board of St. John's Methodist Church and the Sun City Christian Church. He was a past member of Indian Hills Country Club, Leawood Country Club, the Kansas City

Club and the Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City, AZ. His professional affiliations included Quiet Birdmen, the OX-5 Club, ALPA and TARPA.

Taken from obituary appearing in the Kansas City Star, April 10, 2011.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of correspondence, invitations, pilot newsletters, newspaper clippings, card decks, photographs, and a TWA booklet.

See also, oral history interview of Busch Voigts by Ona Gieschen October 18, 2004 (K0482)

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

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| Folder 1 | Correspondence, 1975 |
| Folder 2 | Memorials, 1973-1984 |
| Folder 3 | Miscellaneous- invitations, notes, ca. 1970s |
| Folder 4 | Newsletter- <i>Beam: Quiet Birdmen</i> , 1983-1986 |
| Folder 5 | Newsletter- <i>Lancet Flight Forum</i> , 1983-1986 |

- Folder 6 Newsletter- *Save A Connie, Inc.*, 1994-2000
- Folder 7 Newsletter- *Seniors Club*, 1976-1984
- Folder 8 Newsletters- miscellaneous, 1976-2007
- Folder 9 Newspaper clippings, 1960s-1970s
- Folder 10 Newspaper clippings- *Kansas City Star* articles on TWA history,
1995
- Folder 11 Seniors Club correspondence, 1975-1976
- Folder 12 TWA card decks, ca. 1970s
- Folder 13 Photographs, ca. 1970s
- Booklet *The Command Authority and Responsibility of a TWA Captain*
(with "Captain B. Voigts" engraved on cover), 1960s