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Frank Piepenbring, Jr. (1917-2009) Papers

1933-2009

5 cubic feet, oversize

*Personal papers of Kansas City area resident, businessman and World War II veteran. Includes correspondence, publications and printed materials, and World War II military training materials, maps, and photographs.*

### 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

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.

INVENTORY:

**BOX 001**

*PERSONAL FILES*

Folder 1      Abstract of property-5224 Euclid Avenue, K.C., MO, Frank Piepenbring, Sr., 1925

- Folder 2 Biographical-Frank Piepenbring, Jr. - includes birth record, obituary, military information
- Folder 3 Christmas lists- Frank Piepenbring, 1942, 43, 44
- Folder 4 Correspondence- Frank Piepenbring, 1945-46
- Folder 5 Correspondence-Frank Piepenbring, 1959-1996
- Folder 6 Correspondence-Frank Piepenbring, 1962 concerning move to Overland Park, KS.
- Folder 7 Financial- receipts, 1943-1944
- Folder 8 Financial- receipts, tickets, 1963-1964
- Folder 9 Financial-automobiles, 1959, 1961
- Folder 10 Financial-residence, 1222 E. Main St, Enid, Oklahoma, 1954, 1962
- Folder 11 First Methodist Church-Enid, Oklahoma 1953, 1961, 1962
- Folder 12 Legal-Frank Piepenbring, Jr.-defendant, 1941
- Folder 13 Linwood Presbyterian Church, 1946-1975
- Folder 14 Miscellaneous- programs, notes, 1968-1986
- Folder 15 Newspapers- *The Kansas City Times*, September 19, 1939; *The Kansas City Times*, March 6, 1968
- Folder 16 Newspaper Clippings- Frank Piepenbring, Enid, Oklahoma 1951-1962
- Folder 17 Newspaper Clippings-Arthur Bryant B.B.Q, Kansas City 1982-1989
- Folder 18 Notebooks- Frank Piepenbring, 1972-1973
- Folder 19 Paseo High School, class of 1933, reunion 1983
- Folder 20 Photographs-family, 1942
- Folder 21 Photographs, 1960s
- Folder 22 Postcards- Kansas City; including signed card by Carl Busch; invitation to Priests of Pallas ball, 1904; clippings re: Liberty Memorial 1935, 1951
- 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
- Folder 25 Publication- *The Kansas City Evening Star*, September 18, 1880
- 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
- Folder 32 Publication-Missouri and Arkansas State Parks, 1950s
- Folder 33 Publication-*Correlator*, National Association of Homebuilders, June 1956
- Folder 34 Publication- Theater Guild Oklahoma, Truman Library 1959, Renaissance Festival 1986
- Folder 35 Publication-*The 1962 Ford Galaxies*
- Folder 36 Publication-pamphlets *How to get along with people and . . . ; How to handle tough times* 1990
- Folder 37 Sports events- golf, bowling, football, hunting, 1961-1963
- Folder 38 UAW-CIO Strike against General Motors, 1945-1946
- Folder 39 Westport High School *Herald*, class of 1910, "Aunt Margaret Corbin" (Mrs. Eugene L. Young)
- Folder 40 Westport High School *Herald*, class of 1910

**BOX 002***BUSINESS ACTIVITIES*

- Folder 1 Lincoln Lubricating Equipment- manuals, parts lists, 1935-1936
- Folder 2 Lincoln Lubricating Equipment-manuals, parts lists, 1935-1936
- Folder 3 Lincoln Lubricating Equipment- jobbers manuals, 1936
- Folder 4 Lincoln Lubricating Equipment- manuals, 1936
- Folder 5 Pioneer Equipment, Kansas City, Missouri- catalog 1936-1937
- Davis Paint Company*
- Folder 6 Correspondence- Davis Paint Co, 1958-1963
- Folder 7 Davis Paint Company, Enid, Oklahoma, 1946-
- Folder 8 Davis Paint Company, Enid, Oklahoma-Financial, 1954-1963
- Folder 9 Davis Paint Company- correspondence, sales, miscellaneous, 1971-1972

- Folder 10 Davis Paint Company- advertisements, promotions, store listings, 1961-1963
- Folder 11 Davis Paint Company- Frank Piepenbring, retirement, 1983
- Folder 12 Davis Paint Company- Photographs, 1957-1963
- Folder 13 Publications- United States Gypsum Company, 1951
- Folder 14 Publications- Davis Paint Company, Paint Sundries Catalog, 1962-1963
- Folder 15 Publications: "The Davis Paint Story", 1963; "Davis Paint News"-40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1961; 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1991
- 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
- Folder 18 Publications: "Selling Wallpaper for Profit" 1956; "Florentine Molded Wall Decorations" 1961-1962
- Item 19 Publication: *Paseon*, Paseo High School yearbook, 1931
- Item 20 Publication: *Paseon*, Paseo High School yearbook, 1932
- Item 21 Publication: *Paseon*, Paseo High School yearbook, 1933
- Item 22 Publication: *Paseon*, Paseo High School yearbook, 1934
- Item 23 Publication: *20<sup>th</sup> Century Typewriting*, South-Western Publishing Company, Cincinnati 1930

### **BOX 003**

#### *CIVIC ACTIVITIES*

- Folder 1 Certificates, 1953-1992
- Folder 2 Abdallah Shrine Temple, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1987
- Folder 3 Breakfast at Eight Club, 1988, 1989, 2009
- Folder 4 DeMolay, 1948-1966, includes photograph
- Folder 5 Johnson County Shrine Club, 1965-1966
- Folder 6 Lions Club, Enid, Oklahoma, 1952
- Folder 7 Lions Club, Overland Park, Kansas, 1963
- Folder 8 Lions Club, Overland Park, Kansas, 1966-1972
- Folder 9 Lions Club, Overland Park, Kansas 1967-2001
- Folder 10 Personality Rating Sheet, Frank Piepenbring, Overland Park Lions Club, 1967
- Folder 11 Lions Club, Overland Park, Kansas, Flag display

- Folder 12 Lions Club, Overland Park, Kansas, flag program, 1967
- Folder 13 Evening Lions Club, Overland Park, Kansas, 1967
- Folder 14 Lions International-District Governors Executive Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 19, 1971
- Folder 15 Lions Club, Frank Piepenbring, District Governor, District 17AE, Kansas Lions, notebook 1972 (1 of 4)
- Folder 16 Lions Club, Frank Piepenbring, District Governor, District 17AE, Kansas Lions, notebook 1972 (2 of 4)
- Folder 17 Lions Club, Frank Piepenbring, District Governor, District 17AE, Kansas Lions, notebook 1972 (3of 4)
- Folder 18 Lions Club, Frank Piepenbring, District Governor, District 17AE, Kansas Lions, notebook 1972 (4 of 4)
- Folder 19 Lions Club, District 17, Kansas Convention 1972
- Folder 20 Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, 1990, 2000
- Folder 21 Lions Club, Overland Park, Kansas, photographs 1966-1974
- Folder 22 Nall Hills Homes Association, 1987-1990
- Folder 23 Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Frank Piepenbring 32 degree, 1952, 1962

**BOX 004***MILITARY ACTIVITIES*

- Folder 1 World War II- invitations, church programs, correspondence, 1943
- Folder 2 Correspondence, military, 1945
- Folder 3 Correspondence, Frank Piepenbring, Department of the Air Force, 1955
- Folder 4 Correspondence, United States Air Force, 1954-1968
- Folder 5 Correspondence, Department of the Air Force, 1969-1970
- Folder 6 Training Materials, Army Air Forces Air Intelligence School, 1943
- Folder 7 Orders, operations and special, Frank Piepenbring, Jr. 1943-1946
- Folder 8 AAF Officer's Qualification Record, Frank Piepenbring, Jr. Oct. 26, 1945; Air Force Reserve File, Enid, Oklahoma, 1949-1956
- Folder 9 Certificate of Service: Army of the United States, Frank Piepenbring, Jr. April 15, 1943-October 22, 1945
- Folder 10 Photographs: photocopies of oversize photographs (see panoramic f.15); Officer's Candidate School, Miami Beach, Florida 1943, Squadron VI Twelfth Course, Combat Intelligence Division, September 30, 1943

- Folder 11 Photographs: World War II, Lt. Frank Piepenbring, Jr. re: Regensburg Shuttle Raid August 17, 1943, includes typewritten report, unsigned
- Folder 12 Photographs: B18 Bomber Crew-antisubmarine patrol, Florida ca. 1942
- Folder 13 Air Force Reserve, personal file, Frank Piepenbring, Jr. January 21, 1949-June 30, 1971
- Folder 14 Air Force Reserve, Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma 1958, 1962
- Folder 15 Air Force Reserve Orders, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Missouri, Lt. Col. Frank Piepenbring, Jr., 1969
- Folder 16 Department of Air Force, retirements, Frank Piepenbring, Jr. 1971-1977
- Folder 17 Organization: 315<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing Association
- Folder 18 United State Air Force, certificates, 1963, 1981
- Folder 19 Publication: MX: A Mobile Defense System, 1980
- Folder 20 Publication: Why Space is Important, Space Shuttle Facts, STS-1 and Beyond, 1981
- Folder 21 Veterans History Project, 2004
- Folder 22 Publication: United States War Department, Field Manuals, Technical Manuals, 1941, 1942
- Folder 23 Publication: Army Air Force Guides to Crews, 1942
- Folder 24 Publication: Army Air Force, Intelligence School and Procedures, 1942, 1944
- Folder 25 Publication: United States Naval Intelligence, statistical data on Navies, December 1942
- Folder 26 Publication: Army Air Force, Flying Handbook, January 1944
- Folder 27 Publication: Informational Intelligence, Japanese, German, Italian Aircraft and Armament, April, June 1943
- Folder 28 Publication: Army Air Force, Lessons That Live (Safety), 1943
- Folder 29 Publication: Air Intelligence, 20<sup>th</sup> Air Force Manual 45-1, October 1944
- Folder 30 Publication: Aircraft Evaluation Report, Italian Aircraft, December 1942
- Folder 31 Publication: United States Army Air Force, British Aircraft, August 1942

Folder 32 Publication: *Silhouette handbook, Army Air Force Airplanes*, September 1942

**BOX 005***MILITARY ACTIVITIES*

- Folder 1 Publication: *Maps and How to Understand Them*, Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., November 1943
- Folder 2 Publication: *Our Navy at War*, Admiral Ernest J. King, U.S.N., March 27, 1944
- Folder 3 Publication: *U.S. Navy Recognition Journal*, November 1943
- Folder 4 Publication: *Impact*, office of Chief of Air Staff, Intelligence, Washington, D.C., July 1944
- Folder 5 Publication: *Air Force*, February 1945
- Folder 6 Publication: *Army Ordnance Bulletin, industrial Preparedness Bulletin*, 1946
- Folder 7 Publication: *Army Song Book*, 1941; *Guide to the Western Pacific*, restricted 1945
- Folder 8 Publication: *Newsweek*, December 6, 1943
- Folder 9 Publication: "26<sup>th</sup> Antisubmarine Wing", telephone directory, restricted, July 10, 1943; *Service Parade* newspaper, February 27, 1943; *The Miami Herald*, April 4, 1943
- Folder 10 Publication: *The Star and Stripes*, August 7, 1945; *Bomburst*, July 1945
- Folder 11 Publication: *The Everyday Magazine*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, November 25, 1945; *The Honolulu Advertiser*, May 30, 1945
- Folder 12 Publication: *Time*, April 23, 1945; *Time, Pacific Pony Edition*, March 25, 1946
- Folder 13 Publication: *Air Forces Review*, October 1951; "Welcome to Vance Air Force Base"
- Folder 14 Publication: *United States Civil Defense*, 1950, 1951, 1954
- Folder 15 Publication: *Enid, Oklahoma Welcomes the United States Air Force Academy*, ca. 1952
- Folder 16 Publication: *The Pocket Signal Disk*, U.S. Service Issue, 1973
- Folder 17 Publication: *Financial Management Planning Guide*, Air Training Command, February 15, 1959
- Folder 18 Publication: *Extension Course Institute*, Air University, 1959-1960



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**OVERSIZE***PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPHS**World War II*

Item 1            *Officer's Candidate School*, April 1943, Miami Beach, Florida

Item 2            *Squadron VI, Twelfth Course, Combat Intelligence Division*, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1943

*MAPS (ARC 16X5)*

*United States Army Air Force Maps with Long Range Air Navigation Charts (restricted) 1942-1943*

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