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Frank Olin Babcock (1916-2003) Papers

1916-2003

2 cubic feet

*Personal papers of former Executive Vice-President of the Associated Plumbing Contractors and Mechanical Contractors of Greater Kansas City. includes personal papers, photographs and other materials relating to the life, family, and work of Babcock.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Frank O. Babcock was born in Lone Elm, KS and graduated from Welda High School. He was married three times: to his first wife, Gladys; his second wife, Carolyn, both of whom predeceased him. His third wife was Jean Coover [Jean Coover Babcock (1944- ) Papers (0956kc)]. Mr. Babcock had two sons, Nolan and William and a daughter, Fran (Mrs. Werner); stepsons, Hires Gage, Colin Gage; and stepdaughters, Betse Gage and Georganne Gage Walters. He was a resident of Kansas City and Johnson County from 1956 to 1998.

Frank Babcock was Executive Vice-President of the Associated Plumbing Contractors and the Mechanical Contractors of Greater Kansas City, 33 years before retiring in 1990. He served as a consultant to the Pipe Fitting and Air Conditioning Council of Greater Kansas City. He was secretary to the Plumbers and the Pipe Fitters Joint Apprenticeship Committees, the Pipe Fitter Pension, Health and Welfare Fund, and the Heart of America Chapter of the National Certified Pipe Welding Bureau. He was a co-administrator of the Plumber and Pipe Fitter Fringe Benefit Office and trustee for the Plumber Pension and Vacation Funds. Nationally he served as chairman of the National Energy Services Association (NESA), National Alliance of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (NAPHCC), as well as for the Mechanical Service Contractors of America (MCAA).

Mr. Babcock was previously Executive Secretary of the Wichita and the Kansas Plumbing Contractors Association. He worked for the B.F. Goodrich and the Chevrolet Motor Companies in Topeka before he joined the Army, December

12, 1941. He served until 1946 when he was discharged as a Captain in the Finance Division.

Frank Olin Babcock died June 22, 2003, at his home in Lake Worth, Florida.

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**DESCRIPTION:**

The collection includes personal papers, photographs and other materials relating to the life, family and work of Frank O. Babcock.

**INVENTORY:**

**BOX 001**

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| Folder 1. | Cards                                |
| Folder 2. | Cards                                |
| Folder 3. | Consulting Agreement                 |
| Folder 4. | Frank Babcock Centennial Celebration |
| Folder 5. | Family Photos, Class Photos          |
| Folder 6. | Papers                               |

- Folder 7. Welda Autographs High School Class 1954 Diploma
- Folder 8. Welda Township-1930 Census
- Folder 9. Home-Personal Papers
- Folder 10. Family Photos and Company Photos
- Folder 11. Memories Frank O. Babcock
- Folder 12. MCAA Conference
- Folder 13. Pray Brother's Inc.
- Folder 14. Newspaper Articles, Conference Photos, Obituary
- Folder 15. Newspaper Articles, Conference Photos, Obituary
- Folder 16. Magazine Articles 1967-1993
- Folder 17. Messenger Newsletters
- Folder 18. Mechanical Contractors Association. Account & Financial 1986-1987  
Album 1986 Convention – Maui-MCA of Kansas City

**BOX 002**

- Folder 1. Armed Forces Photos
- Folder 2. Army Service Jacket
- Folder 3. Carolyn Babcock-April 19, 1927-February 4, 1986
- Folder 4. US Army-Frank O. Babcock-1952
- Folder 5. Frank Babcock- Certificate of Death & Birth –September 26, 1916-June 22, 2003
- Folder 6. Christmas Letter-December 15, 1975
- Folder 7. College Awards, Commencement 2002 Booklets
- Folder 8. Genealogy of Annias Babcock & Elizabeth Quick Aten Babcock
- Folder 9. Officer Student Guide
- Folder 10. Welda High School Yearbook 1915-1970
- Folder 11. Memos, Newsletters, Retirement Letters, etc.
- Folder 12. National Assoc. of Master Plumbers
- Folder 13. Books and Photos
- Folder 14. Pictorial History-Japanese Prisons-November 1945
- Folder 15. Army Photos and Class Photos
- Folder 16. Newspaper Clippings
- Folder 17. Frank and Gladys Photo