



**O. B. Eakin Papers
(K1113)**

Collection Number: K1113

Collection Title: O. B. Eakin Papers

Dates: 1993

Creator: Unknown

Abstract: The O. B. Eakin Papers contains a typed eulogy for Ozie Brazzel “O. B.” Eakin who passed away on January 6, 1993. The author of the eulogy is unknown. The papers also contain the *High Flight*, a poem written by John G. Magee.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri on September 3, 2002 (Accession No. KA1195).

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Historical Note:

Ozie Brazzel “O.B.” Eakin was born on October 26, 1918, in Gravel Hill, Arkansas, to Ozie Brazzel and Woodie Esther Skelton.

During the Great Depression, O. B. joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and was trained as a surveyor. He married Inez Vest in May 1940 and together they had a daughter. Just prior to World War II, O. B. moved his family for Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. In 1943, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) and served as a 1st Lieutenant in the 8th Air Force Division, 491st Bombardment Group. Upon returning to home after the war, O. B. married his second wife, Ann Ballarino in 1947 in New Jersey and together they had two sons.

During the 1950s through the 1970s, O. B. pursued numerous careers from helping to develop a flight simulator to train pilots; he worked for the Picker X-ray Company selling equipment, and organized the Eakin Surveying Company. In 1974, he met and married Joanna Chiles Kish. Four years later, O. B. retired and became involved with genealogical and historical societies.

He passed away on January 6, 1993, and is buried at the Springfield National Cemetery in Springfield, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consist of a typed eulogy for Ozie Brazzel “O. B.” Eakin who passed away on January 6, 1993. The author of the eulogy is unknown. The papers also contain the *High Flight*, a poem written by John G. Magee.

Container List:

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