

Finding Aid for the Arthur W. Weber Jr. papers Collection 169

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Weber, Arthur W, Jr., 1922-1979
Title	Arthur W. Weber Jr. papers
Date [inclusive]	1937-1969
Extent	2.92 Linear feet Four boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Arthur J. Weber, Jr. papers cover a thirty year period in the life of Weber (1922-1979), primarily through documents related to his military experience. As such, many of the items in the collection document locations other than Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he lived much of his life. Most of the material is related to his World War II years, including several newspapers, magazines, news clippings, postcards and personal photographs from that era. Other military materials contained in the collection include instruction booklets for Air Force extension courses, dating from approximately 1951 to 1963. A few documents provide some detail to his high school education at Union High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Arthur W. Weber, Jr. (1922-1979) was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and graduated from Union High School in 1940. While attending Union High (1937-1940), Weber was an active member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. From 1943 to early 1944, he was a member of the Army Air Corps stationed at Montgomery, Alabama, and the Army Air Corps Contract Flying School at Arcadia, Florida. In 1944, Weber entered the 331st Combat Crew Training School in Casper, Wyoming. He was stationed at numerous air bases across the United States, particularly those in Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, and Arkansas.

Later, Weber took several extension courses from the United States Air Force Extension Course Institute. These courses include instructions in aerial and ground photography, Air Force writing, and roads and grounds maintenance.

Scope and Contents note

The papers in this collection are divided into several series delineated and described below.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department January 1994

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Betty Weber, September 21, 1993, accession number 1993.040

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

See also the other archival collections related to World War II, as well as the books and periodicals in the department research collections.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Air Force.

Genre(s)

- personal papers

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Military education
- World War, 1939-1945

Series I. Biographical information and High School years, 1937-1940.

Collection Inventory**Series I. Biographical information and High School years, 1937-1940.****Scope and Contents note**

Includes several documents relating to Weber's time at Union High School. Arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Biographical information	1	1
High School Memorabilia, 1940	1	1.5
R.O.T.C. Papers, 1937-1940.	1	2

Series II. World War II related materials.**Subseries A. Maps, 1940s.****Scope and Contents note**

Maps of the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Northern France, and a street plan of London. Arranged alphabetically.

	Box
Netherlands, France, London. (legal sized folder). Formerly 169-1-3	3

Subseries B. Air Force Training, 1943-1944, n.d.**Subseries B. Air Force Training, 1943-1944, n.d.****Scope and Contents note**

Documents from the Nashville Army Air Center, Army Air Force Contract Flying School, Army Air Force Pilot School (Primary and Basic), United States Corps of Cadets, and the 331st Combat Crew Training School. Also included are several pages of handwritten notes. Arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Catholic Prayer Book, 1943.	1	4
Handwritten notes, ca. 1943.	1	5
Songs, n.d.	1	6
		Box
Air Force Training Papers, 1943-1944. (legal sized folder). Formerly 169-1-7		3
Nashville Army Air Center		3
Army Air Force Contract Flying School		3
Maxwell Field, Alabama		3
Army Air Force Contract Pilot School (Primary)		3
Army Air Force Contract Pilot School (Basic)		3

Subseries C. Newspapers, 1943-1945.

United States Corps of Cadets 331st. Combat Crew Training School

3

Subseries C. Newspapers, 1943-1945.**Scope and Contents note**

A variety of newspapers, most of which are the Stars and Stripes. Arranged alphabetically by newspaper title and then chronologically.

Box

Arkansas Traveler.

2

Daily Mail.

2

Daily Mirror.

2

The Stars and Stripes.

2

The Sunday News.

2

Tomorrow.

2

Warweek.

2

Subseries D. News Clippings, 1938-1943.**Scope and Contents note**

Subseries E. Scrapbooks/Clippings

Scrap book and several loose articles and political cartoons relating to World War II. Arranged chronologically.

Box

Newspaper Clippings, 1939. (legal sized folder). Formerly 169-1-9

3

Box

Folder

Newspaper Clippings, Political Cartoons, 1939-43.

1

9

Subseries E. Scrapbooks/Clippings

Box

Scrapbook, 1938-1943.

4

Series III. Magazines, 1943-1969. National in scope; not foldered

Scope and Contents note

This series contains periodicals from the World War II period, as well as later magazines on other topics. Issues of the Yank and numerous loose pages from the magazine. Also included are single issues of The Picture Post, Flying, Overseas Comic Book, and Leica Photography. Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically for each magazine.

Box

Flying, 1945.

3

Leica Photography, 1969.

3

Overseas Comic Book, 1945.

3

Series IV. Extension Courses, 1951-1963

Yank, The Army Weekly, 1943-1945 (10 complete; 90 loose pages) 3

Picture Post, 3-24-1945. 3

+7 loose pages from unidentified publication 3

Series IV. Extension Courses, 1951-1963**Scope and Contents note**

Instruction booklets and some examination booklets for three different courses. Arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Photographic Officer, 1951, volume 1	1	10
Photographic Officer, 1951, volume 2	1	11
Guide for Air Force Writing, 1953	1	12
Roads and Grounds Specialist, 1963, Volume 1: Shipping List, Examination Booklet, Student-Instructor Letter	1	13
Roads and Grounds Specialist, 1963, Volume 2: Shipping List, Examination Booklet	1	14
Roads and Grounds Specialist, 1963, Volume 3: Shipping List, Examination Booklet	1	15

Series V. Postcards, 1943-1944

Roads and Grounds Specialist, 1963, Volume 4: Shipping List, Examination Booklet	1	16
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Series V. Postcards, 1943-1944**Scope and Contents note**

Variety of postcards associated with the various locations where he was stationed while in the Reserves during WWII, or on leave travel. Included are cards from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Great Smoky National Park, Michigan, Nebraska, New York Tennessee, Utah, and Wyoming. Arranged alphabetically by location.

	Box	Folder
Alabama	1	17
Fayetteville, Arkansas	1	18
Florida	1	19
Great Smoky National Park	1	20
Michigan	1	21
McCook, Nebraska	1	22
Newburgh, New York	1	23
Tennessee	1	24

Series V. Personal Photographs, 1946

Utah	1	25
Wyoming	1	26

Series V. Personal Photographs, 1946**Scope and Contents note**

Eighteen unidentified snapshot photographs from the beach at Grand Haven, Michigan, dated June 9th, June 30, and July 14, 1946. Arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Grand Haven beach, June 9 (1)	1	27
Grand Haven beach, June 30 (10)	1	27
Grand Haven beach, July 14 (7)	1	27