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Guide No. 61
Love Field Photographs and Files,
1918 – 1993

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The following finding guide or inventory for archives collection:

01-003 Love Field Photographs and Files

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Collection Range: 1918-1993
Three Linear feet.

Photographic Prints, black & white and color
Photographic negatives, black and white and color
Polaroid Prints
Slides, color 2x2
Electrostatic (Xerox) materials
Printed materials
Newspaper clippings
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Beta format videotape

Collection Scope and Content Note:

Photograph album, loose photographic prints, slide transparencies, photographic negatives, printed materials, newspaper clippings, and videotape documenting the history of Love Field airport.

Love Field is owned and operated by the City of Dallas Department of Aviation. It is named for Lt. Moss L. Love, who was killed during a training flight at San Diego, California, on September 4, 1913. The airfield was developed by private business entities and the first flights began in January, 1917. On October 19, 1917, Love Field was leased to the United States Army as an air training base. After World War I the airfield was again used for commercial business and in 1927 the City purchased 167 acres of the field. In 1927 passenger service was begun. Major additions to the land were acquired in 1931 (from the development Love Field Acres) and 1941. The airport presently rests on 1,300 acres of land.

Love became an army field again in 1942 and served during World War II as headquarters for the United States Air Transport Command. The facilities were greatly expanded by the Army Air Corps before transfer back to the City of Dallas, and by 1964 Love Field was the largest air terminal in the Southwest.

Growth of air traffic in Texas led to the establishment of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in 1974 and the sudden reversal of Love Field's prominence. By the next year it had lost all its carriers except Southwest Airlines to the new facility. In 1979 when the Civil Aeronautics Board ordered all carriers to use the new airport, Southwest, an intrastate carrier, refused to do so and won a lawsuit to continue using Love Field. Further restrictions on flights include the Shelby and Wright Amendments, in which Federal law prohibits Southwest Airlines from providing direct

flights between Dallas Love Field and any point beyond Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Mississippi, and Alabama.

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The collection includes a hand-mounted photographic album documenting the “Flyin’ Frolic,” an air show that took place at Love Field November, 1918, prior to the City of Dallas’s purchase of the airfield in 1923. The album, presumably photographed and assembled by A. W. Comings, U.S. Army Aerial Photo Section No. 38, documents the buildings of Love Field, air shows and aircraft activities, and daily life for soldiers at the airfield. The album was partially dismantled and loose prints are in a separate folder. A separate series of loose photographic prints, in both black and white and color, includes a number of subjects relating to aircraft, structures, and daily activities at the airport from the 1920s to the 1980s, and special events taking place at Love Field, such as a historical reenactment of Charles Lindbergh’s flight and visits to Dallas by several United State Presidents on Air Force One. Expansion, renovation, and construction of the airport facility during the 1970s and 1980s is also documented. There is also a set of slide transparencies about the history of Love Field, as well as a ¾” Beta-format videotape on Love Field titled “Aviation—Then & Now” produced for broadcast on local Dallas cable access channels.

Paper materials consist of printed promotional materials regarding the airport, its operations and history from 1960 and 1987 (including Dallas Love Field 70th Anniversary items), a photocopy of a 1932 ordinance on airport operations, several studies and papers about Dallas Love Field 1950-1986, biographical information on Lt. Moss Lee Love, newspaper and magazine clippings on Love Field 1929-1993, and several postcards of the airport.

The collection is comprised of two major series, photographic materials and paper-based materials. The photographs series are arranged by subject matter and by format, and the paper materials by subject matter.

Photographic Materials: Prints:

Box 1:

Folder 1-4. "Flyin' Frolic, Love Field, Tex. November 12-13, 1918"
[photographic album]

Box 2:

- Folder 1. Loose prints from Flyin' Frolic album
- Folder 2. Terminal building exteriors
- Folder 3. Terminal building interiors
- Folder 4. Airlines and air services at Love Field
- Folder 5. Love Field scenes and day-to-day activities
- Folder 6. Fire Station Number 21 at Love Field
- Folder 7. Construction, renovation, and expansion projects, 198-19-
- Folder 8. Flooding at construction site, May 2, 1990
- Folder 9. Signage
- Folder 10. Air Force One at Love Field, undated
- Folder 11. Charles Lindbergh flight reenactment and reception, September 26, 1977
- Folder 12. United States Presidents and presidential candidates at Love Field, December, 1988: Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and Michael Dukakis
- Folder 13. Modernization concept illustrations—skybridge

- Folder 14. Modernization concept illustrations—baggage claim wing interior (carousels)
- Folder 15. Modernization concept illustrations—parking garage
- Folder 16. Aerial view of Love Field, 1987
- Folder 17. Love Field administrators D. Bruce, J. Shelton, F. Breedlove, undated
- Folder 18. Unidentified prints [including Polaroid prints]

Photographic Materials: Slides:

Box 3:

- Folder 1. “70 Years of Love”
- Folder 2. Air Force One at Love Field; unidentified bomber towing plane; Muse Air jetliner; views of Dallas with terminal in foreground, undated
- Folder 3. Aerial views and diagrams of Love Field, undated
- Folder 4. Love Field terminal building interiors and exteriors and activities, undated
- Folder 5. Contact sheets, baggage claim area, 1984

Photographic Materials: Negatives:

- Folder 6. Air Force One at Love Field, undated [1988?], black & white and color, 35mm
- Folder 7. Terminal expansion construction, 1990, black & white, 35mm
- Folder 8. Flood, May 2, 1990, black & white, 35mm

Folder 9. Modernization concept illustrations and copy negatives, black and white & color, 4x5 and 120mm

Videotape:

Folder 10. ¾" Beta videocassette, "Aviation-Then and Now," undated

Paper Files:

Box 4:

Folder 1. Promotional printed material on Dallas Love Field, 1960, 1987

Folder 2. City of Dallas ordinance on Dallas Love Field operations, 1932

Folder 3. Preliminary Survey of Dallas Love Field Airport Terminal Building and Area 1948, 1949 and 1950

Folder 4. Fritz-Alan Korth, *A Tale of Two Cities* [senior thesis, Princeton University, 1961]

Folder 5. Biographical data on Lieutenant Moss Lee Love

Folder 6. Texas Research League, "Up in the Air: the State's Role in Aviation," November, 1986

Folder 7. Postcards of Dallas Love Field, 1970 and undated

Folder 8. Newspaper and magazine clippings regarding Love Field and Wright Amendment, 1923-1945, 1992-1993