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**CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION
SCRAPBOOK AND PHOTOGRAPHS, 1948–1953**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 OVA Photographs box

COLLECTION DATES: 1939–1958

PROVENANCE: Gene Winston, Indianapolis, Indiana; 1991

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: M 0900 [Rosemary Sandy family materials, 1862–1965], TL696.R25 J33 1941 [125-megacycle airport traffic control tests at Indianapolis by Jackson and Hromada], TL547 .U5 1963 [Contents of Civil Air Patrol aerospace education texts], F521 .I52 [Kraus, Theresa. "Indianapolis: Where Civil Aviation Innovation Matured and Thrived." *Indiana Magazine of History*, v111 n3 (2015): 249-285]

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1938, Congress passed and Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Civil Aeronautics Act, which established the Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) to oversee air safety. In 1940, Roosevelt split the CAA in two, creating the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA²) and the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB). The CAA would be in charge of air traffic control, pilot and plane certification, and airway and civil airport development.

After WWII commercial jets began to be built in the United States. The CAB would be in charge of inspection and accident investigation.

In 1958, the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) was created through a new bill in order to expand air safety procedures and oversight. The CAA was absorbed into this agency.

In 1966, Lyndon B. Johnson created the Department of Transportation (DOT) as a cabinet organization to oversee transportation, travel and transportation safety. The FAA was brought under the DOT as one of its departments and its name was changed from the Federal Aviation Agency to the Federal Aviation *Administration*.

The CAA operated in Indianapolis at the Indianapolis Experimental Station, starting in 1939. In 1940, the CAA took over operation of the facility, which was later renamed the Technical Development and Evaluation Center. The Indianapolis station ceased operation after a new facility was built in New Jersey in 1958.

Sources:

"A Brief History of the FAA." Federal Aviation Administration.
<https://www.faa.gov/about/history/brief_history/>.

"Two Important New Centers." *Photo Album: From Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) to FAA*. Federal Aviation Administration.
<https://www.faa.gov/about/history/photo_album/caa_to_faa/?cid=centers>.

Further Reading:

The Electrical Engineering Journal (now IEEE) Volume 59, Issue 12, Dec. 1940 and Volume 39, Issue 12, Dec. 1951.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the pages of one laminated scrapbook/brochure titled "Pictorial Presentation of Activities of the Engineering Division" training to the Office of Technical Development of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Also included are thirty-four loose photographs and stand-alone one report cover. Most of the photographs are dated on the backs from 1948–1953, though some or not dated. The photographs are kept in the order they were received.

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Box 1, Folder 3

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Box 1, Folder 4