Descriptive Finding Guide for the Fred B. Churchill Personal Papers
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Title: Fred B. Churchill Personal Papers
Identifier/Call Number: SDASM.SC.10026
Contributing Institution: San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.36 Cubic feet1 box, 15"x5"x12",
Date (inclusive): 1914-2000
Abstract: Fred Churchill was involved with Ryan Aeronautical and served as the official Federal Aviation Agency representative for the Ryan Navion program. This Collection contains material relating to his life and Ryan Aeronautical.
Related Archival Materials note
Dedication Ryan Library Collection
Photo Collections: Ryan Aeronautical Plant Photo Collection Ryan School of Aeronautics Teledyne Ryan
Conditions Governing Access note
The collection is open to researchers by appointment.
Conditions Governing Use note
Some copyright may be reserved. Consult with the library director for more information.
Preferred Citation note
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Scope and Contents note
The collection consists of 1 box, 15"x5"x12", and contains correspondence regarding Fred B. Churchill (FBC), paper work from the 1940s, certificates and awards. There are 32 photographs in the collection, many of the Churchill’s retirement party, but also some of his time at Ryan Aeronautical. The collection also contains photographs and information about his wife, Betty Jane Churchill (maiden name: Frank).
Biographical/Historical note
Fredrick Bret Churchill (1914 - 2000) was born February 12, 1914, in El Dorado Springs, MO. In 1940 he joined the Ryan School of Aeronautics in Hemet, California, specifically for the Army Air Corps pilot training program as Assistant Maintenance Supervisor. He very briefly modeled for Ryan ads after winning the Ryan "Popularity Contest" in 1942. After WWII he was assigned to flight services duties for Ryan Aeronautical in San Diego and eventually served as the official Federal Aviation Agency representative for the Ryan Navion program. For most of his career, Churchill was an industrial engineer and planner, ultimately working as an administrative accountant for Ryan until he retired in 1967. Two years after his retirement, Ryan Aeronautical became part of Teledyne in 1969. In 1999, Northrop Grumman purchased Teledyne Ryan. Churchill's wife, Betty, worked at Ryan as a secretary for Earl D. Prudden, Ed Uhl, and William Wagner. Fred passed away February 12, 2000 at the age of 86.
Immediate Source of Acquisition note
The materials in this Collection were donated to the San Diego Air and Space Museum.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Churchill, Fred B., 1914-2000
Ryan Aeronautical Company.
Ryan, Tubal Claude, 1898-1982
Hemet Flying School
Ryan L-17 Navion
World War, 1939-1945
Folder 01 - Correspondence

Folder 02 - Certificates and Awards

Folder 03 - PLM (Plane Log Maintenance) Inspections
Physical Description: 1. 12 sheets of PLM inspection reports and schedules from 1942-1944.

Folder 04 - Miscellaneous
Physical Description: 1. Ryan Aeronews, Newsletter 1968. 2. Retirement party farewell card.

Folder 05 - Photographs
Physical Description: 36 Photographs