The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Gerald D. Chadderdon Personal Papers.
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Biographical / Historical

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He went on to graduate from St. Bonaventure University with a B.S. in Chemistry and Math in June 1949, and an M.S. in Chemistry in June 1952. He spent seven years as a chemist at Bell Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo, NY and over twenty-five years as an engineer at Lockheed Martin in Orlando, FL. He authored and co-authored technical articles which were published in national technical journals, and he held a patent on a unique plastic molding compound. His hobbies included fishing and photography.

He died on December 23, 2016 at The Marley House in Prescott, Arizona.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open to research. Some restrictions may apply.

Separated Materials

Covered canteen Olive green flight cap with Air Force patch Gray flight cap w 2LT insignia Olive green flight cap A-14 demand oxygen mask medium Type A-11 Army Air Forces flying helmet U.S. Army Corps of Engineers compass B-17 Pilot 390th Bomb Group (H) hat with 2LT insignia and USAF Pilot Wings pin Plastic box with Misc objects USAF Pilot Wing pin Second Lieutenant Insignia (7) American Legion Post 530 "Veteran of World War II" Medal U.S. pins (2) WWII USAF Aviation Cadet insignia (3) Aviation cadet "In Service" Pin WWII E pluribus unum eagle cap badge WWII E pluribus unum eagle lapel pins Freemason pin U.S. Veterans pin Army Good Conduct Medal ribbon Small USAF pin in Dior box Brass belt buckle Great Seal of the U.S. key chain Other small miscellaneous metal objects

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Bell Aircraft Corporation
Boeing B-17 Fortress
Chadderdon, Gerald D.

Series I: Personal Documents
Folder 1 -- Flight Logs/Records

Folder 2 -- Individual Flight Records, 1944-1945
Folder 3 -- Department of Commerce Documents, 1942-1943
Physical Description: Pilot Rating Cook

Folder 4 -- Physics Students' Work Book, 1943
Folder 5 -- Personal Military Records

Folder 6 -- Pilot's Documents

Folder 7 -- Writing Samples, 1946
Physical Description: Biography of Gerald D. Chadderdon (2 copies). 2. Writing samples for various classes.

Series II: Military/Aviation Documents

Folder 8 -- Wing Fabrics, 1944
Folder 9 -- Preflight Magazines, 1943


Series III: Military/Aviation Documents (continued in box 2)

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Folder 4 - Booklet, “A Brief Review of Engineering Activities and Facilities at Convair San Diego,” 1957
Folder 5 -- Miscellaneous Handbooks and Pamphlets

Folder 6 -- Miscellaneous Photographs, Undated
Folder 7 - Photograph Album, 1943-1970