Guide to the Anne Hunt Collection MS 281

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Title: Anne Hunt Collection
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Contributing Institution: San Diego History Center Document Collection
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 3.0 Linear feet (3 boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1958-1996
Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English, Russian, and French.
Abstract: The collection contains materials collected by Anne Hunt related to the operations of the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company and the creation of the organization Air/Space America and the planning of their air shows.
creator: Hunt, Anne
Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.
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Anne Hunt Collection, MS 281, San Diego History Center Document Collection, San Diego, CA.
Scope and Content
The collection contains materials collected by Anne Hunt while employed at the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company and Air/Space America. San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company materials include employee bulletins, memorandums, and notices, as well as passenger tabulations and San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge commemoration materials from August 2, 1969. The bulk of the collection relates to the formation of the organization Air/Space America and the planning of two air shows. The collection includes organization overview presentations, Board of Directors meeting minutes and biographies, and research conducted on the Pacific Rim. Materials relating to Air/Space 88 also include correspondence and planning for opening day activities, such as participation of Vice President George Bush, San Diego Mayor Maureen O’Conner, and other politicians. Exhibitor materials include invoices, applications to exhibit, finances, and correspondence. Air/Space 90, the planned but not executed air show, includes correspondence, participation, and press. Additionally, press and correspondence related to Congressman Bob Wilson, one of the Air/Space America founders, are also contained in the collection.
Arrangement
Collection is arranged into five series:
Series I: San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company
Series II: Air/Space America
Series III: Air/Space America 88 (air show)
Series IV: Air/Space America 90 (air show)
Series V: Miscellanea
Items within each series are arranged by subject.
Immediate Source of Acquisition
Accession number 2002.103.
Biographical / Historical Notes
Little is known about Anne Hunt, except that she had a connection with and collected materials from both the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company and Air/Space America.
The San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company moved all modes of transportation, from horse drawn buggies to cars, from downtown San Diego to Coronado Island beginning April 15, 1886. The need for ferry service ended with the opening of the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge, August 2, 1969.
Anne Hunt held the positions of Exhibitions Coordinator, Marketing Assistant, and Marketing and Exhibit Coordinator with Air/Space America. Air/Space America was a San Diego-based non-profit organization founded in 1985 to put on an
international air show that would compete with the most well-known air shows in Paris, France and Farnborough, England. Air/Space America organized and conducted an air show, May 13-22, 1988, at Brown Field in Otay Mesa. The next air show planned for May 4-13, 1990 was abruptly cancelled in late April 1990 and the organization declared bankruptcy shortly thereafter. At the time of its bankruptcy, it owed 300 creditors between $2.5 million and $4.5 million. The creditors included the City of San Diego, which wanted the organization to pay $150,000 for damages to Brown Field incurred after the 1988 air show.

Few of the major airframe manufacturers, like Boeing, Lockheed or McDonnell Douglas attended the 1988 show, instead favoring the aerospace industry’s already established shows.

Air/Space America officials blamed the City of San Diego for the demise of the aerospace shows. They claimed that by postponing approval of the 1990 air show, City officials hampered fund-raising activities planned by the organization to erase debt incurred from the 1988 show. Air/Space America officials said the City would not provide the organization with a multiyear commitment for Brown Field, which caused a group of investors, who were ready to put up nearly $3 million, to change their mind.

The City of San Diego blamed Air/Space America for its own destruction, citing mismanagement and an adversarial relationship with City staff. Council member Bob Filner also blamed Air/Space America for being poorly managed and for not having a sound financial plan. No creditor ever received all the money they were owed. At the time of its bankruptcy Air/Space America only had about $24,000 in assets. Four former Air/Space America employees approached The City of San Diego with plans for another 1990 air show called The U.S Airshow, but the plans never came to fruition.

Separated Materials
Air/Space America 90 promotional VHS videotape previously separated to Videotape Collection, VT 205.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Air/Space America.
Burgener, Claire W.
Hatfield, Guy E.
Hunt, Anne
Kerch, Charles G.
Klein, Herbert G. (Herbert George), 1918-2009
Lee Company, The.
Parma, Leon
San Diego (Calif.). City Council.
San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company.
TacTech, Inc..
Tech Pubs Hal, Inc..
Technofan, Inc..
Teledyne, Inc..
Tennant Company.
Texstar, Inc..
Thermal Equipment Corporation.
Thermal Structures, Inc..
Thermo Electron Corporation.
Tiernay Metals.
Tiodize Company, Inc..
Tracor Flight Systems.
Tri-Models, Inc..
Trimble Navigation Ltd..
Trontech, Inc..
TRW Space and Defense.
U. S. Air Tool Company, Inc..
U. S. Paint.
U. S. Welding Corporation.
United Engineering Steels Ltd.
United Instruments, Inc.
United Parcel Service.
United States. Air Force.
United States. Immigration Border Patrol.
Universal Alloy Corporation.
University of North Dakota.
USA Information Systems, Inc.
V Band Corporation.
Valcor Engineering Corporation.
Van Deerlin, Lionel
Vantage.
Vard Newport.
Vector Aeromotive Corporation and Vehicle Design Force.
Walsh, William A.
Wilson, Bob, 1916-
Wilson, David F. (Bud)
Aeronautics -- Exhibitions
Air shows
Aircraft industry
Coronado (Calif.)
Ferries
San Diego (Calif.)
San Diego-Coronado Bridge

Series I: San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company

Box-folder 1:1 Operations, 1958 March 10-1969 February 25 and undated
Includes:
Internal bulletins and memorandums
Passenger tabulations by vessel

Box-folder 1:2 San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge, 1969 August-September
Includes
"Commutation Ticket Book" (empty)
"Certificate" issued by Walker Scott Company of San Diego, commemorating the opening of the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge, August 2, 1969

Box-folder 1:3 Miscellanea, 1959 August 21 and undated
Includes:
Ferry ticket book
Commemorative book produced by Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of San Diego, honoring the San Diego and Coronado Ferry Company
"Notice to Mariners" issued by the U.S. Coast Guard

Series II: Air/Space America
Box-folder 1:4  Planning and development, 1987 January 28-1988 November 30 and undated
   Includes:
   IRS letter in response to application for tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization
   Letter containing legal advice on creating memberships for Air/Space America

Box-folder 3:1  Planning and development,
   Includes:
   Presentation proposing creation of Air/Space America and air shows (copy in Box 1, Folder 4).

Box-folder 1:5  Governance and organizational structure, 1988 September 26 and undated
   Includes:
   Descriptions for positions held by the Board of Directors and staff

Box-folder 1:6  Board of Directors biographies, undated
   Includes:
   Biographies of Claire W. Burgener, Guy E. Hatfield, Charles G. Kerch, Herbert G. Klein, Leon Parma, Lionel Van Deerlin, William A. Walsh, Bob Wilson, David F. Wilson (Bud).

Box-folder 1:7  Board of Directors meeting minutes and memo, 1989

Box-folder 1:8  Pacific Rim Research, 1985 February 21-1988 September and undated
   Includes:
   Profile on the Society of Japanese Aerospace Companies, Inc.
   Information sheet and pamphlet on the University of Southern California Pacific Rim Management Programs
   “Focus on Japan,” newsletter
   Articles on the Pacific Rim from the U.S. State Department

Box-folder 3:2  Pacific Rim Research, 1986 May 4
   Includes:
   Articles on Pacific Rim aviation, San Diego Union (Opinion section), May 4, 1986

Box-folder 1:9  Articles, 1987 July 13-1989 July 10 and undated

Box-folder 1:10  Miscellanea, 1986 August 1-1989 April 18 and undated
   Includes:
   Photograph of unidentified people in front of airplane
   Telegram and articles from the Department of Commerce regarding USFCS Munich
   International calling instructions
   Memo from The U.S. Air Show regarding the formation of a new organization to take over the 1990 air show in San Diego, April 18, 1989
   Independent Insurance Agents Association of California Biographical Questionnaire for David F. Wilson (Bud), August 1, 1986
   “Air and Ground Operations Checklists” from the International Council for Air Shows News, First Quarter, 1989
   “Information Manual” for Air/Space America, compiled by National University

Series III: Air/Space America 88 (air show)

Box-folder 1:11  Planning presentations, 1987 October 5-1988 March 24
   Scope and Content
   “Proposal to Produce High-Exposure Program for Air/Space America” prepared by Gordon Publications, October 5, 1987
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| 1:13 | Opening Day planning, 1988 April 29 and undated  
Includes:  
Schedules, participants, announcer scripts, and reports for opening day activities |
Opening Day correspondence, 1988 April 1-June 13 |
| 1:15 | Soviet participation (some in Russian), 1987 November 19-1988 May 6 and undated  
Includes:  
Pamphlets and specifications on Soviet aircraft  
Correspondence  
"Soviet Aerospace" (newsletter) |
Exhibitor: TacTech, Inc., 1988 March 8-August 5 and undated  
Exhibitor: Teledyne, Inc., 1987 December 11-1988 November 1 and undated  
Exhibitor: Tennant Company, 1988 August 5  
Exhibitor: Tierney Metals, 1988 March 16-April 19  
Exhibitor: Tijuana Tourism & Conventions Bureau, 1988 May 11  
Exhibitor: The Times Company, San Diego County Division, 1988 May 19-August 5  
Exhibitor: Trontech, Inc., 1988 February 17-May 10  
Exhibitor: United Engineering Steels, Ltd., 1987 November 6-1988 May 9  
Exhibitor: Universal Alloy Corp., 1988 March 4-May 6  
Exhibitor: University of North Dakota, 1988 April 28-30  
Exhibitor: U.S. Air Force Reserve, undated  
Exhibitor: U.S. Border Patrol, 1988 May 11  
Exhibitor: U.S. Paint, 1988 April 26-June 30  
Exhibitor: U.S. Welding Corp., 1988 May 9-12  
Exhibitor: Vantage, 1987 September 4-1988 June 27 and undated  
Exhibitor: Ward Newport, 1988 March 10-April 28  
Exhibitor exit interviews, 1988 May 21-28  
Report on Educational Component, 1988 June 18  
Directory, Program, and Brochures (some in French), 1988  
Photographs, 1988 May  
Articles, 1986-1988 |
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<td>Memo to staff regarding “difficulties with the city over site preparation and permits at Brown Field,” April 17, 1990.</td>
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<td>Letter dated April 20, 1990, to all staff from William H. Patterson, President of Air/Space America, explaining that with the cancellation of the air show, the organization must let go of all staff.</td>
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<td>Requests for information regarding the 1990 air show from the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq, Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd., and Hitachi Denshi, Ltd. (Canada).</td>
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<td>“Minutes of the Council of the City of San Diego for the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 1989,” describes the “council action” to authorize $300,000 expenditure for the 1990 air show</td>
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<td>Copy of a California Legislature Resolution to declare May 1990 as Air/Space America 90 month in the State of California</td>
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Series V: Miscellanea
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**Bob Wilson papers, 1960-1996 and undated**

Includes:


“Chowder and Marching Club Roster,” May 1996.


Blank notepaper with “House of Representatives” and “Bob Wilson” inscription.