Descriptive Summary

Title: Harvey C. Christen papers

Inclusive Dates: 1916-2000

Bulk Dates: 1944-1993

Collection Number: mssChristenpapers

Creator: Christen, Harvey C., 1910-1993

Extent: 13 boxes, 14 albums, and 1 oversize folder

Repository: The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens Manuscripts Department

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Abstract: The collection contains the papers and photographs of Lockheed executive Harvey C. Christen.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access

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Acquisition Information

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Biography

Harvey Carl Christen was born in Wisconsin in September 1910. By high school, his family had moved to Pasadena, California where Christen attended Pasadena High School and Pasadena City College. Christen began working for Lockheed as a summer "office boy" in 1928. Over his four decades of employment at Lockheed he held several positions including: assistant factory superintendent, assistant works manager, chief inspector, director of inspection, director of quality control, design engineer, and project engineer. Christen was interested in all aspects of aviation and its history. He was active in social and community programs such as Rotary and Boy Scouts of America. He was married to Vera Doane who also worked at Lockheed. Christen died in Pasadena in October 1993.

Scope and Content

The Christen papers consist of papers and photographs saved by Harvey C. Christen, chronicling his career in management through more than four decades of his service to the Lockheed Corporation, as well as his personal interests in aviation in the twentieth century.

The majority of the collection is made up of correspondence, manuscripts, and clippings all related to various aspects of aviation and Lockheed. There are several folders of material related directly to Lockheed Corporation including corporate memos and press reports. Harvey C. Christen was interested in Amelia Earhart and there are two folders of material related to Earhart, her plane, and her disappearance. Christen also collected information about the crash of Wiley Post, and the disappearance of the Lady Southern Cross.

Series 2 contains published material such as magazines or journals collected by Christen. There are also large runs of Lockheed newsletters including: Star, Star Dusters, and Stardust. Series 3 contains a small selection of loose photographs of Lockheed personnel and airplanes.

Series 5 consists of 9 VHS related to "Out -- Takes, Harvey Christen Interview Lockheed History" and "Birthplace of Lockheed."
Series 6 contains material that was found later. The contents are similar to the original collection’s contents.
At the end of the collection, Series 4, are 13 photograph albums. These albums include photographs of early aircraft, more modern planes (Vega, Sirius, Constitution), Lockheed personnel, including Harvey C. Christen, the Hoover Dam, World War 1 and 2, and foreign aircraft. Photograph album 13 contains photographs of Amelia Earhart. Other pilots present in the photograph albums are: Clarence Johnson, Howard Hughes, Charles Lindbergh, Roscoe Turner, and many others. Album 14 is a complete inventory of the photographs in the albums.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in the following manner: Boxes 1-3: Correspondence, Manuscripts and Subject Files; Boxes 4-7: Published Material and Newsletters; Box 8: Photographs; and Photograph Albums (1-14); Box 9: VHS; Boxes 10-13: Additional Material

**Personal Names**

Christen, Harvey C., 1910-1993
Johnson, Clarence L. -- Photographs
Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937 -- Photographs
Hawkins, Willis M.
Hughes, Howard, 1905-1976 -- Photographs
Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974 -- Photographs
Post, Wiley, 1898-1935 -- Photographs
Turner, Roscoe, 1895-1970 -- Photographs

**Corporate Names**

Lockheed Advanced Development Company -- History
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation -- History
Lockheed Corporation -- History
Vega Aircraft Corporation -- History

**Subjects**

Aeronautics -- History -- 20th century
Aircraft industry -- California -- History -- 20th century
Air pilots -- United States
Air pilots -- Photographs
Airplanes -- History
Airplanes -- Photographs
Airplanes, Military -- History -- 20th century
Biplanes
World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations, American -- Photographs
World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations, American -- Photographs

**Geographic Areas**

Hoover Dam (Ariz. and Nev.) -- Photographs

**Genre**

Clippings (information artifacts) -- 20th century
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century
Manuscripts -- 20th century
Memorandums -- 20th century
Newsletters -- 20th century
Photograph albums -- 20th century
Photographs -- 20th century

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**Correspondence, Manuscripts and Subject Files**

**Physical Description:** Boxes 1-3
| Box 1 | Aerospace Articles - GELAC |
| Box 1 Folder 1 | Aerospace Articles (1982-1985) |
| Box 1 Folder 2 | Amelia Earhart (1936-1991) |
| Box 1 Folder 3 | Biographical Information for "Old Timers" [undated] |
| Box 1 Folder 4 | Biographical Sketch of Amelia Earhart (1965) |
| Box 1 Folder 5 | Carol L. Osborne (1922-1993) |
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| Box 2 | Harvey C. Christen - Lockheed Corporate Memos and Bulletins |
| Box 2 Folder 1 | Harvey C. Christen - Biographical Information (1953-1975) |
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| Box 2 Folder 3 | Harvey C. Christen - Personal, 1988 (1988) |
| Box 2 Folder 4 | Harvey C. Christen - Personal Correspondence, 1970 (1970) |
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| Box 2 Folder 6 | Interviews with Harvey C. Christen, Willis Hawkins et al. [undated] |
| Box 2 Folder 7 | Lady Southern Cross (1971-1992) |
| Box 2 Folder 8 | Lockheed and Langford Lodge, 1942-1944, by Gerrit J. Colclough (1992) |
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| Box 3 Folder 1 | Lockheed Press Reports (1993) |
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| Box 3 Folder 4 | Lockheed Speeches/Papers (1960-1974) |
| Box 3 Folder 5 | Miscellaneous Aviation (1980-1986) |
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| Box 3 Folder 8 | Newspaper Clippings (1939-1995) |
| Box 3 Folder 9 | Reports, Memos, Records of Planes (1928-1982) |
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| Box 4 | Aircraft - Lockheed Publications |
| Box 4 Folder 1 | Aircraft of the Roaring 20's (1971) |
| Box 4 Folder 3 | Antique Airplane Association (1969) |
| Box 4 Folder 4 | Armchair Aviator (1972, Oct.) |
| Box 4 Folder 5 | Congressional Record Vol. 107, No. 154 (1961, Sep. 5) |
| Box 4 Folder 6 | Detroit Aircraft Corporation [undated] |
| Box 4 Folder 7 | LATe News (1973, Dec.) |
| Box 4 Folder 8 | Lockheed Management Club of Georgia (1966) |
| Box 4 Folder 9 | Lockheed Memorabilia (1976) |
| Box 4 Folder 10 | Lockheed Product Descriptions and Publicity ([1928]-1986) |
| Box 4 Folder 11 | Lockheed Publications (1940-1976) |
| Box 5 | Lockheed Star - Star: Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company, 1989 |
| Box 5 Folder 1 | The Lockheed Star (1944-1987) |
| Box 5 Folder 2 | The Lockheed-Vega Star (1941-1943) |
| Box 5 Folder 3 | Magazine Clippings (1938-1992) |
| Box 5 Folder 4 | OXS News (1984-1993) |
| Box 5 Folder 5 | Popular Science (1994, Oct.) |
| Box 5 Folder 6 | Sport Aviation (1969-1970) |
| Box 5 Folder 7 | Star: Lockheed Advanced Development Company (1991-1993) |
| Box 5 Folder 8 | Star: Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company (1988) |
Published Material and Newsletters

*Star: Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company (1989)*

Box 6

*Star: Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company, 1990 - Star Dusters Newsletters, 1983*

Box 6

*Star: Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company (1990)*

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*Star: Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Company (1991)*

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Folder 4

*Star Dusters (1975-1981)*

Folder 5

*Star Dusters Newsletters (1981-1982)*

Folder 6

*Star Dusters Newsletters (1983)*

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Box 6

*Star Dusters Newsletters, 1984 - Working Women's Seminar*

Folder 1

*Star Dusters Newsletters (1984-1987)*

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*Star Dusters Newsletters (1988-1989)*

Folder 3

*Star Dusters Newsletters (1990-1991)*

Folder 4

*Star Dusters Newsletters (1993-1994)*

Folder 5

*A Survey of Public Knowledge of Aircraft in the United States (1944)*

Folder 6

*Tale Winds (1989, Oct.)*

Folder 7

*Women in Aviation Calendars (1999-2000)*

Folder 8

*Working Women's Seminar: Calendar (1986)*

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Photographs

Physical Description: Box 8

Box 8

Photographs

Folder 1

*Autographed Photographs (1930-1976)*

Folder 2

*Old Photographs (1930s)*

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*Photographs: Airplanes (1942-1956)*

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*Photographs: Harvey C. Christen ([1932]-1969)*

Folder 5

*Photographs: Lockheed (1916-1976)*

Photograph Albums

Physical Description: Photograph Albums 1-14

Album

*Early Aircraft and People: Photos Series: 1000, 1300, 1400*

Photograph Album 1

*Constitution: Photos Series: 1478 to 1485, 1500*

Photograph Album 2

*Vega, Sirius, Gliders/Early Aircraft: Photos Series: 2000, 2300*

Photograph Album 3

*Photos Series: 2400, 2500, 2700*

Photograph Album 4

*Early Press Releases: Photos Series: 2935*

Photograph Album 5

*Photos Series: 3000, 3100, 3200, 4000*

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**VHS**

Physical Description: Box 9

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VHS

- Included: Harvey Christen Interview Lockheed History Tape 1, 10-20-90; Harvey Christen Interview Lockheed History Tape 2, 10-20-90; Harvey Christen Interview Lockheed History Tape 3, 10-20-90; Birthplace of Lockheed Tapes 1-3; Birthplace of Lockheed Tapes 4-6; Birthplace of Lockheed Tapes 7-9; Birthplace of Lockheed Tapes tail end of 9; Birthplace of Lockheed Tapes 10-12; Birthplace of Lockheed Tapes 13-15; and The Birthplace of Lockheed “History of the Burbank Facility”

**Additional Material**

Physical Description: Boxes 10-13

**Box 10**

Additional Material: Air-Letters

- Air Progress (1986, Dec.)
- American Aeronaut (1973, May)
- B-2 Advanced Technology Bomber [1990]
- Christen - Bio Info (1963-1975)
- Correspondence (1970-1973)
- Courier (1994, Oct.)
- Dan Haughton/Rotary (1972)
- Harvey Christen (1927-1975)
- Harvey Christen Speech Material (1951-1970)
- LATe NEWS (1971-1974)
- The Leader (1973, July)
- Letters to Senators & Congressmen (1971)
- Letters to Senators & Congressmen (1971)

**Box 11**

Additional Material: Lockheed Aircraftman-Lockheed Life

- The Lockheed Aircraftsman (1937-1941)
- Lockheed and Congress (1971)
- Lockheed and Congress (1971)
- Lockheed and Congress and Rolls Royce (1971)
- Lockheed and Congress and Rolls Royce (1971)
- Lockheed History: Fragmentary Histories (1939-1974)
- Lockheed in the 1950s [1950s]

**Box 12**

Additional Material: Lockheed Log-Speech and Reference