
Crane Co. Hydro-Aire records, 1952-2005

Finding aid prepared by Gina C Giang.

Manuscripts Department

The Huntington Library

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, California 91108

Phone: (626) 405-2191

Fax: (626) 449-5720

Email: reference@huntington.org

URL: <http://www.huntington.org>

© 2017

The Huntington Library. All rights reserved.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Crane Co. Hydro-Aire records, 1952-2005

Dates: 1952-2005

Collection Number: mssCraneHydrorecords

Collector: Crane Co. Hydro-Aire

Extent: 5 boxes

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

The Huntington Library

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, California 91108

Phone: (626) 405-2191

Fax: (626) 449-5720

Email: reference@huntington.org

URL: <http://www.huntington.org>

Abstract: This collection mostly consists of negatives, newsletters, and printed matter related to Hydro-Aire, a division of Crane Co.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access

Collection is open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, please go to following [web site](#) .

Publication Rights

The Huntington Library does not require that researchers request permission to quote from or publish images of this material, nor does it charge fees for such activities. The responsibility for identifying the copyright holder, if there is one, and obtaining necessary permissions rests with the researcher.

Preferred Citation

Crane Co. Hydro-Aire records, The Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

Acquisition Information

Purchased from Crane Aerospace / Hydro-Aire Corporation, November 2011.

Biography

Hydro-Aire was founded as an innovative technology company to support World War II aircraft production in 1943. It was acquired by Crane Co. in 1951. Today, Hydro-Aire is a division of Crane Aerospace & Electronics, and specializes in brake control systems across all market segments, including commercial, commuter, business, and military.

Scope and Content

This collection primarily consists of negatives, newsletters, and printed matter related to Hydro-Aire, a division of Crane Co. The two Hydro-Aire newsletters, HYDRO-AIREings and HY-LITES, spans from 1952 through 1974. There are approximately 400 35 mm. negatives and contact sheets. Photographs of interest may be a strike by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation employees, District 727, in October 1956. Also, there appears to be an ad campaign in response to a letter from William K. Kinner, where he accuses Hydro-Aire of being an "unprogressive company" and failing to take "total responsibility" for their braking system. The subject files include material related to two movies, advertisements, and a name change for the "airbus."

Corporate Names

Crane Co.

Crane Co. Hydro-Aire

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation

Subjects

Aerospace industries

Airplanes -- Brakes

Airplanes -- Equipment and supplies

Brakes

Geographic Areas

Burbank (Los Angeles County, Calif.)

Genre

Negatives (photographs)

Newsletters

Printed ephemera

Reports

Box 1	Annual reports - Negatives
Folder 1	Annual reports -- Crane Co. (1964-1969) Annual Report, 1964; Annual Report, 1966; Annual Report, 1968; Annual Report, 1969
Folder 2	Books -- Crane Co. 150 Years Together (2005)
Folder 3	Books -- Pages of Time. A Nostalgia News Report (1962-1972)
Folder 4	Correspondence -- Kinner, William K. to "Dear Chicken" (1968, Feb. 13) With advertisement
Folder 5	Miscellaneous -- Hy-Lites (1956-1981) Included: Clippings, documents, newsletters, notes, and photographs
Folder 6	Negatives -- Hydro-Aire neg. # 1-50 [undated] Included: Contact sheets
Folder 7	Negatives -- Hydro-Aire neg. # 51-100 [undated] Included: Contact sheets
Box 2	Negatives
Folder 1	Negatives -- Hydro-Aire neg. # 101-150 [undated] Included: Contact sheets
Folder 2	Negatives -- Hydro-Aire neg. # 151-200 [undated] Included: Contact sheets
Folder 3	Negatives -- Hydro-Aire neg. # 201-250 (1969) Included: Contact sheets
Folder 4	Negatives -- Hydro-Aire neg. # 251-300 [undated] Included: Contact sheets
Box 3	Negatives - Newsletters
Folder 1	Negatives -- Hydro-Aire neg. # 301-350 [undated] Included: Contact sheets
Folder 2	Negatives -- Hydro-Aire neg. # 351-400 [undated] Included: Contact sheets
Folder 3	Newsletters -- Crane Valve World (1957) Newsletters, volume LV, issue no. 2

Folder 4	Newsletters -- Crane World (1955) Crane World, May 1955; Centennial Crane World, July 1955
Folder 5	Newsletters -- HYDRO-AIREings (1952-1953) 21 issues
Folder 6	Newsletters -- HY-LITES (1966-1970) 33 issues
Folder 7	Newsletters -- HY-LITES (1972-1974) 22 issues
Box 4	Photographs - Reports
Folder 1	Photographs -- Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. District 727 Strike (1956, Oct.)
Folder 2	Photographs -- Missiles and Hydro-Aire Air Vane [undated]
Folder 3	Photobooks -- Crane Co. Hydro-Aire [undated]
Folder 4	Photobooks -- Crane Co. Hydro-Aire [undated]
Folder 5	Press releases -- Crane Co. Hydro-Aire (1959-1974) Included: Clippings
Folder 6	Press releases -- Crane Co. Hydro-Aire (1974-1977) Included: Clippings
Folder 7	Press releases -- Crane Co. Hydro-Aire (1970s) Included: Photographs
Folder 9	Reports -- 1965 Advertising Program. Hydro-Aire Division, Crane Co. by Scott, Rifkin, & Wilson, Inc. (1964, Dec. 19)
Box 5	Reports - Subject files
Folder 1	Reports -- On History, Personnel, Products, Facilities, Markets and Investments (1958)
Folder 2	Reports -- R-664 Engineering and Research Laboratory and Model Shop Equipment. Available at Hydro-Aire, Inc. (1953, Oct. 26)
Folder 3	Subject files -- Hydro-Aire. Advertisements [before 1967]
Folder 4	Subject files -- "Hytro" movie (1975-1976)
Folder 5	Subject files -- Name change for AIRBUS (1968)
Folder 6	Subject files -- "One for the Road" movie (1955-1968) A motion picture scenario for Hydro-Aire