

Harold W. Patton, Jr. Collection



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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Title	Harold W. Patton, Jr. Collection
Date	1931-1971
Extent	0.25 Linear feet + one oversized folder
Language	English
Collection [Box]	.25 lf
Abstract	<p>A native of Colorado, Harold W. Patton, Jr. (b. August 8, 1931) flew planes for the United States Air Force, became the mayor of Greenwood Village, and later held officer positions for the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority. Since retirement he continues to reside in Colorado. This collection contains several images of his childhood and adult hood, a baby scrapbook, Air Force certificates, childhood keepsakes, and several items referring to the history of Greenwood Village and its semicentennial. All items pertain to Patton's life from birth to present and Greenwood Village.</p>

Preferred Citation note

Cite as: Harold W. Patton, Jr., Mss.02539 (accession 2013.31) History Colorado.

Biographical/Historical note

Harold W. Patton, Jr. (b. August 8, 1931) from Denver, Colorado is the husband of Sue Patton, father to five children; two who have since passed away. Finding work in the United States Air Force he was appointed to the Colorado Aeronautical Board in 1999. He returned to Colorado to help his father, Harold W. Patton, Sr., and his oil company, Patton Oil Company, which focused around geological research and modern production methods. The Patton Oil Company has since merged and developed into Asher Association, Ltd. Harold W. Patton, Jr. moved to Greenwood Village in 1964, and was elected Mayor from 1969-1977. Becoming the leader of a new government and the development of a Master Plan for Greenwood Village his growth base was through house development by creating a larger tax base. During his mayorship, Patton also oversaw desegregation of public schools and the annexation of south and east Denver. After retiring from Greenwood Village Patton went on to be the director of the Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority (1979-1992). Since leaving all job positions for the city, Patton Jr. spends his time at home with his wife painting and playing the piano.

Scope and Contents note

The Harold W. Patton, Jr. Collection consists of five items related to the history and semicentennial of Greenwood Village, two Denver Post articles, Patton's baby book along with several childhood keepsakes, two Air Force certificates, and many pictures of his childhood and life in the Air Force. The history of Greenwood Village centers on the fifty-years of its history and the mayorship of Patton.

The materials of Harold W. Patton, Jr. offer insight into the history of Greenwood Village along with the lifestyle of a young kid to adulthood living in Colorado beginning in the early twentieth-century.

It is unclear how the Denver Post Articles are related to the Harold W. Patton, Jr. Collection and Greenwood Village.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Use note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Donated by Karen Patton, March 29, 2013. Karen Patton is the daughter of Harold W. Patton, Jr.

Processing Information note

Processed by Haley Suby, August, 2013.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

See also: Patton Oil Company Collection Mss.01571; Greenwood Village Collection Mss.01808.

Mixed Collection Note

The Harold W. Patton, Jr. manuscript collection is part of a larger donation of material (2013.31) that includes artifacts. Please contact the Research Center staff for more information. Click [here](#) for Related Materials Harold Patton, Jr. Collection.

Indexing Terms

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Baby books.
- Certificates
- Letter.
- Newspaper clippings.
- Photo albums
- Photographs.
- Receipts.

Subjects - Places

- Englewood (Colo.)
- Englewood (Colo.). Cherry Creek School
- Greenwood Village (Colo.)
- Webb Air Force Base (Tex.)

Occupation(s)

- Mayors--Colorado--Greenwood Village

Subjects - People

- Barnard, Rollin D.
- De Held, Hans
- Patton, Harold W., 1899-1989
- Patton, Harold W., Jr., 1931
- Patton, Helen A., 1904
- Patton, William A., 1938

Subjects - Topics

- Air Force.
- American Red Cross.
- Athletics.

- Automobiles.
- Boy Scouts.
- Calendar.
- Children.
- Confirmation.
- Denver post.
- Diphtheria--Vaccination
- Drawing.
- Home Rule Charter
- Master plan reports
- Military service
- Oil well drilling rigs
- Recreation Program
- Semicentennial
- Skis and skiing.
- Square dancing.
- Tractors.
- Vaccination.
- Winter sports.

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Greenwood Village

Collection Inventory

Series I Greenwood Village 1968-1971 5.0 File folder(s)

FF1 De Held, Hans Athletic Building Magazine Clipping N.d. 1.0 Item(s)

FF2 Home Rule Charter July 30, 1968 1.0 Item(s)

Subjects - Places

- Greenwood Village (Colo.)

FF3 Master Plan May 4, 1970 1.0 Item(s)

FF4 Recreation Program 1974 1.0 Item(s)

Map-case

FF5 Calendar 2000 1.0 Item(s)

1 FF

Series II Harold W. Patton, Jr.: Keepsakes 1931-1949 7.0 File folder(s)

FF6 Baby Book Aug. 8 1931-June 1932 1.0 Item(s)

FF7 Drawings N.d. 3.0 Item(s)

FF8 American Red Cross Check Receipt Feb. 5, 1937 1.0 Item(s)

FF9 Diphtheria Schick Test Certificate & Vaccination History Jan. 5, 1940 2.0 Item(s)

FF10 Square Dancing Certificate May 1, 1942 1.0 Item(s)

FF11 Confirmation Certificate & Personal Church Letter June 12, 1949 6.0 Item(s)

Air Force Keepsakes

FF12 Air Force Keepsakes 1953 2.0 Item(s)

Series III Photographs 6.0 File folder(s)

Childhood

FF13 Age 1-2 years 1932-1933 5.0 Item(s)

FF14 Age 3 years 1934 8.0 Item(s)

FF15 Age 5 years 1936 4.0 Item(s)

FF16 Age 10-12 years 1941-1943 5.0 Item(s)

FF17 Airforce & Adult N.d. 3.0 Item(s)

FF18 Patton Oil Company N.d. 1.0 Item(s)

Series IV Articles 1971 1.0 File folder(s)

FF19 Denver Post Articles 1971 2.0 Item(s)

Object Report

8/12/2013

Object ID: 2013.31.1

Synopsis: patch - Communication Artifacts | personal symbol | material ~ cotton | technique ~ embroidered | shape ~ circular | color ~ yellow ~ black ~ red ~ blue ~ white ~ orange

Date: 1952-1960

Dimensions: DIA: 5 in, L: 5 in, W: 5 in

Collection: Artifacts

Department: MC

Credit Line: Karen Patton



Object ID: 2013.31.2

Synopsis: patch - Communication Artifacts | personal symbol | material ~ cotton | technique ~ embroidered | shape ~ circular | color ~ yellow ~ black ~ red ~ blue ~ white ~ orange

Date: 1952-1960

Dimensions: DIA: 5 in, L: 5 in, W: 5 in

Collection: Artifacts

Department: MC

Credit Line: Karen Patton



Object ID: 2013.31.3

Synopsis: badge - Leavenworth, Kansas | Reveille Uniform Company - Leavenworth, Kansas | Reveille Uniform Company - Leavenworth, Kansas | Reveille Uniform Company - Communication Artifacts | personal symbol | leather ~ black | paper ~ orange | celluloid | machine stitched

Date: 1952 - 1960

Dimensions: L: 3 in, W: 3.5 in

Collection: Artifacts

Department: Culture & Community

Credit Line: Karen Patton



Object Report

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Object ID: 2013.31.4
Synopsis: Identification Tag - Communication Artifacts | personal symbol | leather ~ brown | text ~ stamp ~ silver | Machine Sewn
Date: 1955 - 1960
Dimensions: L: 2.13 in, W: 3.88 in
Collection: Artifacts
Department: MC
Credit Line: Karen Patton



Object ID: 2013.31.5
Synopsis: Epaulette - Epaulette ~ military
Date: 20th Century
Dimensions: L: 2.25 in, W: 3.5 in
Collection: Artifacts
Department: MC
Credit Line: Karen Patton



Object ID: 2013.31.7
Synopsis: book
Date: 20th Century
Dimensions: L: 7.25 in, W: 5.25 in
Collection: Artifacts
Department: Art & Design
Credit Line: Karen Patton

