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**THE EVERETT CASSAGNERES
AVIATION COLLECTION**

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INTRODUCTION

Aviation in the New Haven area originated in the decade of 1910-1920 and flying in these early years took place in the harbor with hydroplanes and at rural landing strips. The need for a major city airport grew during the Twenties and in 1931 a municipal airport was constructed and opened for operations on the east shore. John Hancock Tweed was manager of this facility for many years and it was eventually named Tweed-New Haven Airport.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS

This collection consists of three boxes which contain many photographs, clippings, brochures, programs, and miscellaneous items relating primarily to Tweed-New Haven Airport but also covering people and general aviation in the Connecticut area.

HISTORY OF THE PAPERS

All of the material in this collection was a gift of Everett Cassagneres, a long time pilot from New Haven and well-known historian of Ryan Aircraft and Charles Lindbergh's plane, The Spirit of St. Louis.

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SERIES I

NEW HAVEN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>
	<u>Dedication, Anniversary, and Air Show Programs</u>	
1/A	Dedication Ceremonies - Aug. 29, 1931	(2)
1/A	Air Meet - Sept. 10, 1932	
1/A	Fifth Annual Air Show	
1/A	Airport Day - c.1965	(3)
1/A	50th Anniversary Air Show Sept. 3, 1981	
1/A	Tweed Air '85 - April 21, 1985	(2)
1/A	60th Anniversary Celebration Sept. 8, 1991	
1/B	New Haven Airport - Commercial Airline Operations	
1/C	John Hancock Tweed Memorabilia	
1/D	New Haven Airport Photograph Collection	
1/E	New Haven Airport - Newspaper Clippings	

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SERIES II

MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOGRAPHS

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>
2/A	Photographs of Aircraft - Various Makes (3 folders)	
2/B	Photographs of people involved in New Haven aviation	
2/C	Photographs and photocopies concerning Irving Reveley, glider builder and pilot	
2/D	Photographs of airplane accidents, forced landings, etc.	
2/E	Miscellaneous aviation prints, negatives, and slides	

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SERIES III

MISCELLANEOUS AVIATION ITEMS

<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>
3/A	Ed Sherman - Pilot and Parachutist (misc. papers)	
3/B	Misc. New Haven and Connecticut aviation items	
3/C	Misc. New Haven and Connecticut aviation clippings	
3/D	Viking Flying Boat Co. - photos and papers	
3/E	Ev Cassagneres personal file - photos, correspondence, etc.	
3/F	Misc. general aviation material	
3/G	Photocopies of correspondence, pictures, clippings, etc., re: Albert E. Bradley, killed in hydroplane crash in NY state 1923	
3/H	Pilot's log books - Raymond H. Goodrich	
3/I	Bristol SLRQ-1 Glider and Bristol Aeronautical Company	
Oversize Item	Poster for 60th Anniversary of Tweed-New Haven Airport Sept. 8, 1991	(1)
4	8 mm. films of Tweed Airport	
4/B	Video copy produced in 2001.	

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These additions to the Collection were given by Mr. Cassagneres in 2007.	
5/A	Manuscript of E. Cassagneres' book, <u>The Bourdon/Viking "Kitty Hawk"</u> & Viking (Schreck) Flying Boat Story. May 2003.
5/B	Viking Hanger
5/C	Silvio Antonelli
5/D	Viking Master List – Plats Viking F, B, Kitty Hawk
5/E	Aviators Flight Log Book, #'s 2,3,4
5/F	“ “ “ , #'s 5, 6, Log of Mrs. Louise Lovejoy Kurt
5/G	T.F. Green Airport, Warwick, Rhode Island
5/H	Viking Technical
5/I	Viking History
5/J	Viking Drawings
5/K	Viking – Robert Gross
5/L	Kitty Hawk Society
5/M	Bourdon
5/N	Tweed Photographs
5/O	Ed Sherman
5/P	Hank Kurt
5/Q	Viking Flying Boat miscellaneous
5/R	Agreements and Indenture between New Haven Terminal, Inc. and the Viking Flying Boat Co., 1929, 1930

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5/S	Poster and Advertisement
5/T	Flight Records, NC 273 V
5/U	Miscellaneous Material
5/V	Miscellaneous Photographs

The following folders contain material about individual aircraft

5/W	NC 191 H
5/X	C 336 E
5/Y	C 7928
5/Z	7479
5/AA	X 5598
5/BB	Kitty Hawk
5/CC	NC 792 K
5/DD	USCG
5/EE	NC 45 M
5/FF	NC 293 M
5/GG	NC 30 V
5/HH	NC 479 E
5/II	C 9460
5/JJ	NC 980 H
5/KK	NC 996 M

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5/LL	NC 975 M
5/MM	NC 31 V
5/NN	NC 32 V
5/OO	NC 33 V
5/PP	NC 34 V
5/QQ	NC 35 V
5/RR	NC 10460
5/SS	NC 10461
5/TT	X 868 Y & NC 868 Y
5/UU	NC 753 Y
5/WW	NC 10463
5/XX	NC 10496
5/YY	NC 13250
5/ZZ	NC 16862
5/AAA	Viking Correspondence
6/A	Viking Parts Catalog
6/B	Tweed Airport Miscellany
6/C	Miscellaneous Photographs
7	Photographs, Lewis R. Berlepsch

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8/A

Leo Barnam Kimball

Letters, Photographs, genealogical material

(see also, article in AAHS Journal, p. 226
F104.N6K46)

Oversized Item #1

Viking Kitty Hawk, piece of canvas from airplane, plans, posters

The following items were added to the collection by Mr. Cassagneres in 2011.

9/A

Miscellaneous Photographs of Tweed-New Haven Airport

(Note: A listing of these photographs can be found with the photographs in the folder and is included in this finding aid on the following pages. Photographs 3, 10, 14, 19, & 51 were not transferred to the Library in 2011 and are not represented in this folder.)

9/B

Annual Reports of the Airport Manager.

(Reports for the following years are included in this folder: 1932-1942, 1947, 1949-1957, 1959-1960, 1975.)

9/C

Memorabilia, clippings, etc.

TWEED - NEW HAVEN AIRPORT

PHOTO CAPTIONS

- 1 OX-5 powered Curtiss "Jenny" on Marlin airstrip on east shore of New Haven Harbor - 1916.
- ~~2,3~~ Original architectural renderings for proposed airport layout and terminal building. Late 1920s.
- 4 Earliest known aerial photo of airport site before ground breaking, looking north - 1929.
- 5 Late 1929. Looking north. Notice airstrip on Ea. Haven side for contractor's airplane use on right side of picture. Morris creek has been re-routed, lower left of picture.
- 6 Airport under construction, winter 1930, looking south-east
- 7 " " " " " Terminal area.
- 8 " " " " " looking N.N.E.
- 9 August 1931. Looking toward East Haven.
- ~~10~~ August 1931. Looking south-east.
- 11 August 1931. Looking N-W toward New Haven.
- 12 About 1935. Original Administration Bldg. Still exists.

- 13 4,000,000 candle power Floodlight used for night flying operations.
- ~~14~~ September 29, 1931. Inauguration of airport.
- 15 S-S-W corner of airport. Baseball Field for Morris Cove residents - 1933.
- 16 John Hancock "Jack" Tweed. April 1953. At his airport Manager's desk. Airport's first manager.
- 17 Prominent early aviators - Left to Right; Larry Walsh, Frank Farrel, Franklin T. "Hank" Kurt.
- 18 Early charter airplane of the Viking Flying Boat Co., the local fixed base operator. A Waco UIC cabin bi-plane 1937-38.
- ~~19~~ West Haven's Ed Sherman, first person to broadcast via radio while descending by Parachute - New Haven Airport, early 1930s.
- 20 Prominent old time local flyers; Left to right; Dr. James Pigott, DDS; Ed Sherman, parachute jumper; Clarence Chamberlin, trans-Atlantic flyer. June 25, 1961.
- 21 Franklin T. "Hank" Kurt, while Chief Pilot and flight instructor of the Viking Flying Boat Co.

- 22 Early Viking Flying Boat Co. brochure and schedule
- 23 Early air meet program - 1932.
- 24 Misc. tickets
- 25 Viking Flying boat under construction in hangar, which is the new and present terminal. About 1935-36.
- 26 Brand new civilian Viking flying boat - 1936.
- 27 U.S. Coast Guard Viking flying boat - 1936.
- 28 Yankee-Siemens engine powered 1929 Bourdon-Viking "Kitty Hawk" bi-plane. Model B-2, serial no. 6.
- 29 Kinner K-5 powered 1929 Viking B-4, serial no. 14, "Kitty Hawk". Built locally.
- 30 Early Aeronca C-2 "racor-back", based here. Had a 36 h.p. single ignition engine, air cooled. Belonged to Connie Moehler, of Orange, Ct.
- 31 1936 Guest pass.
- 32 Boeing P-12 Army pursuit airplane, flown by prominent East Haven pilot.

- 33 Chamberlin Air Lines early Curtiss "Condor" airliner.
Operated by Clarence Chamberlin.
- 34 Gwinn Aircar. A one of a type, flown into New Haven
by famous speed pilot Frank Hawks.
- 35 Frank Hawks with his Texico 13 racing airplane. He was
the first pilot to fly into New Haven from an other country,
Quebec, Canada.
- 36 Popular Grandville Brothers Gee-Bee "Sportster" at
New Haven Airport.
- 37 Classic Stinson SR "Gullwing" corporate airplane of
the Cuno Engineering Company of Meriden.
- 38 Bucker "Jungmeister" flown in annual air show at New
Haven by world famous pilot Alec Papana of Lithuania - 1937.
- 39 American Airlines DC-3 at New Haven.
- 40 August 2, 1938.
- 41 January 16, 1939 looking north. Start of construction
of main North-South runway 2-20.
- 42 August 1941, runways under construction. Runway 14-32
nearing completion.

- 43 New Haven Municipal Airport during World War II. July 2, 1943.
- 44 1942-43 during operations by Army Air Corps, who built the hangar in the photo, no longer in existence.
- 45 Ira Perry (L) Chief Mechanic & William Williams, flight instructor for Usher Aviation, fixed base operator. About 1946.
- 46 Aero Industrie's Aero Flight School flight line on East Haven side of field. Aeroncas and Cessnas. 1949.
- 47 Airport open house, 1950.
- 48 Jack Tweed & Ev Cassagneres, with Ev's 1936 Ryan ST classic aerobatic airplane, October 1960. Tweed used to fly similar airplane.
- 49 May 1962. Both hard surface runways in place and in full operation.
- 50 Viking Flying Boat Co. hangar while operated by New Haven Airways. This is the present new terminal building.
- 51 1981 looking North-West toward New Haven. A Virginia Welch photo.