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W.B. Tuttle Papers

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Summary information

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| Repository: | Trinity University Special Collections and Archives |
| Title: | W.B. Tuttle Papers |
| ID: | SC.009 |
| Date: | 1894-1954 (date of creation) |
| Physical description: | 6 boxes (3 linear feet) |
| Language: | English |
| Dates of creation, revision and deletion: | |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Colonel William Buckhout Tuttle was born in 1874 in Ohio. After attending the University of Virginia, he joined the First Virginia Cavalry. During World War I Tuttle was an officer in the Army's construction division, retiring as commander of the 315th Engineers. Tuttle came to San Antonio in 1906 to take a position as Vice-President and General Manager of the gas, electric, and traction utilities in the city. He is credited with bringing natural gas supplies to San Antonio, as well as supervising the shift from streetcars to bus transportation. During World War I he served as consultant to the War Production Board. Tuttle served as chairman of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, playing an important role in the development of Randolph Field. In his retirement, Tuttle pursued his interests in flood-control and conservation, serving as chairman of the San Antonio River Authority. He is credited with obtaining the city's first federal grant for the much needed flood-control program. Tuttle supported the Boy Scouts, YMCA, and other civic enterprises. He passed away in September 1954 at the age of 80.

Custodial history

Acquisition history unknown.

Scope and content

The W.B. (William Buckhout) Tuttle Papers consists largely of blueprints, correspondence, land leases, maps, newspaper articles, and reports. A few photographs are also found in this collection. The material spans from 1894-1954, but the bulk of the material is from the twentieth century. The majority of the material relates to military history of San Antonio and the surrounding area; specifically, Tuttle's involvement through the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee in the development of Kelly

Air Force Base, Randolph Field, and other military installations in the area. This collection also includes records of Tuttle's work in the creation of Big Bend National Park, his work for the War Production Board, and his work for the Quartermaster Advisory Committee. There is significant correspondence with other San Antonio business leaders, as well as government officials including Maury Maverick, Sr. In addition to family records and records of his own military service, the collection also includes copies of speeches and articles written by Tuttle on a variety of military-related topics.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

Series 1: Personal (includes biographical records, records of military service, personal correspondence); Series 2: Writings on Military Subjects; Series 3: Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (includes material on Kelly Air Force Base and Randolph Field); Series 4: Other Business and Government Records (includes records from the Quartermaster Advisory Committee, San Antonio Airport Company, the creation of Big Bend National Park, the War Production Board, and the U.S. Veterans Administration); Series 5: Photoprints removed from their original order during previous processing.

Restrictions on access

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Maverick, Maury, 1895-1954 (subject)
- Tuttle, W.B. (William Buckhout), 1874-1954 (subject)
- San Antonio Chamber of Commerce
- Clippings (documentary form)

- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Blueprints (documentary form)
- Maps (documentary form)
- Speeches (documentary form)
- Articles (documentary form)
- Air Bases -- Texas -- San Antonio (subject)
- Aeronautics, Military -- Texas -- San Antonio (subject)
- Big Bend National Park (Tex.) (subject)
- Military history (subject)
- Military engineering (subject)
- San Antonio (Tex.) (place)

Series descriptions

Series SC.009-01: Personal Records

Date: 1894-1954 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| SC.009-01-01 | File - Biographical Information Requests | 1921-1941 | | SC.009 Box 1 |
| SC.009-01-02-04 | File - Military Record (3 folders) | 1894-1952 | | SC.009 Box 1 |
| SC.009-01-05 | File - Reserve Military Service Records | 1917-1923 | | SC.009 Box 1 |
| SC.009-01-06 | File - Reserve Military Service Records | 1924-1942 | | SC.009 Box 1 |
| SC.009-01-07 | File - Personal Correspondence | undated, 1916-1944 | | SC.009 Box 2 |
| SC.009-01-08 | File - Personal Correspondence | 1944-1947 | | SC.009 Box 2 |
| SC.009-01-09 | File - Personal Correspondence | 1947-1951 | | SC.009 Box 2 |
| SC.009-01-10 | File - Personal Correspondence | 1951-1954 | | SC.009 Box 2 |
| SC.009-01-11 | File - Miscellaneous Correspondence & Clippings | 1934-1944 | | SC.009 Box 2 |
| SC.009-01-12 | File - Miscellaneous Correspondence & Clippings | 1944-1946 | | SC.009 Box 2 |
| SC.009-01-13 | File - Miscellaneous Correspondence & Clippings | 1946-1948 | | SC.009 Box 2 |
| SC.009-01-14 | File - Miscellaneous Correspondence & Clippings | 1948-1952 | | SC.009 Box 2 |
| SC.009-01-15 | File - Miscellaneous | 1920-1953 | | SC.009 Box 2 |

Series SC.009-02: Writings on Military Topics

Date: 1924-1942 (date of creation)

Publication status:

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| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| SC.009-02-01 | File - Speeches and Articles | 1924-1930 | | SC.009 Box 3 |
| SC.009-02-02 | File - Speeches and Articles | 1927-1938 | | SC.009 Box 3 |
| SC.009-02-03 | File - Speeches and Articles | 1935-1942 | | SC.009 Box 3 |
| Series SC.009-03: Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee | | | | |
| <u>Date:</u> 1916-1950 (date of creation) | | | | |
| <u>Publication status:</u> | | | | |
| Published | | | | |
| File / item list | | | | |
| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| SC.009-03-01 | File - Camp Stanley/Leon Springs Water Supply | 1916-1918 | | SC.009 Box 3 |
| SC.009-03-02 | File - Military Bases | 1925-1929 | | SC.009 Box 3 |
| SC.009-03-03 | File - Military Bases | 1934 | | SC.009 Box 3 |
| SC.009-03-04 | File - Military Bases | 1935 | | SC.009 Box 3 |
| SC.009-03-05 | File - Military Bases | 1935 | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-06 | File - Military Bases | 1936-1937 | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-07 | File - Military Bases | 1938-1941 | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-08 | File - Roads--Kelly Field, Leon Springs, Randolph Field, Military Loop Drive | 1920-1934 | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-09 | File - Roads--Kelly Field, Leon Springs, Randolph Field, Military Loop Drive | 1937-1939 | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-10 | File - Roads--Kelly Field, Leon Springs, Randolph Field, Military Loop Drive | 1940-1941, undated | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-11 | File - Randolph Field, Correspondence & Records | 1928-1940 | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-12 | File - Randolph Field, Clippings | 1927-1928 | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-13 | File - Randolph Field, Clippings | 1929 | | SC.009 Box 4 |
| SC.009-03-14 | File - Randolph Field, Clippings | 1930-1950 | | SC.009 Box 5 |
| SC.009-03-15 | File - Randolph Field, Blueprints/Maps | circa 1920s | | SC.009 Box 5 |
| SC.009-03-16 | File - Randolph Field, Deeds | 1927-1928 | | SC.009 Box 5 |
| SC.009-03-17 | File - Randolph Field, Deeds | 1928 | | SC.009 Box 5 |
| Series SC.009-04: Other Business and Government Records | | | | |
| <u>Date:</u> 1915-1950 (date of creation) | | | | |
| <u>Publication status:</u> | | | | |
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| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| SC.009-04-01 | File - Quartermaster Advisory Committee | 1915-1918 | | SC.009 Box 5 |
| SC.009-04-02 | File - San Antonio Airport Company | 1927-1928 | | SC.009 Box 6 |
| SC.009-04-03 | File - San Antonio Airport Company | 1929-1935 | | SC.009 Box 6 |
| SC.009-04-04 | File - Big Bend National Park | 1937-1945, undated | | SC.009 Box 6 |
| SC.009-04-05 | File - War Production Board Work | 1941-1942 | | SC.009 Box 6 |
| SC.009-04-06 | File - U.S. Veterans Administration Center Organization | 1943-1950 | | SC.009 Box 6 |

Series SC.009-05: Photoprints

Date: undated (date of creation)

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| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
| SC.009-05-01 | File - Undated Photoprints | undated | | SC.009 Box 6 |