

WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

Robert and Nona Carr Collection

11.25 linear feet

Record ID: 1990-9

Donor: Robert and Nona Carr

Acquisition: Gift, 1990

Access: Open for research

Restrictions: None

Citation: Robert and Nona Carr Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas

Administrative/Biographical History:

Robert Carr was born in North Middleton, Kentucky 9 November 1895. Carr attended Kentucky Wesleyan College; he later moved to Houston, TX to work for oil companies. In Houston, he met Nona Kathryn Falk, and they married in Santa Ana, California 12 August 1918.

The Carrs moved to San Angelo in 1926, and Robert Carr and P.G. Northrup of San Angelo “formed a partnership that became the field representative of Texas and Pacific Land Trust.” (Handbook of Texas Online) In 1950 the partnership ended and Carr became an independent oil operator.

Robert Carr served in the U.S. Air Force during World War I and World War II, and he was instrumental in bringing Goodfellow Air Force Base to San Angelo in 1940. At the height of World War II, he helped secure a bombardier-navigator base at Mathis Field in San Angelo.

Robert and Nona Carr were longtime benefactors of Angelo State University, and they established an ROTC scholarship program and an academic scholarship program, the Carr Scholarship, which continues till this day (2014). The Carr Education-Fine Arts Building and Carr Hall (a dormitory) were named in their honor.

Scope and Content:

Collection contains personal memorabilia and photographs, Air Force photographs and citations, and a photographic scrapbook from San Angelo Army Air Field.

Arrangement:

Box	Description
1	176 photographs of the Carr home and contents
2	Awards, certificates, etc (1921-1995)

Box Description

- Includes 7 files containing the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Membership, Air Force commendations, honorary memberships, a certificate for an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from TCU, service awards, and letters of thanks
- 3** Includes 9 photos:
Arabia Temple Banner Class (19 March 1921) scroll
Semi-annual reunion A. & A.S.R. of Free Masonry, Houston, TX (16 November 1920) scroll
Detachment of School of Military Aeronautics, Berkeley, CA, 1 August 1918, Lt. Col. Geo. B. Hunter, commanding scroll
Group of people, 1933
Astronaut Edward H. White, in space, 10 July 1965 (autographed)
Robert G. Carr & Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Aldrich, 14 May 1976
Robert Carr with other (undated)
Robert and Nona Carr with other (undated)
Commissary Opening, Goodfellow AFB, 28 January 1976, with Robert Carr, Ken Burns, Lew Allen, and Norma Brown (autographed)
- 4** Framed awards, military appointments, commendations, and “History of the San Angelo Army Air Field”
- 5** Framed membership cards
Includes 10 photos:
Portraits of Robert Carr (2 identical)
The Carrs receiving “Air University Award”, 6 May 1976
Robert Carr wearing “Arabia Lifetime Ambassador” fez
Robert Carr with a group of Air Force men
Robert and Nona Carr and their daughter
Robert and Nona Carr with another couple on Coney Island, ca 1920s
The Carrs receiving awards and at building dedication (3)
- 6** Hats & miscellaneous:
Arabia fez
Scottish Rite 50 Year Cap and Certificate
Suez fez
Masonic Apron
American Legion cap
Draftman’s tools in case
Desk nameplate (“Robert G. Carr”)
- 7** Plaques, framed medals, a silver Air Force Commemorative plate, Revolutionary War musket ball, etc.
- 8** Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneer Award
- 9** Includes:
Portrait of Robert and Nona Carr
Plaque from the Air Force ROTC
Framed shadow box of Carr’s military medals

Four oversized boxes:

Box Description

- 1 Scrapbook prepared for Robert Carr by the photographic unit at the San Angelo Army Air Field
- 2 World War II uniform belonging to Robert Carr
- 3 BCD awards Robert Carr: article and photo in frame, WWII aerial photo
- 4 Includes:
 - Angelo State University Appreciation plaque
 - Texas Game and Fish Commission Appreciation plaque
 - Resolution honoring Robert and Nona Carr