

MS-446, Zoe Dell Lantis Papers

Collection Number: MS-446

Title: Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter Papers

Dates: 1934 - 2010

Creator: Nutter, Zoe Dell (1915 -)

Summary/Abstract:

The collection consists of the personal papers and photographs of Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter, a resident of Xenia, Ohio. Zoe Dell is recognized for her influence in aviation and in her local community as a pilot and the first woman president of the National Aviation Hall of Fame, as well as for her contributions to several civic organizations. In 1939 she was named "Most Photographed and Publicized Girl in the World," which was mostly attributed to her role as Theme Girl in the 1938 San Francisco Golden Gate International Exposition and Treasure Island.

Quantity/Physical Description: 5.9 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

The Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter Papers were donated in two parts in August 2010 and again in April 2011 by Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

Five compact discs in the collection require a computer to access the materials stored on them. Three of the discs contain video material of interviews with Zoe Dell and documentary material. The two remaining discs contain digitized photographs.

Related Material:

SC-212 Ervin J. Nutter Papers
MS-422 Dayton Daily News Top Ten Women of Dayton Collection
MS-177 Amy Johnson Papers
SC-37 Jean Moreo Papers

Additional Sources:

Zoe Dell Nutter papers, 1965-2010: Purdue University Libraries, Archives and Special Collections

Processing Information:

The majority of the photographs in the collection were moved to archival binder boxes because they were originally housed in non-archival quality albums or envelopes.

Processed by: Allison Drerup, March 2012

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into four series:

Series I: General Information
Series II: Photographs and Scrapbooks
Series III: Clubs and Civic Involvement
Series IV: Memorabilia

Biographical/Historical Note:

Zoe Dell Lantis Nutter was born on June 14, 1915. She has been a pilot, dancer, model, theme girl for Treasure Island in San Francisco, spokesperson for Piper Aircraft, World's Fair representative for Standard Oil, and the first woman president of the National Aviation Hall of Fame. In 1939 she was named the "Most Photographed and Publicized Girl in the World." She has served on the boards of several organizations including Ford's Theatre, the 2003 Century of Flight Committee, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame. In 1999, she was named one of the "Top Ten Women Who Inspire" by the *Dayton Daily News*, and she is featured in *Profiles of Ohio Women, 1803-2003*. She has also been actively involved with the Republican Party, the Ohio State University, the University of Kentucky, Ford's Theater, the Red Dress Gala, The 99's, the International Forest of Friendship, Living Legends of Aviation, the Treasure Island Museum, and Shikar-Safari International Foundation.

Scope and Content:

The Zoe Dell Nutter Collection is a valuable source of information pertaining to Mrs. Nutter's life, accomplishments and contributions to aviation, education, and the arts. It also provides an inside perspective into the marketing and advertising industries of the early to mid-twentieth century, as well as the significance of the World's Fairs to the same time period. The collection is arranged in four series.

Series I, General Information, contains information that documents Zoe Dell's activities and recognition in various communities. There are several areas within the series that have been

separated by subject, including Correspondence, Political Material, Newspaper Clippings, Awards and Honors, Event Programs, Publications, and documents concerning her late husband, Ervin J. Nutter. The series highlights her achievements, especially in aviation and her home community, and her communication with political figures and notable community leaders.

Series II, Photographs and Scrapbooks, includes four scrapbooks compiled by Zoe Dell Nutter. The material included is mainly newspaper clippings that feature or mention her or people with whom she has worked. One scrapbook is devoted to early aviation and features articles and publications about the Wright Brothers among other early aviators. The series also consists of four binder boxes and an additional three folders of photos that were taken from non-archival albums and envelopes. The photographs span from 1938 through the early 2000s. They document her career as a dancer, model, Treasure Island Theme Girl, aviation spokesperson, and her life at home and abroad. Several sections relate to her involvement with the NAHF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Nutter Field and Nutter Park, and the Ohio State University.

Series III, Clubs and Civic Involvement, includes materials gathered from organizations to which Zoe Dell devoted many hours. A large portion of this series pertains to Ford's Theatre, but there is also material relating to KYH and Shikar-Safari, the International Forest of Friendship, the 2003 Century of Flight Committee, the Red Dress Gala, and Treasure Island Museum.

Series IV, Memorabilia, consists of a hat designating the owner as a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), an assortment of napkins from events hosted by the President and Vice President of the United States and the Ohio Governor, a medal from the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame, three published books, and a plaque commemorating the dedication of the National Aviation Hall of Fame building.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Nutter, Zoe Dell Lantis, 1915-

Organizations/Corporate Names

Elano Corporation

Ford's Theatre

Places

Dayton (Ohio)

San Francisco (California)

Xenia (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Women pilots – United States – History

Republican Party – 20th Century

Dance – United States – History – 20th Century

Material Types

Photographs
Programs
Newspapers
Magazines
Scrapbooks
Correspondence

Occupations

Model
Dancer
Pilot

Collection Inventory

Series I: General Information

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	NAHF Enshrinement Programs	Jul 15 2000, Jul 19 2008
	2	NAHF Newsletters	2002-2003
	3	Aviation Ceremony Programs	2003, Jul 18 2008
	4	Aviation Event Programs (see also Oversize Location 95, File 6)	2003, 2010
	5	NAHF Newsletters	2006-2008
	6	Living Legends of Aviation Awards Programs	2008-2010
	7	Ohio Governor's Award Program	1991
	8	Biographical Recognition	Jun 2005, 2007, 2010
	9	Awards and Honors (see also Oversize Location 95, File 8)	2001, 2006 – 2008, undated
	10	Local Government Papers	2001-2002, 2008-2009
	11	State Government Correspondence	1990-1994, undated
	12	State Government Correspondence	2004, 2006, 2008
	13	Republican Governor's Association	Apr 19 2007
	14	Congressional Correspondence and Articles	1981, 2007-2009, undated
	15	Presidential Materials	2004, 2007-2008, undated
	16	Republican National Committee Correspondence	May-Jun 2007
	17	KBJ Ranch	1980, 1998
	18	University of Kentucky Correspondence	2000-2005

	19	Personal Correspondence	1999, 2008, 2010
2	1	Biographical Articles-Notable Aviators	2001, 2009
	2	Aviation Correspondence	2007-2010
	3	NAHF Memories Greeting	2009
	4	Newspaper Articles	1981, 1999-2010
	5	Birthday Recognition	[2002, 2004-2008]
	6	“Around the World in 1958 with Zoe Dell”	Circa 1958
	7	“50 Year Interview”	May 28 2006
	8	Zoe Dell Interviews	Jan 5 2009, May 2007
	9	Ervin J. Nutter (see also Oversize Location 95, Files 7 and 9)	Mar 10 1953, 1980-1982, undated
3	1	Life Magazine	Feb 7 1938
	2	Peek Magazine	Sep 1939
	3	Collier’s Magazine	Feb 18 1939
	4	Publications	1939, 1979-2006
	5	Airport Journals	Jan-Feb 2009
	6	Airport Journals	Mar-Apr 2009
	7	Airport Journals	May-Jun 2009
	8	Airport Journals	Jul-Aug 2009
	9	Airport Journals	Apr-May 2010

Series II: Photographs and Scrapbooks

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	1	Scrapbook	1934-1984
	2	Scrapbook	1938, 1940
5	1	Red Scrapbook (Early Aviation)	1948-1949
	2	Beige Scrapbook (Newspaper Articles, Early Career)	1934-1937
6	1	Treasure Island Publicity Photos	1936-1938
	2	Treasure Island Publicity Photos	1938-1940
7	1	Lynette Birthday, Engagement Photos	Undated
	2	Cruise Photos	Sep 12-15 1988 ?
	3	Welcome Party Photos	[1997], undated
8	1	Hunting Expeditions Photos	Undated
	2	Safari Club Vacation Photos	Undated
	3	Nutter Home Photos	Undated

	4	Paris Vacation Photos	Undated
	5	Nutter Park Dedication Photos	Jun 1 1996
	6	Nutter Field Photos	Circa 1996
	7	University of Kentucky Ceremony Photos	Undated
	8	Unidentified Photos	Circa 1980-1990s
	9	Political Functions Photos	1996, 2000
	10	Awards Ceremonies, Vacation, Nutter Home Photos	Circa 2000s, 2005
9	1	Ohio State University Photos	May 2000
	2	NAHF Awards Photos	2003
	3	Top Ten Women Photos	Nov 18 1999
	4	Mixed Photos	1970-2001
	5	Awards and Recognition Materials	1958-2007
	6	Unidentified Photos	Undated
	7	Negatives	2000, undated
10	1	Aviation Awards and Honors Photos	1990, 2001, 2007
	2	Unidentified Photos	Undated
	3	Joe Foss Medal of Honor Photo Copies	Undated
	4	Digitized Photos	Undated
		Oversize Location 95	
	10	Family Photo, Cruise Photo	1920, 1988
	11	Career Photos	Circa 1930s

Series III: Clubs and Civic Involvement

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	5	Treasure Island Museum Inventory, pages 1-199	Aug 21 1997
	6	Treasure Island Museum Inventory, pages 200-487	Aug 21 1997
	7	Treasure Island Museum Correspondence	2008-2010
	8	Governor's Residence Foundation	2006, Sep 8 2009
	9	Red Dress Gala	Nov 1 2008
	10	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Safety and Philanthropy Reports	2004-2005
	11	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Publications	2005, 2007-2009, undated
	12	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Airport Directory	2009-2010
11	1	Safari Club Dinner	Dec 6 1969
	2	Safari Club Correspondence	Jun 8 1969, Jul 6 2008
	3	Safari Club Dinner Programs	1969-1970, 1983, 1995

4	KYH Annual Meeting Publications	1981, 1987
5	KYH Annual Meeting Publications	2002, 2005, 2009
6	Safari Correspondence	2003-2004, 2007
7	Safari Publications	2006, 2008
8	Safari Publications	2007-2009
9	KYH Publication – Conservation Issues	2008-2009
10	Shikar Safari Club Annual Meeting	2008, Feb-Aug 2009
11	Shikar Safari Club Photos	Undated
12	2003 Century of Flight Committee Correspondence	1997, 1999-2000
13	2003 Century of Flight Committee Publicity	1998, 2003
14	2003 Century of Flight Committee Audited Financial Statements	Dec 31 1999, 2000

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
12	1	The 99's Membership Directories	2003-2004, 2007-2008
	2	International Forest of Friendship Publications	1998, 2003, 2007
	3	International Forest of Friendship Registration	[Apr-Jun] 2007
	4	International Forest of Friendship Photos	Jun 2007
	5	International Forest of Friendship Correspondence	2007
	6	Ford's Theatre Event Programs	1991-2000, undated
	7	Ford's Theatre Personal Correspondence	1991-1995, 1998-2000, 2004-2005
	8	Ford's Theatre Show Reviews	1995, 2004-2009
	9	Ford's Theatre Performance Invitations	1999-10, undated
	10	Ford's Theatre Gala Programs	2001-2002, 2006
	11	Ford's Theatre Meeting Minutes	Mar 15 2004
	12	Ford's Theatre Correspondence	Sep 16, 2004
	13	Ford's Theatre Calendar	2004-2005
	14	Ford's Theatre "Dispatch"	Mar 2009-May 2010
	15	Ford's Theatre Grand Reopening	Feb 11 2009
	16	Ford's Theatre Board Manual	2005-2006
	17	Ford's Theatre Board Manual	2008-2009
13	1	Ford's Theatre Board Meeting Minutes and Related Correspondence	1999-2000, 2003-2005
	2	Ford's Theatre Board Meeting Minutes and Related Correspondence	2006-2007
	3	Ford's Theatre Board Communication	1991-1992, 1995-2005
	4	Ford's Theatre Board Communication	2006-2010
	5	Ford's Theatre By-Laws	2000, 2003, 2007

6	Ford's Theatre Financial Statements	2000-2005
7	Ford's Theatre Budgets, Balance Sheets	Sep 27 1999, Jan 25 2006
8	Ford's Theatre Report to the Board of Trustees	Sep 2005
9	Ford's Theatre Strategic Planning	2005-2006
10	Ford's Theatre Strategic Planning	Sep 2006
11	Ford's Theatre Strategic Planning	Jan-Mar 2007
12	Ford's Theatre Long Range Plan	Jun 2007

Series IV: Memorabilia

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
14	1	<i>The San Francisco Fair, Treasure Island, 1939-1940</i>	1989
	2	NAHF Plaque	Dec 17 1998
	3	Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame Medal	Oct 1 1999
	4	<i>Ford's Theatre and the Lincoln Assassination</i>	2001
	5	<i>Profiles of Ohio Women, 1803-2003</i>	2003
	6	Government Event Napkins	Undated
	7	AOPA Hat	Undated