



Summary Information

Title: Charnell Walls Collection

Collection Number: 2021:025

Creator: Charnell Walls

Collection Dates: 2012-2020

Extent: 0.33 cubic ft

Language: English

Collection Abstract:

Charnell Walls graduated from Diboll High School in 1987. She went on to become a flight attendant for United Airlines. After being laid off in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, she attended aviation school at the University of Oklahoma. There she joined the OU Chapter of Women in Aviation and obtained her pilot's license in 2020. She has donated materials related to her status as a pilot as she is possibly the first African-American woman to become a pilot from Diboll. Her collection contains copies of her licenses, certificates, photographs, and news articles related to her training and career as a pilot.

Repository:

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Author/Processing Information: This collection was processed by Allison Grimes in September 2021.

Biographical/Historical Note: Charnell Walls graduated from Diboll High School in 1987. She went on to become a flight attendant for United Airlines. After being laid off in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, she attended aviation school at the University of Oklahoma. While there, she joined the OU Chapter of Women in Aviation and obtained her pilot's license in 2020.

Collection Scope and Content: This collection contains certificates, epaulets, pins, photographs, and articles related to Diboll native, Charnell Walls's career as a commercial pilot, one of the first African American women from Diboll to do so.

Arrangement: This collection is arranged and described at the folder level.

Subject Terms

Topics

- Aviation
- Women

Personal Names

- Walls, Charnell

Occupations

- Pilot, Aviation

Locations

- Diboll (Tex.)
- Norman (Okla.)

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: None

Acquisition Information: This collection was created by Charnell Walls during her career as a pilot. In August 2021, she donated her collected items to The History Center.

Custodial History: The History Center received these items from owner and creator Charnell Walls in August 2021.

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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1	Pilot Certificates and FAA Registration, 2012-2020
Folder 2	In-Flight Photograph
Folder 3	OU Daily Newspaper Feature Article, October 11-14, 2018
Folder 4	First Officer Pilot Epaulets and Pilot Wings Pin