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Collection Summary

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Related Collections: Grenier Field Records (0609.003)

Access: Access to collection is open to the public. Please contact the archives for an appointment to view materials. Cite the collection number, box and folder numbers when making an appointment.

Digital Note: Materials are not accessible online at this time.

Conservation Notes: Not applicable.

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Historical Note

On June 07, 1927, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved spending \$15,000 to begin the development of an airport in the City of Manchester. A few months later, on October 21, 1927, the newly formed Manchester Board of Aviation and Recreation approved the construction of an airport on an 84 acre tract of land near Pine Island Pond. Ground was broken four days later and within a month, two 1800 foot runways were cleared.

In 1933, the first passenger terminal opened, and in 1934 scheduled airline service and airmail began in Manchester.

The airport was expanded in 1940, when the Roosevelt Administration approved a \$286,000 expansion project with funds from the Civil Works Administration and Emergency Relief Administration programs. Manchester had met the requirements of these programs, which included funds for drainage and construction of new roads, hangars, hard-surface runways, appropriate signage, and additional landing strips. In the same year, the US War Department selected Manchester as an Army Air Corps base, complete with military housing. The first troops arrived in May 1940, which would eventually house approximately 6,000 military personnel. The air base was renamed Grenier Field by the War Department in 1942, in honor and memory of Manchester native Lt. Jean B. Grenier. Lt. Grenier had died in a training mission in 1934. There was a military presence at the airport until 1966, when control over it was transferred back to the City of Manchester.

Commercial operations began to resume after World War II, when some of the land and buildings were turned over to the City of Manchester and the Town of Londonderry. Northeast Airlines resumed scheduled service in 1951, offering three daily flights to New York City, but the rest of the base was largely closed to other civilian aviation at that time. In 1959, the Manchester Airport Authority (MAA) was formed as a commission established by the City Charter. Under the MAA and with the financial help of Roscoe A. Ammon, the airport opened a new passenger terminal in 1961, named after Ammon. The terminal also included a new air traffic control tower.

The airport was renamed in 1978 to Manchester Airport. During the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s, new additions and renovations continued to expand and improve the airport. In 2006 the airport was officially renamed the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

Collection Description

The records of the Aviation Department consist mostly of reports, focusing mostly on the airport located in the City of Manchester, including master/terminal expansion and renovation plans and environmental impacts.

The collection is arranged into three record series:

1. Construction Records, 1992-1993
2. Financial Documents, 1998
3. Reports, 1988-2001

Series Descriptions and Inventory

Series 1: Construction Records, 1992-1993

This series consists of records used for construction planning purposes. It is arranged into two sub-series: contracts and specifications. Arranged chronologically.

Sub-series 1.1: Construction Records: Contracts

This sub-series consists of contracts relating to a construction project. Other documents may be included with the contracts, including a general project overview or project package.

Folder Title	Box Number	Folder Number
Manchester Airport New Terminal Program Project Package Volume 1 of 2, September 18, 1992 (1 of 2)	01	01
Manchester Airport New Terminal Program Project Package Volume 1 of 2, September 18, 1992 (2 of 2)	01	02
Manchester Airport New Terminal Program Project Package Volume 2 of 2, September 18, 1992 (1 of 2)	01	03
Manchester Airport New Terminal Program Project Package Volume 2 of 2, September 18, 1992 (2 of 2)	01	04

Sub-series 1.2: Construction Records: Specifications

Specifications are used by contractors for building purposes, and document the general scope of a construction project.

Folder Title	Box Number	Folder Number
Manchester Airport New Terminal Program Terminal Apron Project A-2, January 1993 (1 of 2)	01	05
Manchester Airport New Terminal Program Terminal Apron Project A-2, January 1993 (2 of 2)	01	06

Series 2: Financial Documents, 1998

This series consists of one financial report.

Folder Title	Box Number	Folder Number
General Airport Revenue Bonds, October 1998	01	07

Series 3: Report, 1988-2001

This series consists of reports, feasibility studies, plans, and other related documents created by or received by the department for internal use and reference on a specific project, subject, or topic. Arranged chronologically.

Folder Title	Box Number	Folder Number
Manchester Airport Master Plan Update/Terminal Area Plan, September 1988 (1 of 2)	01	08
Manchester Airport Master Plan Update/Terminal Area Plan, September 1988 (2 of 2)	01	09
Feasibility Study: Manchester Airport Area Proposed Access Improvements, Public Coordination, 1989	01	10
Feasibility Study: Manchester Airport Area Proposed Access Improvements, December 15, 1989	Oversized-01	Item 01
Manchester Airport Master Plan Update/Terminal Area Plan, June 1990 (1 of 2)	01	11
Manchester Airport Master Plan Update/Terminal Area Plan, June 1990 (2 of 2)	01	12
Manchester Airport Master Plan Update Phase 1, Working Paper 1, Aviation Demand Forecasts, 1994	01	13
Manchester Airport Master Plan Update Phase 1, Working Paper 2,	01	14

Airfield Inventory, Environmental Inventory, Demand Capacity, Facility Requirements, 1995		
Manchester Airport Far Part 150 Update (Draft), September 1996 (1 of 2)	01	15
Manchester Airport Far Part 150 Update (Draft), September 1996 (2 of 2)	02	01
Environmental Impact Statement, Access Road, Volume 1 (Draft), 1997	02	02
Environmental Impact Statement, Access Road, Volume 2 (Draft), 1997	02	03
Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Manchester Airport Master Plan Update, February 1997	Oversized-01	Item 02
Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Final Environmental Impact Statement, Department of Transportation Act Section (4f) Statement: Manchester Airport Master Plan Update, June 1997	Oversized-01	Item 03-A
Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Final Environmental Impact Statement, Department of Transportation Act Section (4f) Statement: Manchester Airport Master Plan Update Technical Appendices, June 1997	Oversized-01	Item 03-B
Annual Report, 2000	02	04
Environmental Impact Statement for Airport Access Road Volume 1 by the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, 2001 (1 of 3)	02	05
Environmental Impact Statement for Airport Access Road Volume 1 by the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, 2001 (2 of 3)	02	06
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