

WILLIAM K. SOWERS COLLECTION

William Kepner Sowers was born in Harrisburg 20 September 1906, son of William A. Sowers. He attended Pennsylvania State University, graduating in 1926 with a BA in Accounting-Business Administration. He also was enrolled in the ROTC program while at Penn State and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, United States Army Reserve, 26 October 1927. Promotion to 1st Lieutenant was dated 31 October 1931 and he was then assigned to active duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps. 25 April 1933, 307th Company at Fort George Gordon Meade, Maryland. His service was with a Forestry Camp at Lickdale, Pa. 1366th Company; State Camp #55, Big Springs, Pa., 137th Company; State Camp #51, Pine Grove Furnace, Pa., 329th Company; Camp SP-25, Joplin, Va. 2349th Company until his reversion to inactive status on 5 June 1937. He was promoted to Captain on 30 June 1936 while on duty with the C.C.C. and it was activated three more times before our entry into World War II. A transfer to the Army Air Corps brought him to the Middletown Air Depot when he was activated on 23 May 1942 for a period of service until 26 January 1947. During this period the promotion to Major (22 January 1943) and Lieutenant Colonel (27 November 1946) took place. Several more short tours of duty for training purposes preceeded his last extended tour from 7 May 1951 to 19 December 1952 during the Korean War. During his inactive capacity, he continued working at Middletown in a civilian capacity until around 1957.

The collection has been arranged in three sections; Personal Papers, U.S. Army Reserve Records (mainly C.C.C.) and MAMA (Middletown Air Material Area) Records. Personal papers contain mainly material on fraternal organizations, publications (Penn State, Harrisburg High School yearbooks) and miscellaneous material referring to Sower's personal life. U.S. Army Reserve material has photographs of early military training to 1931, C.C.C. files relating to Sowers from 1933-37 with newspapers and photographs. The MAMA Records have publications, photographs, newspapers and files of Sowers relating to his military and civilian jobs at Middletown from 1943-1957.

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GEORGE ATWELL RICHARDSON COLLECTION, 1817-1974

	<u>Folders</u>	<u>Box</u>
George Carr Richardson Papers, 1869-1881		
Diaries, 1869-1881 (13 vols.)	2	1
Harvard Freshman Scrapbook, 1871 (1 vol.)	1	
George Atwell Richardson Collection, 1817-1974		
A. <u>Papers, 1817-1968</u>		
Accounts, 1911-1921	1	2
Correspondence (includes family history research notes), 1904-1968	2	
Diaries, 1910-1924 (15 vols.)	2	
Memorabilia (includes posters, decals, etc.)	1	
Newspapers:		
<u>Columbian Centinel</u> (Boston)		
May 10, 1817 (1 edition)		
April 26, 1826 (1 edition)		
<u>Tribune</u> (Chicago)		
January 17, 1900 (1 edition)	1	
Photography, technical literature, 1922-1927	1	
Theatre Programs (from Chicago area theatres, includes broadsides and ticket stubs), 1896-1906	5	3
B. <u>Photographs, 1910-1959</u>		
Boy Scout Memorial Day Encapment, 1914-1916		4
Memorabilia, 1910-59		
Scenery, 1914-29		
State Capitol, ca. 1932 6 - 8 x 10 items		
Trips (Nova Scotia, 1930; Va., 1915; Va. & Northern, 1926; Western, n.d.; White Mt., 1917)		
7 boxes		
Photonegatives (Glass Plate), 1908-1936		5
Nos. F301 - F303 (Lehigh Gap)	5 x 6½	
Nos. F304 - F308 (Moravian Bldgs. at Bethlehem)	5 x 6½	
Nos. F310 (Johnson's Gap)	"	
Nos. F311 - F324 (Fox Gap) F-314 Entrance to Appalachean Trail East)	"	
Nos. F325 - F327 (Rose Inn)	"	
Nos. F328 - F342 (Fox Gap)	"	
Nos. F343 (Water Gap)	"	
Nos. F344 - F347 (Totts Gap)	"	
Nos. F348 - F355 (Teeds Fort)	"	
Nos. F356 - F366 (Peter Dolls')	"	
Nos. F367 - F369 (Little Gap)	"	
Nos. F370 (Meniologamicla? Monument)	"	
Nos. F371 - F380 (Smith Gap)	"	
Nos. F381 - F386 (Fort Morris)	"	
Nos. 387 - 388 (1102 Linden St.)	"	
Nos. 389 (Special Negative - 7, 1 print Bethlehem, 1755)	3 x 4 5 x 6½	
Nos. F390 - 392 (Mt. Union)	5 x 7	

Nos. 393 - 400	(inc., envelope but no negatives) (Nos. 301 - 4001, 1933)	
Nos. F401 - F404	(Sullivan Trail Detour)	5 x 7
Nos. F405 - F501	1935-36 (Lehigh Canal)	"
Nos. 502 - 517		"
Nos. 199	(West Chester - Wilmington)	1½ x 2½
Nos. 0180 - 0182	(Mother, Father & Edward)	4 x 5
Nos. 095 - 0204	(Valley Forge)	3½ x 5

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Nos. Misc.		neg. & prints			
Nos. X1-X284	Memorabilia	3½ x 5			6
Nos. X285 - X301	Sullivan Trail	"			
Nos. X302 - 318	Memorabilia	"			
Nos. X319 - X338	Sullivan Trail	"			
Nos. Y1 - Y149	Memorabilia				
	(Feu Sullivan Trail)	5 x 7			
Nos. 1 - 300	Lecture of Penna.				
	Forts 3 albums	"			7
Nos. 1-75,076-0100	Canada - Main Tramp				
	Trip, 1908 Bad Lands Pictures				
	1909 1 album	"			
Nos. 0101 - 0200	1909-1911 1 album	"			
Nos. 101 - 200	1929 1 album				
Nos. 401A to 500A	1921-1922 (Book #5) 1 album	2½ x 3½			
Nos. 501A to 600A	1922-1927 (Book #6) 1 album	"			
Nos. 1001 - 1100	Aug. 1921 - Mar. 1922	" 4 x 5			
Nos. 1801 - 1900		" "			
Nos. 1901 - 2000		" "			
Nos. Catskill Trip & Misc., 1916		" 1½ x 2½			
<u>Glass Plates, ca. 1899 - ca. 1912</u>					
Nos. 1 - 102	Memorabilia	3 x 4			8
Nos. 1 - 79	Memorabilia				
	(Inc. Work Crews etc.)	4 x 5			
Nos. 80 - 599, 1912-16	Memorabilia				
	(Inc. RR. Yards)	4 x 5			9
Nos. 600 - 911	1916-18 (Inc. Washington				
	Headquarters)	4 x 5			10
Nos. 4000 - 4030	Memorabilia (Inc. Plans				
	for Coaling Station)	5 x 7			
Nos. 4031 - 4066	Memorabilia	4 x 5			
Nos. 4100 - 4136	Memorabilia (Inc.				
	Monoplane plans)	4 x 5			11
Nos. 5308 - 09,5321, no nos.	Memorabilia				
	(Inc. Aviation Lecture)	"			
Negatives for Mass Meeting Slides					
	M of P 1912, 1 box	4 x 5			
Negatives for Mass Meeting Slides					
	M of P n.d. 1 box	"			
Mining negatives for Lantern slides					
	Steel ? diagrams & Plans 1 box	"			
<u>Aviation slides 1 box</u>					
	3 x 4				
No. 38, U.S. Baloon House in Omaha, Neb.					
No. 47, Fully inflated balloon. Ready to					
	attach basket				
No. 48, Attaching basket					
No. 50 - 52, Balloon leaving to mid air,					
	St. Louis 1907				
No. 67 Ville de Bordeaux Clement Bayard					

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No. 69, Composite Airship			
No. 104, Bornall Glider			
No. 120, Wright Machine Rounding the Statue of Liberty			
No. 126, Miller Bi-Plane			
No. 127, Cody Bi-Plane			
No. 188581, Bulgarian Observation Balloon			
No. 173549, Repairing French Aeroplanes in the Field			
No. 174085, French Dirigible Patrolling over Fortifications of Paris			
No. Number, Aircraft Magazine, April 1910			
Nos. 139 - 149 (143 - 145 missing) Aviation slides, 1 box	3 x 4		
Aviation slides (9) 1 box	"		
R. R. Yards 1 box	3½ x 4½		
Aviation slides (Inc. Flight by Moonlight and a Wind Wagon) 1 box	3½ x 4½		
Postcards, 1909-28		3	12
<u>Aviation, 1908-65</u>			
Research material, ca. 1912-65		1	
Pictures, ca. 1910 - 11 (Inc. Swarthmore Carnival & Glider Meet, May 1911)		1	
<u>Magazines, 1908-29</u>			
<u>Aero (America's Aviation Weekly), 1910-12</u>			
1910, Nov. 5, Vol. 1, No. 5		1	
1911, Apr. 8, Vol. 11, No. 1		1	
1911, " 15, " " " 2		1	
" " 22, " " " 3		1	1
" " 29, " " " 4		1	
" May 6, " " " 5		1	
" " 13, " " " 6		1	
" " 20, " " " 7		1	
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" June 3, " " " 9		1	
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" July 1, " " " 13		1	
" " 15, " " " 15		1	
" Aug. 12, " " " 19		1	
" " 19, " " " 20		1	
" " 26, " " " 21		1	
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" " 9, " " " 23		1	
" " 16, " " " 24		1	
" " 23, " " " 25		1	
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" Oct. 7, Vol. 111, No. 1		1	
" " 14, " " " 2		1	
" " 21, " " " 3		1	
" " 28, " " " 4		1	
" Nov. 4, " " " 5		1	
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" " 18, " " " 7		1	

1911 Dec. 2,	Vol III, No. 9	1
" " 9,	" " " 10	1
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1912 Jan. 6,	" " " 14	1
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" Apr. 6,	Vol. IV, No. 1	1
" " 13,	" " " 2	1
" " 20,	" " " 3	1
" " 27,	" " " 4	1
" May 4,	" " " 5	1
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" June 1,	" " " 9	1
" " 15,	" " " 11	1
<u>Aero and Hydro, 1912-14</u>		
1912, Aug. 10,	Vol. IV, " 19	1
" " 24,	" " " 21	1
" " 31,	" " " 22	1
" Sept. 14,	" " " 24	1
" " 21,	" " " 25	1
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" Oct. 5,	Vol. V, " 1	1
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1913, Jan. 4,	Vol. V,	No. 14			1
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1913, Apr. 5,	Vol. VI	" 1			1
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1914, June 27,	Vol. VIII	" 13			1
<u>Aeronautics (American Magazine of Aerial Locomotion), 1909-12, 1915</u>					
1909, Nov.,	Vol. 5	No. 5			1
1910, Oct.,	Vol. VIII	No. 44			1
" Nov.,	" "	No. 5			1
" Dec.,	" "	" 6			1
1911, Jan.,	Vol. VIII	" 1			1
" Feb.,	" "	" 2	Serial No. 43		1
" Mar.,	" "	" 3;	" " 44		1
" Apr.,	" "	" 4;	" " 45		1
" May,	" "	" 5;	" " 46		1
" June,	" "	" 6;	" " 47		1
" July,	" IX	" 1;	" " 48		1
" Aug.,	" "	" 2;	" " 49		1
" Sept.,	" "	" 3;	" " 50		1

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1911, Oct., Vol. IX No. 4; Serial No. 51			1
" Nov., " " " 5; " " 52			1
" Dec., " " " 6; " " 53			1
1912, Jan., " X " 1; " " 54			1
" Feb., " " " 2; " " 55			1
" Mar., " " " 3; " " 56			1
1915, First Annual Report (National Advisory Committee For Aeronautics, 5th Edition)			1
<u>Aero Club of America Bulletin, 1910, 1912</u>			
1910-1911 Handbook			2
1912, Jan. 21			1
" Feb - Mar., Vol. 1, No. 2 (Military Number)			1
" April " " " 3 (Marine Flying)			1
" May " " " 4 (The Dirigibles: The Aero Show)			1
<u>"Aircraft," 1911</u>			
1911, Jan., Vol. 1, No. 11			1
" June, " 2, " 4			1
" Aug., " " " 6			1
<u>"Aviation and Aeronautical Engineering," 1916-19</u>			
Vol. I - II, 1916, Aug. 1 - July 15, 1917			1
Vol. III - IV. 1917, Aug. 1 - July 15, 1918			1
Vol. V - VI. 1918, Aug. 1 - July 15, 1919			1
<u>Fly (The National Aeronautical Magazine), 1908-12</u>			
1908, Nov., Vol. 1, No. 1			1
" Dec., " " " 2			1
1909 Jan., " " " 3			1
" Feb., " " " 4			1
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" Nov., Vol III, " 1 (Anniversary & Int'l Tournament Numbers)			1
1911, Feb., " " " 4			1
" Mar., " " " 5			1

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1911, Apr., Vol. III, No. 6	1		
" May, " " " 7	1		
" June, " " " 8	1		
<u>Fly (The National Aeronautic Monthly)</u>			
1911, July, " " " 9	1		
" Aug., " " " 10	1		
" Sept., " " " 11	1		
" Oct., " " " 12	1		
1912, Jan., " IV " 3	1		
" May, " " " 7	1		
" June, " " " 8	1		
" Nov., " V " 1	1		
<u>The Intercollegiate, 1910-12</u>			
1910, Sept. Vol. X, " 12	1		
" Oct., " XI, " 1	1		
" Nov., " " " 2	1		
" Dec., " " " 3	1		
1911, Jan., " " " 4	1		
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" Oct., " XII, " 11	1		
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" May, " " " 7	1		
" June, " " " 8	1		
" Nov., " XIII, " 1	1		
1910-12, Separate sheets from magazines	45 sheets		
Poster - Aero Show, Aero Club of Penna. 1st			} BOX 1, OVERSIZE
Regt. Armony, Phila., Nov. 2 to 12,			
1910. Penn Show Print, Phila. 13½ x 19½	1 item		
<u>Negative Glass Plates, n.d.</u>			
Metlah & Misc. Metallurgical, n.d.	139 plates 3 x 4	2 boxes	
Misc., n.d.	82 plates - 2 x 2	14 plates 3¼ x 4	2 boxes.
<u>Various, 1908-1929</u>			
1908, Aviation In France in 1908, by Pierce - Roger Jourdan	1		17
" <u>Researchers and Experiments in Aerial Navigation</u>			
by S. P. Langley	1		
1910, Sept. 29, <u>Leslie's Weekly</u> , through			
the Opera Glass	1		
1911, "Chilton Aero Directory," Vol. 1 No. 1	1		
1915, Aug. 16, "Aerial Age," Vol. 1 No. 21.	1		
1915, Sept., "Flying" (Congressional Number)			
Vol. IV No. 8	1		
1917, Feb., "Aero World," No. 7	1		
1917, <u>Experimental Research On Air Propellers</u>			
(Report No. 14)	1		
1917, <u>Meteorology and Aeronautics</u> (Report No. 13)	1		

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1918, "Nomenclature For Aeronautics" (Report No.15)	1		
1926, Jan., <u>The National Geographic</u>	1		
1929, High Lights of Aviation History	1		
1929, "Sky Traffic," Embry-Riddle Co., n.d.	1		
<u>B. Author & Editor, 1903-74, n.d.</u>			
Articles, 1903-1970			5
Verse, 1921-28			
"The Timbućtoo Gazette," 1921-30 (Inc. Pictures)			1
<u>Research Material, 1910-74, n.d.</u>			
<u>Forts, 1933-74</u>			
General Correspondence, 1961-62			1
Cañadian, 1962 (N.B. Folder 2 in box 18)			2
Florida, 1961			2 18
Fort Delaware, 1964-74			1
Georgia, 1961			1
Maine, 1961-69			1
Maryland, 1961			1
New York, 1961-68			1
North Carolina, 1961-63			1
Pennsylvania, 1962-69			1 19
South Carolina, ca. 1961			1
Misc., 1933-67			1
Pennsylvania German, 1935			1
Sullivan Trail, 1941-46			1
Trail Notes, 1944-45			1
Valley Forge, 1910-11			1
<u>Pictures, 1918-27, n.d.</u>			
Barrackville, W. Va., 1924			1
Cambria Steel Company, 1925			1
Canals, n.d. (Inc. Morris & Essex Canals)			1
Canals - Inclined Plane, n.d.			1
<u>Coal Mining, ca. 1918, n.d.</u>			
Lewisburg Coal Mine, n.d.			1
Mine Elevators, n.d.			
New Castle Coal Mine, n.d.			1
Old Mine Hole, n.d.			
Pine Hill, n.d.			1
SSS & I Co. - Red Ore, n.d.			1
Sipsey Coal Mine, n.d.			
Western Penna. Soft Coal Mining, ca. 1918			1
Coatesville Steel Plants, 1927			1
Dam with small power plant, n.d.			1 20
Delaware River Bridge (construction), n.d.			
Hog Island, 1918			1
Lackawanna Coal Storage, n.d.			
Machine Shop, n.d.			1
Midvale Steel Company, n.d. (Tire Mill)			
Pennsylvania History, n.d.			1

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	Romato? Foundry & Wheel Works, Bethlehem, 1924 or 1925		1	
	Schuylkill Canal, n.d.			
	Steel Plants, 1929, n.d.		1	
	Thompson - Nally House, Delaware Div. Canal, n.d. (pinchot plants)		1	
	Union Canal, n.d.			
	Wheels, n.d.		1	
	Wire Making, n.d.		1	
C.	<u>Lecturer, 1917-70</u>			
	<u>Lectures, 1917-70</u>			
	<u>Appalachian Trail, 1917-55</u>			
	Lectures, 1955	15 typed pp.	1	
	General Correspondence, 1933-34		1	
	Pictures, n.d.		1	
	Negative			
oversize	Glass plates, n.d. 48 plates - 3 x 4 ea. 1 box 16 mm reel			
	Tops Quadrangles for Trail Lecture 34 items			
	"Commonplace History," Nov. 13, 1936		1	
	Elight, n.d. (GAR, Pres. Intercollegiate Aer ⁿ autical Assoc. of America		1	
	<u>Forts, 1927-67</u>			
	<u>Forts of the Atlantic Coast Region, 1962-67</u>			
	Lectures, 1962-67 (Short Lecture - Carousel Slide Tray)		3	
	<u>Frontier Forts, 1931-63</u>			21
	Research Material, 1955-56, 1963		1	(end)
	Pictures, 1931-33		4	
	<u>"When the Blue Mountains Was A Fortified Frontier,"</u> 1927-32, 1966			
	Lectures, # 1, 1927-31, 1966 (2 Carousel Slide Trays, Pt.1)		1	
	#2, 1931-32 (2 " " " " ,Pt.2)		1	
	# 3, 1932 (1 " " Tray ,Pt.3)		1	
	Negative Glass Plates, May 1966 (" " Trays, marked "Old") 7 trays + 2 boxes			
	The Great Revival (Billy Sunday), 1915, 1970		1	
	<u>Sullivan Trail, n.d.</u>		1	
	Research Material, n.d.		1	
	Pictures, n.d.			
	Negative glass plates, n.d. 28 plates - 3 x 4 ea. 1 box			