

Geno Lucchesi Collection MS-207

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Summary Information

Repository: Title:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections Geno Lucchesi Collection		
ID:	MS-207		
Date [inclusive]:	1929-1983 1929-1983 1929-1983		
Physical Description:	2.5 cubic feet 2 Paige boxes, 1 flat box, and 6 audio reels		
Language of the Material:	English .		
Mixed Materials [box]:	1-2		
Mixed Materials [box]:	3		
Audio [reel]:	1-6		
Abstract:	Collection, 1929-1983, of Geno Lucchesi, a long-time resident of South Range, Michigan. Includes correspondence, pilot log books, pilot instruction manuals, airplane maintenance parts catalogs, Safety Shield financial and business records, clippings, photographs and other printed ephemera as well as an album containing a song written by Geno Lucchesi, audio tapes with interviews and buttons from aviation and firemen events.		

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Biography

Geno Joseph Lucchesi was born in South Range, Michigan in 1913 and was a graduate of Painesdale High School and Ferris State College with a degree in business administration. After graduation he joined his father, Caesar Lucchesi, in the wholesale-retail gasoline and related products business. During World War II he worked as a civilian flight instructor, teaching Air Force cadets for the Fontana School of Aeronautics in Minnesota. Later he established and managed Lake Superior Aviation Corporation in Houghton, Michigan, giving instruction to ex-servicemen under the GI Bill. He was flight instructor, a commercial pilot and a pilot for the National Park Service to Isle Royale. Later he became a co-owner of Gray Eagles, Inc. In 1964 he rejoined with his father and became supervisor of maintenance for Range Oil and Gas Co., becoming president and manager after his father's death in 1967. Lucchesi was active in community affairs and a member of numerous civic organizations as well as a composer of several songs. Geno Lucchesi passed away in 1983.

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Controlled Access Headings

Correspondence

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- Records (Documents)
- Air pilots -- Study and teaching -- Michigan -- Houghton
- Houghton (Mich.)
- Memorabilia
- Printed ephemera
- Audiocassettes
- Photographs
- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- Logs
- Patents

Collection Inventory

Files

Files		
Title/Description	Instances	
About Caesar, pilot log books, undated	box 1	folder 1
About Caesar, undated	box 1	folder 2
The Cananea Consolidated Copper Co. S.S. Junio de 1952, Albert Mendelsohn, undated	box 1	folder 3
About Geno, undated	box 1	folder 4-5
Photos, undated	box 1	folder 6
Letters, thank yous, awards, undated	box 1	folder 7
Photos, Geno, undated	box 1	folder 8
Photos, Caesar, undated	box 1	folder 9
Geno, pictures (aviation), undated	box 1	folder 10

Pilot log books, undated	box 1	folder 11
Miscellaneous, undated	box 1	folder 12
Aviation, undated	box 1	folder 13
Aviation history in the Copper Country as per Geno Lucchesi, undated	box 1	folder 14
Michigan aviation, 1929-1969	box 1	folder 15
Cessna, Sig Wilson Motors, undated	box 1	folder 16
General aviation, district office, FAA, undated	box 1	folder 17
Caterpillar sixty, undated	box 1	folder 18
Silver wings, undated	box 1	folder 19
Civil Air Patrol, undated	box 1	folder 20
Experimental Aire Association, joined April 1980, undated	box 1	folder 21
Instruction manual and bulletins, continental aircraft engines, undated	box 1	folder 22
Pilot's flight operation instructions, T.O. no. 01-175-1, undated	box 1	folder 23
Erection and maintenance, T.O. no 01-125-2, undated	box 1	folder 24
Structural repair, AN 01-125-3, undated	box 1	folder 25
Airplane parts catalog, T.O. no. 01-125-4, undated	box 1	folder 26
Airplanes and maintenance parts, T.O. no. 01-125-5, basic weight check list and loading data AN 01-125-6, undated	box 1	folder 27
Interchangeable parts list, T.O. no 01-125-16, undated	box 1	folder 28
Airplanes and maintenance parts T.O. no. 01-125-17, -17B, -18, -19, -20, -20A, -21, -22, -23, -23A, -24, -25, undated	box 1	folder 29
Airplanes and maintenance parts, T.O. no 01-125-30, -31, -32, -35, -36, -37, -39, -42, -42A, -43, -44, -45, -46, -48, undated	box 1	folder 30
Music copyright, undated	box 1	folder 31
Columbine records, undated	box 1	folder 32
Sing along with Geno Lucchesi: The Grey Eagle, undated	box 1	folder 33
United Way, 1979-1980	box 1	folder 34
Portage View Hospital fund drive, undated	box 1	folder 35
Bay Cliff Camp, 1977-1982	box 1	folder 36
Michigan Tech Flying Club, 1964	box 1	folder 37
Newspapers, undated	box 1	folder 38

Newspaper clippings, undated	box 1	folder 39
Photos, Kaleva Temple, undated	box 1	folder 40
Historical society, 1978-1982	box 1	folder 41
Coppertown USA, Geno, undated	box 1	folder 42
Copper Country Heritage Council, 1980-1983	box 1	folder 43
Ferris, undated	box 1	folder 44
Letters pattent, 1961	box 2	folder 1
Knights of Pythias Lodge costume catalog, catalog #63, undated	box 2	folder 2
Certificates, 19541983	box 2	folder 3
Miscellaneous, undated	box 2	folder 4
Safety shields, 1961-1964	box 2	folder 5-6
Patent-papers, safety shield, 1966-1972	box 2	folder 7
Safety shield, photographs, 1960-1964	box 2	folder 8
Wind deflecting agreement, 1961-1976	box 2	folder 9
Autotrend Corporation and [woman pillphont] - Kroon- Garwood, Ken Johnson, etc., 1962	box 2	folder 10
Miscellaneous, safety shield, 1960-1964	box 2	folder 11
R.S. Patterson Associates, Sheboygan Machine, et al, 1959-1961	box 2	folder 12
Canada, 1962	box 2	folder 13
Safety shields, specifications, 1960-1966	box 2	folder 14
Shields, 1961-1976	box 2	folder 15
Trademark, safety shield, 1961	box 2	folder 16
Safety shield, patent, 1961-1968	box 2	folder 17
Patent and correspondence, 1961-1962	box 2	folder 18
Safety shields, contacts at Detroit Exhibit, undated	box 2	folder 19
Safety shield, photos, 1966	box 2	folder 20
Safety shield, 1968-1981	box 2	folder 21
Safety shield, receipts and dispersement, 1965-1967	box 2	folder 22-24
Safety shield, sales, 1964	box 2	folder 25
Safety shield, receipts and dispersement, 1961-1963	box 2	folder 26-28
Peska correspondence, hat holder and toilet tissue holder, 1977	box 2	folder 29

Ports book, Snow King Rotary Plow, undated	box 2	folder 30	
Safety shield, receipts and dispersement, 1959-1960	box 2	folder 31	
Caesar Lucchesi, photograph, 1922-1923?	box 2	folder 32	
Slides, 1959-1964	box 2	folder 33	

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Memorabilia

Memorabilia	
Title/Description	Instances
1974 firemen's tournament booster, Marquette, Michigan, button	box 3
78th annual Upper Peninsula volunteer firemen's tournament, Iron River, Michigan, button, July 27-29, 1972	box 3
79th annual U.P. volunteer firemen's tournament, Bessemer, Michigan, button, August 2-4, 1973	box 3
82nd U.P. annual firemen's tournament, Munising, Michigan, button, July 22-24, 1976	box 3
Baraga County 3rd international fly-in, button, July 20-22, 1979	box 3
Baraga County fly in 1977 first place spot landing, Geno Lucchesi, plaque, 1977	box 3
Boston day, Boston Volunteer Fire Department, Labor Day, button, September 1, 1980	box 3
BSFI pin, undated	box 3 item 1
Congressman Phil Ruppe, button, undated	box 3
Iron Mountain centennial air show, Ford Airport, June 30th, July 1st, undated	box 3
Manistique firemen's tournament booster, button, July 27-29, 1978	box 3
Uniqueness is Special Olympics, button, undated	box 3
U.P. firemen's tournament booster, Calumet-Laurium, July 25-26-27, button	box 3

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Audio reels

Title/Description

Instances

Heritage show, coping with snow, 1/4 inch open reel, January 9, 1979	reel 1
Heritage, bussing in the Copper Country, 1/4 inch open reel, October 26, 1979	reel 2
About Caesar Lucchesi with Dave Halkola, 1/4 inch open reel, September 16, 1980	reel 3
About Caesar, copies, 1/4 inch open reel, July 1982	reel 4
Interview with Dave Halkola, continued, 1/4 inch open reel, September 13, 1980	reel 5
Historical Kaleva Building, WMPL, 1/4 inch open reel, September 1982	reel 6

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