THE CAPTAIN J.H. WYLIE COLLECTION

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(Predominantly, 1959-1964)

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Captain J.H. Wylie placed his papers in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs on October 1, 1974, and they were opened for research in February of 1984.

As a pilot for Capital Airlines, Captain Wylie was heavily involved in the concerns of the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA). At the time of the disposition of his papers, he was Director of Flight Agreements and Crew Scheduling for United Airlines in Chicago, Illinois. An active participant in union affairs, he held various positions before being appointed to the Merger Committee in 1960. Both Airlines United and Capital had merger committees which met to discuss integration procedures. On April 10, 1961, Captain Wylie was elected to the Negotiating Committee. Throughout the merger process, he and H.L. Johnston played an integral part in the representation of the Capital pilots in joint UAL-CAP discussions.

The papers of Captain Wylie reflect his work with the various merger committees and with the UAL-CAP merger process in general.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- United Airlines-Capital Airlines Merger, 1960-1965
- Airline Seniority Integration Merger
- Arbitration

Among the important correspondents are:

- Harry Abrahams
- David L. Cole
- Frank W. Saul

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Glossary to Abbreviations

CAA ................. Civil Aeronautics Act
CAB ................. Civil Aeronautics Board
CAP .................. Capital Airlines
CAP-MEC ............ Capital Airlines Master Executive Council
FAA ................. Federal Aviation Act
F/E ................... Flight Engineer
FEIA ................. Flight Engineer International Association
IAM .................. International Association of Machinists
NMB .................. National Mediation Board
UAL ................. United Airlines
UAL-CAP ............ United—Capital (merging process)
UAL-MEC .......... United Airlines Master Executive Council
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