

West Springfield Airport, Inc., Records

1946-1955

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Background on West Springfield Airport

Shortly after the end of the Second World War, a small group of residents formed a corporation to build an airport in West Springfield, Mass. The primary organizers of the endeavor included Whitfield Reid (a local attorney and first Chair of the corporation), Edward J. Kirby (a draftsman) and his brother E. Kenneth Kirby (a Navy veteran), Vernon A. Doty (a florist and market gardener and the largest shareholder), and Leonard W. Sweet, a young employee of the park department in the city. Chartered on June 3, 1946, and based on Riverdale Street, the corporation attracted a small group of investors, but appears never to have prospered. After many months of attempting to sell off their real estate, the corporation voted to liquidate in August 1954.

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Box 1

Contains original charter, articles of agreement, by-laws (17 p.); index (7 p.); Minutes of stockholders meetings (73 p.); Stock register and mailing list (3 p.).

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Box 2

Contains: Minutes of Executive Meetings (6 p.); Minutes of Directors Meetings (ca.167 p.), covering incorporation, issuance of stock, acquisition of real estate, disposal of real estate, liquidation and settlement of finances.

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

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