

Title: Bakker, Dirk Papers

Reference Code: Mss-3379

Inclusive Dates: 1907 – 1985

Quantity: 0.2 cu. ft.

Location: LM, Sh. 085

Abstract: Dirk G. Bakker was a Wisconsin aeronaut (balloonist), the founder of the Wisconsin Balloon Group, and a 34-year employee of Midwest Scenic. He was born in Milwaukee in 1943, the son of painter and photographer Gerhard H. Bakker and Shirley Bakker. He died in Waukesha in 2015.

Scope and Content: This collection includes correspondence, letters, magazines, photographs, postcards, and rosters from throughout Dirk Bakker's life and career, including in the hot air balloon industry. Materials include invoices for balloon parts, letters for contests and committees, and postcards between Dirk and his wife, Susan, and friends and fellow aeronauts. The collection also includes photographs of the Bakker family, including those presumably taken by Dirk's father, Gerhard, as well as photographs from Bavaria, Germany.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The collection was processed by Lydia Schlais, May-June 2024.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Photos, undated	1	1
Postcards, 1907-1979	1	2
Correspondence, 1953-1975	1	3
Correspondence, 1976	1	4
Correspondence, 1977-1980	1	5
Correspondence, 1980-1982	1	6
Balloon magazines and rosters, 1983-1985, undated	1	7