

Inventory of the

**B-J Aviation, Inc.**  
DeKalb, Illinois

Records

In the

Regional History Center

**RC 310**

## INTRODUCTION

The B-J Aviation records were deposited in the Northern Illinois Regional History Center in April of 2010 by Jack Bennett.

Property rights in the collection belong to the Regional History Center. Literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Linear feet of shelf space: .25  
 Number of containers: 1  
 Northern Illinois Regional History Center  
 Collection 310

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of records from professors Robert LaConto and Jack Bennett's business dealings regarding a Cessna aircraft for training purposes and creation of aviation companies at the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport. Records deal with the men's acquisition, lease, and sale of a Cessna 150 plane. The collection is arranged chronologically from 1979-1990 and includes articles of incorporation and initial meeting minutes, lease and rental agreements of the Cessna 150, maintenance and modifications made to the plane, financial, tax and insurance records, correspondence, dissolution of the company and sale of the aircraft.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Journalism professor Robert LaConto and biology professor Jack Bennett, both retired from NIU in 1990, recognized that the flight school at Taylor Municipal Airport was in need of a proper training aircraft. The plane they acquired in 1984 was subsequently managed by aviation companies created by the two men and leased to the commercial Fixed Base Operator (FBO), known as Kishwaukee Aviation, at Taylor airport. After two years of the agreement, Kishwaukee Aviation went into bankruptcy. The new FBO, Northern Illinois Aviation, was not interested in renting the plane from B-J Aviation and therefore the Cessna was sold to a man operating out the Beloit, Wisconsin regional airport. Additional information is available in folder 2, in a document titled "The B-J Aviation Story."

## SUBJECT TRACINGS

Airports	DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport
Aviation	Kishwaukee Aviation
Bennett, Jack	LaConto, Robert
B-J Aviation	Northern Illinois Aviation

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1-7	B-J Aviation, (1979-1990) Return address stamp