

BRANIFF PEOPLE ARCHIVES - A key part of Braniff Airways Foundation's Braniff Flying Colors Archives is the personal papers and materials donated by Braniff's magnificent group of employees. Over 200 individual employee archives exist in the collection and contain over 50,000 sheets of written and printed papers as well as photographic materials.

Each file contains the collection of papers and materials that a specific employee chose to keep for personal reasons or for future generations to admire and enjoy. Once we receive one of these collections, they are analyzed for condition and then a plan is designed for that particular employee.

Once the plan is created, then the materials are first put into chronological order and then each item is placed in an archival-safe protector and then placed in an archival-safe holding binder. After the materials are archived, they are then placed on the shelf in alphabetical order with the other Braniff People Archives.

A patron can view a specific file and then follow that employee's time not only at Braniff but also throughout their career if all of those materials were included in the original donation. Many collections also donate their videos and cassette tapes. In that case, the Foundation possesses the proper equipment to digitize them. The Foundation then provides a copy to the employee or their family and the original is retained in the specific employee's archives.

Today, we just completed our latest Braniff People Archive, which is the extensive materials of Doris and Deloris O'Neill of Houston, Texas. These two amazing twins, were both hired by Braniff Airways in 1947 to work in the Reservations Department in Houston. They remained together throughout their 33 year career, which ended in 1980, when the decision was made not build a new Houston Reservations Center but also to close the current center.

The Braniff People Archives are another way that Braniff Airways Foundation ensures that the history and legacy of Braniff Airways is cared for so the next generations can admire and enjoy Big Beautiful Braniff.

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