

Title: A.P. "Pat" Bolton collection

Creator: A.P. "Pat" Bolton

Collection/Call Number: Center for Florida History: APB

Abstract: Collection includes: WWII Naval air base construction in Florida, Daytona Speedway,

Summary: This collection spans the date range from 1936 – 1972. However, there are a few personal documents dating to 1854 and 1905. The primary scope of the collection pertains to Bolton's work in World War II and his work with the Dayton Speedway. There are a few ancillary projects in addition to these. There is little information about specific jobs between Bolton's work in WWII and his work on the Daytona Speedway. There is also very little information about specific jobs after the Daytona Speedway project ending in 1959. The lack of information on specific jobs after Bolton's work on the Daytona Speedway may be attributed to Bolton's efforts to divide the company up between his son-in-laws and his friends. There are extensive financial records of Macasphalt and some of the smaller companies The collection is located in shelving unit 10 and contains 15 file boxes, 1 large box and 1 flat file.

Physical Description: 15 file boxes, 1 large box and 1 flat file

History: A.P. "Pat" Bolton was born in 1905 and the collection has family records including Mr. Bolton's birth Certificate and a family letter dating 1854. Bolton's work began in South Carolina where we have documentation of a few projects he worked on in 1936. In the late 1930's and early 1940's, Bolton moved to Florida to begin work designing and repaving airports for the Navy during WWII. The majority of the collection includes records from his work with the Navy including Banana River, Saufley field, Osceola and Witting Field North and South.

Juanita Jane (Bolton) was born in 1922, moved to Lakeland in 1939 to attend school at Florida Southern College. Juanita received her secretary certificate in 1941. Mr. Bolton met Juanita Jane when she worked for him as a secretary at Macasphalt and they later married. Juanita was active in Bolton's companies as she held positions including Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President of one of Macasphalt's spin off companies. Juanita Jane Bolton died in May of 2009.

In 1955, Bolton became the owner of Macasphalt. And in 1957 work began on the Daytona Speedway. The Speedway was completed in 1959 and the collection includes pictures of the first practice run. In the mid to late 1950's Bolton began dividing the company into smaller sub companies which he divided among family and friends. According to Glenn C Thompson, Bolton's two daughters (Betty and Glynnie) married and their husbands were set up with their own company with the expectation they would take care of Bolton's daughters.

Bolton was long known for using local materials (like sand, crushed stone, and coquina shells) to build asphalt roads in Florida. Bolton retired in 1971 and died in 1974???. His legacy lives on, however, in the form of the A.P. "Pat" Bolton award for excellence in paving.

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