

**Anthony J. Stonina Collection Finding Aid**  
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**Series-Level Descriptions**

**SERIES 1**

**Title**

Correspondence from Charles E Speaks

**Alternative Title**

Correspondence from Charles E Speaks to Anthony J. Stonina

**Subject(s)**

Fisk Rubber Corporation  
Westover Air Reserve Base

**Date**

1939-06-26 to 1939-08-08

**Type**

Text

**Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

**Temporal Coverage**

June 26, 1939 to August 8, 1939

**Language**

English

**Creator(s)**

Speaks, Charles E

**Description**

This folder contains a series of four typed letters from Charles E Speaks, the president of the Fisk Rubber Corporation, to Anthony J Stonina, the mayor of Chicopee, MA. Two letters concern the

what Col. Speaks believes to be the best strategies to convince Army officials to decide upon Chicopee as the best location for the Northeastern Army Air Corps base. One letter concerns strategies to woo airplane manufacturing companies to Chicopee, and one letter concerns the estimated costs of the construction and maintenance of the air base.

**Format**

Correspondence

**Format (Extent)**

4 Items

**SERIES 2**

**Title**

Correspondence with Federal Officials

**Alternative Title**

Correspondence to and from Washington D.C. Concerning the Prospect of a Chicopee Air Base

**Subject(s)**

Chicopee (Mass.);  
Westover Air Reserve Base

**Date**

1938-11-23 to 1939-09-29

**Date (Bulk)**

1939-06-10 to 1939-09-29

**Type**

Text

**Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

**Temporal Coverage**

November 23, 1938 to September 29, 1939

**Language**

English

**Creator(s)**

Clason, Charles R. (1890-1985);  
Johnson, Louis A. (1891-1966);  
Kocialkowski, Leo (1882-1958);

Lodge, Henry Cabot Jr. (1902-1985);  
McCormack, John W. (1891-1980);  
Monkiewicz, B. J. (1898-1971);  
Schuetz, Leonard W. (1887-1944);  
Tenerowicz, Rudolph G. (1890-1963);  
Tyner, George P.;  
Walsh, David I. (1872-1947);  
Woodring, Henry Hines (1887-1967)

**Description**

This folder contains a series of correspondence mostly to Anthony J Stonina from various officials in Washington D.C. concerning the possible selection of Chicopee, MA as the site for the Northeastern Army Air Corps base.

**Format**

Correspondence

**Extent**

23 Items

**SERIES 3**

**Title**

Other Correspondence

**Alternative Title**

Other Correspondence Concerning Westover Air Base

**Subject(s)**

Chicopee (Mass.);  
Western Massachusetts;  
Westover Reserve Base

**Date**

1939-08-06 to 1939-11-29

**Type**

Text

**Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

**Temporal Coverage**

August 6, 1939 to November 29, 1939

**Language**

English

**Creator(s)**

Cervený, Edward W.;  
Clark, Henry M.;  
Costello, Thomas J.;  
Cummings, W. F.;  
Dwight, William.;  
Fletcher, Samuel E.;  
Glaster, Anna.;  
Gunter, W. A.;  
Hemond, Conrad.;  
Parker, Fred C. W.;  
Putnam, Roger L. (1893-1972);  
Rice, George W.;  
Stanton, E. E.;  
Stonina, Anthony J. (1898-1974)

**Description**

This folder contains correspondence between Anthony J Stonina and various others in relation to the establishment of Westover Airbase. These include various officials from other cities and towns, specifically Westfield, Ludlow, Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke, and Hampden County in Massachusetts, as well as Montgomery, AL, Los Angeles, CA, and Flushing, NY. It includes a letter from Mayor Stonina to state senator Chester T. Skibinski. Also included are letters from several insurance companies and from Kiwanis International. Most of the letters take the form of congratulations to Mayor Stonina for Westover, but some concern the planning of the establishment of the airbase, and it also includes a letter from the town of Ludlow insisting on more cooperation with the city of Chicopee in the decision making process for this project, since "one third of the land...is located in the Town of Ludlow."

**Format**

Correspondence

**Extent**

21 Items

**SERIES 4****Title**

Westover Miscellanea

**Alternative Title**

Miscellaneous Materials Related to Westover Air Base

**Subject(s)**

Newspaper Clippings;  
Springfield Republican;  
Westover Air Reserve Base

**Date**

1939-08-03 to 1964-09-13

**Type**

Text

**Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

**Temporal Coverage**

August 08, 1939 to September 13, 1964

**Language**

English

**Creator(s)**

Office of the Contracting Quartermaster, Northeast Air Base;  
The Springfield Republican;  
The Springfield Union;  
Westover Air Force Base Information Services Office

**Description**

This folder contains seven items relating to Westover Air Reserve Base. These include a copy of the petition submitted to the U.S. Senate for the acquisition of land in Chicopee for the purpose of establishing an Army air base, a newspaper clipping from the Springfield Union concerning the sentiments of Westfield residents towards the planned Chicopee air base, a timeline of events about the establishment of Westover airbase, the information collected in an interview of Anthony Stonina by Lt. Margaret C Gochnour about Westover, a congressional document concerning the suitability of Chicopee as a site for an airbase, and a directory and guide to Westover from 1959. Finally, a copy of the program for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of Westover, and a copy of the Springfield Republican that honors the very same anniversary. The final two items, the program and the newspaper, are stored in Box 2 due to their size.

**Format**

Directory;  
Newspaper;  
Newspaper Clipping;  
Program

**Extent**

8 Items

## **SERIES 5**

### **Title**

Bomber Dedication Materials

### **Alternative Title**

Materials Concerning The Presentation of Six Bombers at Westover Field

### **Subject(s)**

Ceremonies;  
Westover Air Reserve Base;  
World War II

### **Date**

1943-09-01

### **Type**

Text

### **Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

### **Temporal Coverage**

September 1, 1943

### **Language**

English

### **Creator(s)**

The Bonds for Bombers Committee of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties  
Mass.

### **Description**

This folder contains two programs from the dedication ceremony of six bomber aircraft at Westover Field along with a copy of the script of a radio broadcast of the event that also contains a schedule of the proceedings of the ceremony.

### **Format**

Document;  
Program

### **Extent**

3 Items

## **SERIES 6**

### **Title**

Stanislaw Trepczynski Materials

### **Alternative Title**

Materials Related to the Visit of the UN General Assembly President Stanislaw Trepczynski to Chicopee, MA

### **Subject(s)**

Chicopee (Mass.);  
Trepczynski, Stanislaw (1924-2002);  
United Nations

### **Date**

1972-11-11

### **Type**

Image;  
Text

### **Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

### **Temporal Coverage**

November 11, 1972

### **Language**

English

### **Creator(s)**

Springfield Daily News;  
Springfield Sunday Republican;  
Springfield Union;  
Transcript-Telegram

### **Description**

This is a collection of materials related to the visit of United Nations General Assembly President Stanislaw Trepczynski to Chicopee, MA. These materials include itineraries, photographs, newspaper clippings, and various notes. Two photographs of Trepczynski are stored in Box 2, separate from the rest of the materials due to the size of these materials.

### **Format**

Document;  
Photograph;  
Newspaper;  
Scrapbook

**Extent**

1 Item

**SERIES 7**

**Title**

Programs/Event Materials

**Alternative Title**

Materials Related to Miscellaneous Events and Ceremonies around Chicopee

**Subject(s)**

Celebrations;  
Ceremonies;  
Massachusetts National Guard;

**Date**

1932-09-04 to 1957-05-30

**Date (Bulk)**

1932-09-04 to 1936-04-13

**Type**

Text

**Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

**Temporal Coverage**

September 4, 1932 to May 30, 1957

**Language**

Mostly English, One Item Is in Polish

**Creator(s)**

Aldenville Progressive Club;  
Arrow A.A. Reserves Club;  
Chicopee Police Relief Association;  
Heavy Mortar and Company C 104 Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard;



**Description**

This folder contains five items concerning various celebrations and gatherings. These include four programs, specifically for an event held at the Polish National Home, the Third Annual Dance at St. Joseph's Ballroom, the Concert and Ball given by the Aldenville Progressive Club, and the Twenty-Fifth Annual Chicopee Police Relief Association Concert and Ball. Each program contains a page dedicated to Mayor Stonina. This folder also contains an invitation to the dedication of the armory of the Heavy Mortar Company C104 Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard.

**Format**

Invitation;  
Program

**Extent**

5 Items

**SERIES 8****Title**

Loose Newspapers

**Alternative Title**

Newspapers and Clippings Related to Anthony Stonina and to the City of Chicopee

**Subject(s)**

Chicopee (Mass.);  
Notable Residents;  
Stonina, Anthony J. (1898-1974)

**Date**

1938-06-09 to 1966-08-11

**Type**

Text

**Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

**Temporal Coverage**

June 09, 1938 to August 11, 1966

**Language**

English

**Creator(s)**

The Chicopee Herald;  
The Springfield Union;  
Transcript-Telegram

**Description**

This series consists of two newspaper clippings, one entire newspaper, and one newspaper section. The two clippings are from the Springfield Union, dating June 09-10, 1938. They concern Anthony Stonina's two-month long trip to Poland and other European countries. The full newspaper is the May 29, 1948 edition of the Chicopee Herald, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Chicopee. Finally, the newspaper section is the Chicopee Section of the Transcript-Telegram from August 11, 1966. It features, among other things, the history of Szot Park, with Anthony Stonina's role in its history given focus.

**Format**

Newspaper;  
Newspaper Clipping

**Extent**

4 Items

**SERIES 9**

**Title**

Chicopee Miscellanea

**Alternative Title**

Miscellaneous Materials Related to Chicopee and to Anthony Stonina

**Subject(s)**

Chicopee (Mass.);  
Chicopee (Mass.)—Geography;  
Notable Residents;  
Stonina, Anthony J. (1898-1974)

**Date**

1931 to 1969

**Type**

Text

**Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

**Temporal Coverage**

1931 to 1969

**Language**

English

**Creator(s)**

Chicopee School Committee;  
Downs, Winfield Scott.;  
Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce;  
Johnson, Clifton (1865-1940);  
United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey

**Description**

This folder contains miscellaneous materials related to the city of Chicopee and its former mayor, Anthony Stonina. Included here are thirteen items: the 1931 report of the Chicopee School Committee, the mayor's address from 1932, 1936, and 1939, an excerpt from *Hampden County, 1636-1936* by Clifton Johnson, and an excerpt from *Men of New England* by Winfield Scott Downs, both about Anthony Stonina, a list of the member of the 1939 government of Chicopee, a topographic map of Chicopee, a copy of "description, sketch, and Geographic Position" for station Stonina, named after the mayor, a copy of a booklet about the city of Chicopee, a copy of a photograph of Anthony Stonina, and a copy of his business card as mayor.

**Format**

Book Excerpt;  
Document

**Extent**

13 Items

**Relation**

*Hampden County, 1936-1936* by Clifton Johnson (1936);  
*Men of New England* by Winfield Scott Downs (1941)

**SERIES 10****Title**

Ephemera

**Alternate Title**

Miscellaneous Materials Originally Found in the Scrapbooks

**Subject(s)**

Chicopee (Mass.);  
Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army;  
Stonina, Anthony J. (1898-1974);  
United States Army Engineers;

Westover Air Reserve Base

**Date**

1939-06-01 to 1948-08-04

**Type**

Text

**Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

**Temporal Coverage**

June 1, 1939 to August 04, 1948

**Language**

English

**Creator(s)**

American Automobile Association;  
Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army;  
McFadden, M. A.;  
Polish Women's Political and Social Club;  
Selective Service System

**Description**

This series consists of materials that were originally found within series 11 and 12. The materials in this series were found to be of sufficiently different format and content to be worthy of preservation and inclusion in a separate series. The items found in this series include the business card of Leo Authier of the Moonlight Inn, detailed maps of Westover Field and its then-future site, a certificate marking the official entry of the city of Chicopee in the 1939 National Pedestrian Protection Contest, a program of a military ball held at the Oxford Country Club, Christmas correspondence among the personnel of the team constructing the air base including a Christmas card, an organizational chart for the office of the engineers stationed at Chicopee Falls in January of 1943, and a certificate from the United States Selective Service naming Anthony Stonina as a member of the Local Board No. 12, Massachusetts. Due to their size, both maps and both certificates are stored in Box 2.

**Format**

Correspondence;  
Document;  
Program

**Extent**

9 Items

## **SERIES 11**

### **Title**

Annual Scrapbooks

### **Alternate Title**

Scrapbooks of Newspaper Clippings Relating to the City of Chicopee and to Anthony Stonina

### **Subject(s)**

Chicopee (Mass.);  
Notable Residents;  
Stonina, Anthony J. (1898-1974)

### **Date**

1932-01-04 to 1939-12-15

### **Type**

Text

### **Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

### **Temporal Coverage**

January 04, 1932 to December 15, 1939

### **Language**

English

### **Creator(s)**

Chicopee Herald;  
Springfield Daily News;  
Springfield Republican;  
Springfield Union;  
Transcript-Telegram

### **Description**

This series consists of five large scrapbooks that contain newspaper clippings from various newspapers around Chicopee. Each scrap book generally contains clippings from one year. The years covered are 1932, 1933, 1936, 1938, and 1939. These clippings relate mostly to aspects of the governance of Chicopee. Names of the source newspapers and the dates of publication are written alongside most clippings. Due to their degraded condition, these scrapbooks were destroyed rather than preserved, though they are available digitally through the Chicopee Public Library.

### **Format**

Newspaper Clipping;

Scrapbook

## **SERIES 12**

### **Title**

Scrapbook Dedicated to Westover Field

### **Alternative Title**

### **Subject(s)**

Chicopee (Mass.);  
Westover Air Reserve Base

### **Date**

1939-08-22 to 1948-12

### **Date (Bulk)**

1939-08-22 to 1939-12-22

### **Type**

Image;  
Text

### **Location**

Chicopee (Mass.)

### **Temporal Coverage**

September 15, 1939 to December, 1948

### **Language**

English

### **Creator(s)**

Chicopee Herald;  
Holyoke Daily Transcript;  
Huntington, William H.;  
New York Times;  
Springfield Daily News;  
Springfield Republican;  
Springfield Union;  
Westover Flyer

### **Description**

This series consists of one scrapbook. The scrapbook contains loose sections of six newspapers, a program of the Military Ball held on August 22, 1939 at the Oxford Country Club, a large

scrapbook of newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous ephemera relating to the establishment of Westover Air Base, a detailed map of Westover Field, various newspaper clippings, an organization chart for the US Engineer Office in Chicopee Falls dated January 1, 1943, and an official document from the Selective Service System appointing Anthony Stonina as a board member of Local Board No. 12, Massachusetts. The scrapbook of clippings and other materials was created by William H. Huntington of the Office of the Constructing Quartermaster for the Northeast Air Base. His book contains many newspaper clippings concerning the establishment of Westover Field, some concerning the eviction of the residents of the site of the air base, a copy of "Let's Look At the Record" labeled "Mayor Stonina's Political Paper," and many other materials. Due to its degraded condition, this scrapbook was destroyed rather than preserved, though it is available digitally through the Chicopee Public Library.

**Format**

Newspaper Clipping;  
Scrapbook