

Tarleton State University Collection of United States Flags, 1959-1960:

A Guide

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Tarleton State University

Title: Tarleton State University Collection of United States Flags, 1959-1960

Inclusive Dates: 1959-1960

Abstract: The collection consists of three United States flags that flew over the campus of Tarleton State University: the last flag with 48 stars, the last flag with 49 stars, and the first flag with 50 stars.

Identification: UA19

Extent: 0.67 cubic feet (3 flag boxes)

Shelf location: 11:J:3

Repository: Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives and Special Collections, Stephenville, Texas

Organizational History

Tarleton State University was established in Stephenville, Texas on September 4, 1899. Through the years it has been known by several names: John Tarleton College, John Tarleton Agricultural College, Tarleton State College, and Tarleton State University. The institution joined the Texas A&M University System in 1917. It is a four-year university with almost 100 undergraduate and graduate degrees.

In 1912 Arizona and New Mexico became the 47th and 48th states of the United States. From 1912 to 1959 the flag included 48 stars in the blue canton. When Alaska became a state in 1959, the number of stars changed to 49. The number changed to 50 in 1960 when Hawaii became a state.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of three United States flags that flew over the campus of Tarleton State University: the last flag with 48 stars, the last flag with 49 stars, and the first flag with 50 stars. The flag with 48 stars last flew over the campus on July 3, 1959 while the flag with 49 stars last flew on July 3, 1960. The flag with 50 stars was first raised on July 4, 1960.

Rights and Access

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Physical Access Restrictions

None.

Technical Access Restrictions

None.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

Finding aid prepared by Phyllis Kinnison, 2022.

Note to the Researcher

The collection is processed, but advance notice is required with time allowed to retrieve the records from an offsite location before conducting research. There may be occasions when staffing or weather conditions may delay or prevent retrieval of the records. For more information, contact Librarian/Archivist Phyllis Kinnison at pkinnison@tarleton.edu.

Container List

| <u>Stack Location</u> | <u>Box</u> | <u>Item (with dates)</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11:J:3 | 1 | United States flag (48 stars), 1959 |
| | 2 | United States flag (49 stars), 1960 |
| | 3 | United States flag (50 stars), 1960 |
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