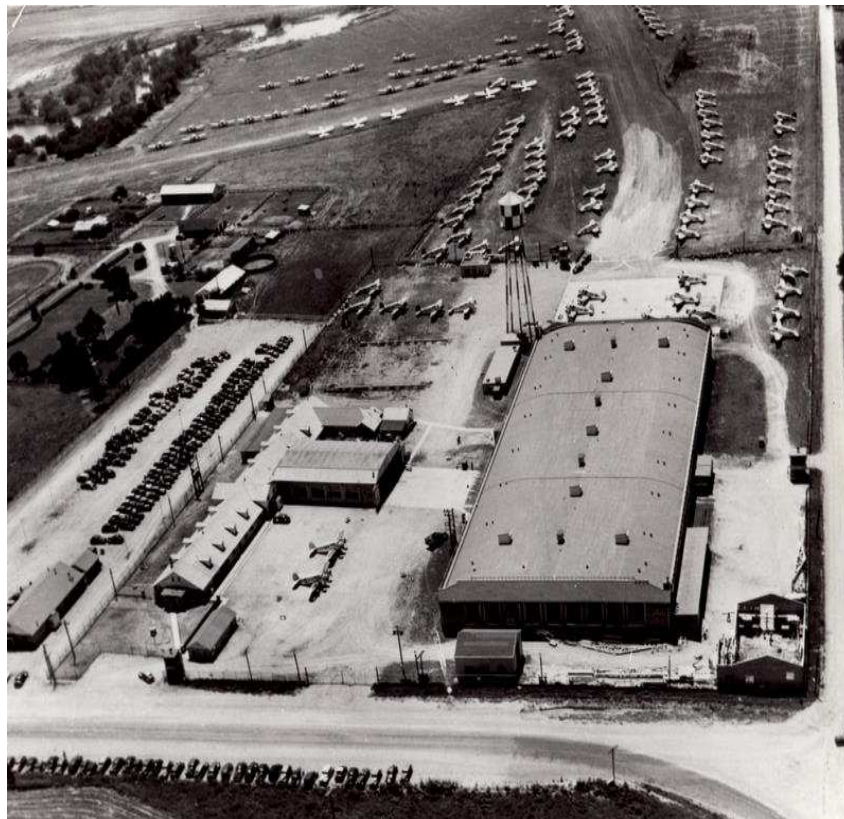


A Little History about the Globe Plant Property – Beginning to Present
by Stan Price

Recently I had an opportunity to visit with the superintendent of the Texas Army Reserve National Guard unit that now controls what was formerly the Globe Aircraft Factory. Maj. Michel is also interested in the history of this property and has kept an archive book which he allowed me to copy a few of the items to share with you. It gives a brief and accurate report as to how and when the property was used for its various purposes, starting from it's ownership by John Kennedy as a horse farm, it's use as Globe Aircraft, the use by Bell Helicopter, and it's current use by the Army National Guard as a storage facility.





Globe Aircraft - building the AT-10 Trainer.

SAGINAW ARMY AIRCRAFT PLANT
Chronological Summary Of Installation

1. John Kennedy conveyed 150 acres of land more or less to Globe Aircraft Corporation 16 Nov 1941.
2. Original facilities built by Globe Aircraft in 1941.
3. Globe deeded 6.823 acres to Defense Plant Corp. (a corporation created by Reconstruction Finance) 20 Apr 1942. Globe then leased the 6.823 acres and owned the buildings while Defense Plant Corporation owned the land.
4. Globe executed chattel mortgage to Smaller War Plant Corporation 6 Dec 1945. Smaller War Plant was held and owned by Reconstruction Finance Corporation.
5. Globe declared bankruptcy in Jun 1947.
6. Deed due to chattel mortgage gave property to Reconstruction Finance Corporation including the 6.823 acres on 27 Jun 1947.
7. Reconstruction Finance Corporation deeded 149.762 acres to the United States of America 30 Jun 1949.
8. Reconstruction Finance Corporation deeded 6.823 acres held by Defense Plant Corp. to United States of America 27 Dec 1949.
9. Care and custody by General Services Administration, pursuant to Public Law 105, 81st Congress, 16 Jun 1949.
10. Property transferred to Department of the Navy by interim letter transfer, effective 24 Feb 1951, pursuant to Public Law 105, 81st Congress.
11. The 156.58 acres were permanently transferred to Navy under Public Law 508, 82nd Congress, in July 1952, without reimbursement.
12. The property was then transferred to Department of the Army by letter dated 2 Apr 1965, effective 31 Mar 1965, without reimbursement.
13. In the interim Bell Helicopter Textron, Incorporated leased the property under Facilities Use Agreement until 31 Jan 1989. The property was reported as excess in Sep 1988.
14. Property vacated in Jan 1989.
15. License DACA63-3-91-0525 signed 19 Feb 1991, granting use of 113.5 acres for an indefinite period to Texas Army National Guard.





GOVERNMENT TITLE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Excess Real Property No. CESWF-93-02, Saginaw Army Aircraft Plant, Saginaw, Texas

1. The property to be disposed of consists of 43.08 acres (40.94 acres fee and 2.14 acres easement interest) out of a 156.58 acre tract of land known as the Saginaw Army Aircraft Plant (SAAP).

a. The SAAP formally known as the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve and the Globe Aircraft Plant consisted of 154.44 acres of fee-owned land and 2.14 acres of easement interest land for a total of 156.58 acres, located 8 miles north of Fort Worth on Blue Mound Road and McLeroy Boulevard in Tarrant County, Saginaw, Texas. Only 43.08 acres are excess (includes 2.14 acres of easement interest), as 113.5 acres were transferred to the Adjutant General's Department for use by the Texas Army National Guard Bureau on May 21, 1991.

b. The 2.14 acres easement interest was previously reported to GSA on September 29, 1972, Report of Excess No. FW-1096. GSA Control No. D-TEX-879. The aviation restrictions were removed December 8, 1990, by the Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers; however, the easement for three (3) each, waterlines and one (1) each, electrical line which cross the tract should continue in effect (see Exhibit A). The survey and description for the 43.08 acres includes the previously reported 2.14 acres (for maps see Exhibit B; for legal description see Exhibit C).

2. Title to the 43.08 acres is vested in the United States as follows: The land was acquired by the United States of America from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by deed dated June 30 1949, and recorded in Volume 2137 at page 172 of the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas, and by deed dated December 27, 1949, (see Exhibit D). The Attorney General's Final Title Opinion, dated September 8, 1950, states that valid title is vested in the United States, subject to any unpaid taxes, the five easements listed and any easements for roads, highways and public utilities not shown on record (for Title Opinion and Abstract excerpts see Exhibit E). In July 1952 the plant was transferred from GSA to the Department of the Navy under Public Law 508, 82nd Congress, effective February 24, 1951, without reimbursement. The property then known as the Naval Weapons Reserve Plant was transferred from the Navy to the Department of the Army by letter dated April 2, 1965, effective March 31, 1965, at no cost to the Army (see Exhibit F).

3. There is no record in this office of any action which would adversely affect the right, title or interest of the United States in said land since its acquisition except the following:

Easement DACA63-2-73-0387 granting the City of Saginaw, Texas, permission to construct, operate, and maintain a 15-inch sewer pipeline across the Saginaw Army Aircraft Plant, Texas, (see Exhibit G).

4. The records of the Fort Worth District, Corps of Engineers, do not reflect that the United States of America ever acquired exclusive federal jurisdiction over said land. There are no special circumstances affecting jurisdiction that are peculiar to this property by reason of its being Government-owned. Civil and Criminal jurisdiction is proprietary.

5. A portion of the subject facility is located within the 100 year flood plain of Little Fossil Creek. The creek runs northwest to southeast and bisects the northern end of the property (see Exhibit H).

6. This property contains no known fixtures or related personal property that have possible historic, architectural, archeological, or cultural value.

7. This property has been declared eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Specifically three standing structures, Buildings 2, 8, and 10 of individual importance and six other contributing structures Buildings 4, 6, 13, 14, 15 and 23 which form a National Register of Historic Places District (see Exhibit I). For a more complete reference of correspondence see Appendix B, Historical and Archeological Resources, in the Environmental Assessment at Exhibit K.

8. This property has been screened against the known needs of this holding agency.

9. This property, in its present condition, is not dangerous or hazardous to the public health and safety. There are no underground storage tanks.

10. The Corps warrants that all remedial action necessary to protect human health and the environment with regard to hazardous substances stored, released, or disposed of during the period of Federal ownership has been taken prior to the date of transfer and will be taken in the future if found necessary (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)(3) (Warranty)). As required by CERCLA, a covenant is to be placed in each deed entered into after October 17, 1990 to private parties, state and local governments.

a. This holding agency is in compliance with 40 CFR 761, "Polychlorinated Biphenals (PCB's) Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce, and Use Prohibitions," as it relates to PCB use, storage, handling, and disposal on this property, AND,

b. There are no known Polychlorinated Biphenals (PCB's) on or associated with the property being excessed.

c. All remedial action to protect human health and the environment has been taken in regards to the PCB spill on the south side of building #2. Transformers and soil were removed and disposed of in accordance with regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. Closure Report for PCB Soil Removal Project, Saginaw, Texas (see Exhibit J).

d. Environmental Assessment (see Exhibit K).

11. This property contains non-friable asbestos material in the form of asbestos siding on exterior of Building #2. Siding appears to be in good condition. Additionally, the older ventilation vent covers appear to be made of asbestos on the vent stacks on the roof of Building #2. See A5, Asbestos Test Results in the Environmental Assessment at Exhibit K.

12. This property is not located on an Indian Reservation.

13. This property is located within the corporate limits of the city of Saginaw. City officials are:

Mayor, Mr. John Ed Keeter and
City Manager, Mr. Pat Moffit
P. O. Box 79070
Saginaw, TX 76179
(817) 232-4640

14. The property is within 6 nautical miles of an airport.

15. A HUD check list was furnished to HUD. The land and buildings were published in the Federal Register on June 29, 1990, and were listed as suitable. They were last published on Friday, December 4, 1992, Volume 57, No. 234, Page 57494 and listed as suitable/available.

16. There are no tenants on the parcel to be exccessed.

17. There are no cemeteries on the area to be exccessed.

18. There is a monument on the property to John Clay Kennedy, the owner of Globe Aircraft Corporation and a flag pole.

19. For entry to see Building #26 on the northwest portion of the property, contact Capt. White or Lt. Col. King with the Guard, Saginaw, Texas, at 817/232-5690. For information regarding fencing of the Guard's boundary you may contact either the above named or Col. Bobby J. Wisenhunt, Adjutant General's Department at 512/465-5071, Austin, Texas.

20. For your information we are enclosing a Brief History and a Chronological Summary of Installation (see Exhibit L).

By: _____
June A. Ahrens February 17, 1993
Realty Specialist, Disposal Section
Management and Disposal Branch
Real Estate Division
Fort Worth District, Corps of Engineers
817/334-4051

Stan's Comments

Approximately five years ago the main plant was demolished and all that remains now is a cement slab. Some of the smaller buildings and the water tower are still intact.



Demolition in progress. 2006



This is all that remains of the main building. Just the slab.

It's all a little sad.

Stan