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“Edward T. Chang and Woo Sung Han nicely piece together various historical documents to show how Korean immigrant leaders established and operated the Willows Korean Aviation School/Corps in 1920 to train fighter pilots in the independence movement against Japan. This book not only sheds much light on the pioneer Korean immigrants’ transnational independence movement, but also on their economic adaptation, racial experiences, community organizations, and military services in the U.S. during World War II.”

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“In this superbly researched study, Chang and Han provide valuable information about an oft-cited but little-known chapter in the histories of the early Korean American community and the Korean independence movement. Chang and Han ably bring together these two histories in this fascinating study of the Willows Korean Aviation School/Corps.”

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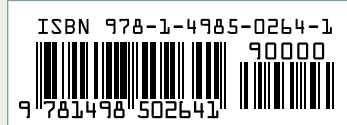
Korean American Pioneer Aviators: The Willows Airmen is the untold story of the brave Korean men who took to the skies more than twenty years before the Tuskegee Airmen fought in World War II. The tale of the Willows Aviation School connects Korean, American, and Korean American aviation history. This book also correctly identifies the first Korean aviator and ties the origin of the Korean Air Force to the Korean American community who started the Willows Aviation School in 1920.

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