

Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics Records

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Collection Summary

Title: Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics Records

Span Dates: 1925-1943

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ID No.: MSS17699

Creator: Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics

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Summary: Fund to facilitate technical development, improve safety, and expand the popularity of aviation; active from 1926-1930. Correspondence, reports, articles, pamphlets, legal and financial records, printed matter, and other records relating chiefly to commercial aviation in the United States and to a history of the fund written by R. H. Mayo. Subjects include aeronautical education and research, aviation safety, technical development, the use of aviation for passenger travel and the transport of freight, and Charles A. Lindbergh's tour of the United States in 1927.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Cone, Hutchinson Ingham, 1871-1941--Correspondence.

Guggenheim, Daniel, 1856-1930.

Guggenheim, Harry Frank, 1890-1971--Correspondence.

Land, Emory Scott, 1879-1971--Correspondence.

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974.

Mayo, R. H. (Robert Hobart), 1890-

Organizations

Aero-Club von Deutschland--Correspondence.

Associazione italiana di aerotecnica--Correspondence.

California Institute of Technology.

Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Royal Aeronautical Society--Correspondence.

Subjects

Aeronautics, Commercial--Freight.

Aeronautics, Commercial--Passenger traffic.

Aeronautics, Commercial--United States.

Aeronautics--Endowments.

Aeronautics--Research.

Aeronautics--Safety measures.

Aeronautics--Societies, etc.

Aeronautics--Study and teaching.

Aeronautics.

Air travel--United States.

Provenance

The records of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics were given to the Library of Congress in 1955 by Harry Frank Guggenheim, president of the fund during its existence from 1926 to 1930.

Processing History

The records of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics were arranged and described in 1955. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Additional Guides

A press release on the records of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics was issued by the Library of Congress on 19 October 1955; a note appeared in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* 14, no. 42 (17 October 1955).

Related Material

A related collection in the Manuscript Division includes the papers of Harry Frank Guggenheim.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics span the years from 1925-1943, with the majority of the material dating from 1926-1930. The records are in English and German and are organized into the following series: [General Correspondence](#), [Fund Records](#), [Legal and Financial Records](#), and [R. H. Mayo Material](#).

The records of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics give a comprehensive picture of the development of American commercial aviation during the late 1920s. The purpose of the fund, which existed from 1926 to 1930, was to facilitate the technical development, improve the safety, and expand the popularity of flying for passenger and freight uses. To achieve these goals, the fund donated money for scientific research, for aid to aeronautical education, and for the dissemination of information. The collection is composed largely of correspondence to and from the organization's president, Harry Frank Guggenheim, the fund vice presidents, Admirals Hutchinson Ingham Cone and Emory Scott Land,

and numerous scientists, educators, and other investigators whose work the fund sponsored and encouraged. Also included are reports and articles, some published and some in manuscript form; annual reports and the fund's final report; and many pamphlets published by the fund on its projects.

The records of the fund are mainly concerned with scientific research and development and with financial grants for aeronautical research to various universities such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology. In addition, there is material dealing with the fund's program of increasing public interest in aviation, such as the subsidizing of Charles A. Lindbergh's tour of the United States in 1927. Some of aviation's international aspects are covered in correspondence between the fund and such European organizations as the Aero-Club von Deutschland, the Associazione italiana di aerotecnica, and the Royal Aeronautical Society, England.

Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in four series:

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