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Collection Summary

Title: Elmo N. Pickerill Papers

Span Dates: 1910-1975

ID No.: MSS61868

Creator: Pickerill, Elmo N. (Elmo Neale), 1885-1968

Extent: 4,500 items

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Summary: Aviator. Correspondence, printed matter, photographs, and other papers relating to Pickerill's career as an aviator and to early aviation in the United States, particularly Long Island, N.Y.

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

Benoist, Tom.

Boland, Edward R., 1892-1967.

Curtiss, Glenn Hammond, 1878-1930.

Denehie, William A. (William Austin), 1891-1974.

Dunmore, Wallace P. (Wallace Pierce), 1899-1972.

Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937.

Gentry, Viola, -1988.

Kim, Kyung O.

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

Mitchell, William, 1879-1936.

Pickerill, Elmo N. (Elmo Neale), 1885-1968.

Post, Wiley, 1898-1935.

Stinson, Marjorie Claire, 1896-1975.

Vought, Chance, 1890-1930.

Waterman, Waldo Dean, 1894-1976.

Wright, Orville, 1871-1948.

Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912.

Organizations

Early Birds of Aviation (Organization)

Long Island Early Fliers Club.

Ox-5 Club of America.

Quiet Birdmen.

Wings Club (New York, N.Y.)

Subjects

Aeronautics--Exhibitions.

Aeronautics--New York (State)--Long Island.

Aeronautics--Societies, etc.

Aeronautics--United States.

Aeronautics.

Air mail service.

Air shows.

Airplane racing.

Autogiros.
Helicopters.
Parachutes.

Occupations

Aviators.

Provenance

The papers of Elmo N. Pickerill, aviator, were given to the Library of Congress by R. J. Bermudez in 1985.

Processing History

The papers of Elmo N. Pickerill were arranged and described in 1986. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1885, May 24	Born, Greenridge, Mo.
1904-1905	Experimented with radio under Lee DeForest
1910	Received piloting instruction from the Wright Brothers First solo flight Sent first radio transmission from air to ground while on a flight from Mineola to Manhattan Beach, N. Y., and return
1911	Received government wireless license Number 1 Performed first wireless transmission in the Panama Canal while on a commercial vessel
1911-1917	Participated in flying exhibitions as barnstormer in the United States and South America
1917	Commissioned, United States Army Signal Corps
1920	Joined Radio Corp. of America
1950	Retired
1968, Jan. 15	Died

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Elmo Neale Pickerill (1885-1968) span the years 1910-1975 and consist of subject files illustrating his career and interest in early aviation in the United States. The papers mainly contain printed matter and clippings with a small inclusion of correspondence, photographs, and other papers.

Files of prominence deal with aviation history and research, implementation of air mail, air meets, races and exhibitions, and experimentation with autogiros, helicopters, and parachutes. The significance of Long Island, New York, in the development of aviation is illustrated in files on Mineola, New York, Mitchell Field (later Mitchell Air Force Base), Roosevelt Field, and Nassau County. Early aeronautic clubs are highlighted with material on Early Birds of Aviation, Long Island Early Fliers Club, Ox 5 Club of America, Quiet Birdmen, and Wings Club. Files on aviators and aviation include Tom Benoist, Edward R. Boland, Glenn Hammond Curtiss, William A. Denehie, Wallace P. Dunmore, Amelia Earhart, Viola Gentry, Kyung O. Kim, Charles A. Lindbergh, William Mitchell, Wiley Post, Marjorie Claire Stinson, Chance Vought, Waldo Dean Waterman, Wilbur Wright, and Orville Wright.

Arrangement of the Papers

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