

**Marjorie Claire Stinson Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Marjorie Claire Stinson Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1900-1975

**Bulk Dates:** 1955-1975

**ID No.:** MSS56309

**Creator:** Stinson, Marjorie Claire, 1896-1975

**Extent:** 21,500 items

**Extent:** 59 containers plus 1 oversize

**Extent:** 23.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm82056309>

**Summary:** Aviator. Correspondence, research notes, biographical material, financial papers, printed matter, and miscellany relating principally to Stinson's role and experiences in early aviation.

## 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

Stinson family.

Stinson, Edward, 1894-1932.

Stinson, Katherine, 1891-1977.

Stinson, Marjorie Claire, 1896-1975.

### Organizations

Aero Club of America.

Early Birds of Aviation (Organization)

Stinson Flight School (San Antonio, Tex.)

### Subjects

Aeronautics--Societies, etc.

Aeronautics.

Flight schools--Texas--San Antonio.

World War, 1914-1918--Aerial operations.

### Occupations

Aviators.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Marjorie Claire Stinson, aviator, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Stinson's estate in 1975 and converted to a gift in 1979.

## Processing History

The papers of Marjorie Claire Stinson were arranged and described in 1982 by Paul Ledvina. The finding aid was revised in 2012. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

## Transfers

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Marjorie Claire Stinson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Marjorie Claire Stinson 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, Marjorie Claire Stinson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

| Date          | Event   |
|---------------|---|
| 1896, Jul. 5  | Born, Fort Payne, Ala.  |
| 1914          | Issued U.S. pilot's license No. 9                                   |
| 1914-1918     | Trained Canadian Air Force cadets, San Antonio, Tex., flight school |
| 1915          | Inducted into U.S. Aviation Reserve Corps, its only woman           |
| 1917-1928     | Stunt show pilot  |
| 1930-1945     | Draftsman, War Department, Washington, D.C.                         |
| 1975, Apr. 15 | Died, Washington, D.C.  |

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Marjorie Claire Stinson (1896-1975) span the period 1900-1975, with the bulk of the material dated 1955-1975. The papers consist of correspondence, research notes, biographical material, awards, printed matter, newspaper clippings, and personal financial records. The arrangement retains Stinson's file folder headings and general organization, and the collection is organized into four series: [Family and General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Family and General Correspondence](#) contains letters and cards, with enclosures, photocopies of letters, and a large amount of collected material. It includes documentation relating to Stinson's experiences in early twentieth-century aviation, World War I aviation history, and the Stinson Flight School in San Antonio, Texas.

The [Subject File](#) contains research notes and other material reflecting Stinson's interests in the history of aviation and her involvement in organizations such as the Early Birds of Aviation and the Aero Club of America. It also includes biographical material she assembled concerning her own career and those of other members of her family, especially her sister, Katherine Stinson Otero, and her brother, Edward Stinson.

Included in the [Miscellany](#) are personal financial records, printed matter, newspaper and magazine clippings, and awards.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Family and General Correspondence, circa 1914-1975](#)
- [Subject File, circa 1914-1975](#)
- [Miscellany, circa 1900-1975](#)
- [Oversize](#)

## Description of Series

| Container | Series  |
|-----------|---|
| BOX 1-10  | <p><b><u>Family and General Correspondence, circa 1914-1975</u></b></p> <p>Letters received and some copies of letters sent, telegrams, post cards, greeting cards, clippings and other material.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of person.</p> |
| BOX 11-42 | <p><b><u>Subject File, circa 1914-1975</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence, research notes and material, and biographical material on Jack Edward, Katherine, and Marjorie Stinson.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by subject.</p>                            |
| BOX 43-59 | <p><b><u>Miscellany circa 1900-1975</u></b></p> <p>Newspaper and magazine clippings, real estate and other financial records, printed matter, and awards.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>                                       |
| BOX OV 1  | <p><b><u>Oversize</u></b></p> <p>Photocopies of newspaper clippings.</p> <p>Described according to the series and container from which it was removed.</p>  |

# Container List

| <b>Container</b> | <b>Contents</b>   |
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| <b>BOX 1-10</b>  | <b>Family and General Correspondence, circa 1914-1975</b><br>Letters received and some copies of letters sent, telegrams, post cards, greeting cards, clippings and other material.<br>Arranged alphabetically by name of person. |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | Atwood, Harry N.  |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | Ault, W.  |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | “A” miscellaneous   |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | Bonnalie, Allan F.  |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | Byrd, Harry F.  |
| <b>BOX 1</b>     | “B” miscellaneous   |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | Callahan, M. J.   |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | Casari, Robert B.   |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | Christy, Joseph<br>(2 folders)  |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | Copland, Harry D.   |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | “C” miscellaneous   |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | Day Curtiss   |
| <b>BOX 2</b>     | “D” miscellaneous<br>(2 folders)  |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | Ellis, Frank  |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | “E” miscellaneous   |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | Foulois, Benjamin Delahauf<br>(2 folders)   |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | Frost, John   |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | “F” miscellaneous   |
| <b>BOX 3</b>     | Garber, Paul E.<br>(2 folders)  |
| <b>BOX 4</b>     | (3 folders)   |
| <b>BOX 4</b>     | Gentry, Viola<br>(3 folders)  |
| <b>BOX 4</b>     | “G” miscellaneous<br>(2 folders)  |
| <b>BOX 5</b>     | Haddaway, George<br>(2 folders)   |
| <b>BOX 5</b>     | Hamilton, L. D.   |
| <b>BOX 5</b>     | Hassell, Bert   |
| <b>BOX 5</b>     | Hausenfluke, Gene   |
| <b>BOX 5</b>     | Havens, Beckwith  |
| <b>BOX 5</b>     | Hoover, Frederick A.  |
| <b>BOX 5</b>     | Hudgins, Mary   |

## Family and General Correspondence, circa 1914-1975

| Container | Contents   |
|-----------|--|
| BOX 5     | “H” miscellaneous<br>(2 folders)   |
| BOX 6     | Ingalls, Laura   |
| BOX 6     | “I-J” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 6     | Key, Al<br>(2 folders)   |
| BOX 6     | Kirby, Ruth A.   |
| BOX 6     | “K” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 6     | Laird, E. M.   |
| BOX 6     | Lambert, A. B., Jr.  |
| BOX 6     | “L” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 6     | McKinney, M. G.<br>(2 folders)   |
| BOX 6     | Miller, Harold S.<br>(2 folders)   |
| BOX 6     | Milling, T. D.   |
| BOX 6     | Mitchell, William (Billy)  |
| BOX 6     | “M” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 7     | Noyes, Blanche   |
| BOX 7     | “N” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 7     | Omlie, Phoebe  |
| BOX 7     | Otero, M.  |
| BOX 7     | “O” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 7     | Paul, Alice  |
| BOX 7     | Pickerill, Elmo N.   |
| BOX 8     | Planck, Charles  |
| BOX 8     | “P-R” miscellaneous<br>(3 folders)   |
| BOX 8     | Stinson, Jack<br>(3 folders)   |
| BOX 9     | “S” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 9     | Thaden, Louise   |
| BOX 9     | Turk, Paul A.  |
| BOX 9     | “T” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 9     | Underwood, John W.   |
| BOX 9     | “U-V” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 9     | Vachon, Mrs. Romeo   |
| BOX 9     | Willard, Charles F.  |
| BOX 10    | “W” miscellaneous  |
| BOX 10    | Correspondence miscellany<br>(4 folders)   |
| BOX 11-42 | <b>Subject File, circa 1914-1975</b><br>Correspondence, research notes and material, and biographical material on Jack Edward, Katherine, and Marjorie Stinson.<br>Arranged alphabetically by subject. |

## Subject File, circa 1914-1975

| Container | Contents   |
|-----------|--|
| BOX 11    | Aberdeen, Miss.<br>(5 folders)                             |
| BOX 12    | (1 folders)  |
| BOX 12    | American Aviation Historical Society                       |
| BOX 12    | Aero Club of America<br>(7 folders)                        |
| BOX 12    | Air Force Association                                      |
| BOX 13    | Air Force Historical Foundation<br>(3 folders)             |
| BOX 13    | Airmail Airports<br>(3 folders)                            |
| BOX 13    | Airworld   |
| BOX 13    | <i>American Heritage</i>                                   |
| BOX 13    | Astronauts   |
| BOX 13    | Civil Aeronautics Board                                    |
| BOX 13    | Canton, Miss.  |
| BOX 13    | College Park, Md., airport<br>(2 folders)                  |
| BOX 13    | Confederate Air Force                                      |
| BOX 13    | Contests<br>(2 folders)                                    |
| BOX 14    | Copyright materials  |
| BOX 14    | Early Birds of Aviation club<br>(6 folders)                |
| BOX 15    | (6 folders)  |
| BOX 16    | (3 folders)  |
| BOX 16    | Explorer's Club  |
| BOX 16    | Federal Aviation Administration                            |
| BOX 16    | Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich.                               |
| BOX 17    | Gainesville, Va. (2 folders)                               |
| BOX 17    | General history of aviation                                |
| BOX 17    | International Women's Year 1975                            |
| BOX 18    | Johnson, Lyndon Baines                                     |
| BOX 18    | Lafayette Escadrille<br>(3 folders)                        |
| BOX 18    | <i>Liberty</i> , "Wings for War Birds," article by Stinson |
| BOX 18    | Library of Congress<br>(1 folder)                          |
| BOX 19    | (1 folder)   |
| BOX 19    | Licenses   |
| BOX 19    | Lynch, William T.  |
| BOX 19    | Moisant, John B.   |
| BOX 19    | Monuments  |
| BOX 19    | Museums  |
| BOX 19    | National Aeronautical Association<br>(2 folders)           |
| BOX 20    | (2 folders)  |



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| Container | Contents  |
|-----------|---|
| BOX 20    | National Aviation Club  |
| BOX 20    | Northrop Institute of Technology, Inglewood, Calif.   |
| BOX 21-28 | Notes and research material   |
| BOX 29-30 | Order of the Daedalians<br>(9 folders)  |
| BOX 31    | Pilots  |
| BOX 31    | General   |
| BOX 31    | African American  |
| BOX 31    | Women   |
| BOX 31    | “S.A. Bicentennial”   |
| BOX 31    | Stamps, rubber  |
| BOX 31    | Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.<br>(3 folders)  |
| BOX 32    | (2 folders)   |
| BOX 32    | Stinson album   |
| BOX 33    | Stinson, Edward, biographical material<br>(5 folders)   |
| BOX 34    | (10 folders)  |
| BOX 35-36 | Stinson, Katherine, biographical material<br>(12 folders)   |
| BOX 37-40 | (circa 25 folders)  |
| BOX 41    | Stinson Field   |
| BOX 41    | Stinson Flight School, San Antonio, Tex.<br>(6 folders)   |
| BOX 41    | Stinson planes, records   |
| BOX 41    | <i>Texas Star</i>   |
| BOX 41    | Texas University, Austin, Tex.  |
| BOX 41    | University of Texas   |
| BOX 41    | U.S. Army Air Corps   |
| BOX 41    | U.S. government departments   |
| BOX 42    | Wright, Orville and Wilbur (5 folders)  |
| BOX 42    | Wright School, Dayton, Ohio   |
| BOX 43-59 | <b>Miscellany circa 1900-1975</b><br>Newspaper and magazine clippings, real estate and other financial records, printed matter, and awards.<br>Arranged alphabetically by type of material. |
| BOX 43-50 | Financial records, real estate investments, household financial records, and tax and retirement records   |
| BOX 51-52 | Newspaper and magazine clippings and awards <i>See also Oversize</i>  |
| BOX 53-59 | Printed matter  |
| BOX OV 1  | <b>Oversize</b><br>Photocopies of newspaper clippings.<br>Described according to the series and container from which it was removed.  |
| BOX OV 1  | Photocopies of newspaper clippings (Container 52)   |