

Harold McMillan Bixby Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Harold McMillan Bixby Papers

Span Dates: 1925-1962

ID No.: MSS51250

Creator: Bixby, Harold McMillan, 1890-1965

Extent: 400 items

Extent: 2 containers plus 1 artifact

Extent: .9 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm73051250>

Summary: Airline executive. Correspondence, speeches, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating to Charles A. Lindbergh. Includes letters between Lindbergh and Bixby and other material concerning Lindbergh's transatlantic flight of 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

Bixby, Harold McMillan, 1890-1965.

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

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

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

Lindbergh, Evangeline Lodge Land--Correspondence.

Subjects

Aeronautics--United States.

Aircraft industry--Kansas--Wichita.

Transatlantic flights.

Travel Air (Firm)

Occupations

Airline executives.

Provenance

The papers of Harold McMillan Bixby, airline executive, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Elizabeth C. Bixby, in 1967.

Processing History

The Bixby Papers were processed circa 1970. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Harold McMillan Bixby is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Harold McMillan Bixby 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, Harold McMillan Bixby Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harold McMillan (1890-1965) span the years 1925-1962. The collection consists of correspondence, speeches, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating to Charles A. Lindbergh and his transatlantic flight of 1927. Bixby, an airline executive and president of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, was one of the group of that city's businessmen who backed Lindbergh in his solo flight to Paris in the Spirit of St. Louis. Bixby's bank, the State National Bank, issued the \$15,000 loan that made possible Lindbergh's purchase of an airplane suitable for the flight. The St. Louis group also handled some of Lindbergh's fan mail and inquiries about public appearances and product endorsements.

Included in the collection in addition to correspondence between Bixby and Lindbergh are letters from Evangeline Lodge Land Lindbergh, the aviator's mother, to her son prior to and after the flight. Other materials include fan mail to Lindbergh, requests for appearances and endorsements, a financial report pertaining to the manufacturing company, Travel-Air, in Wichita, Kansas, the promissory note for \$15,000, flight charts, press releases and printed memorabilia.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Special correspondence
BOX 1	Lindbergh, Charles A.
BOX 1	To and from Bixby, 1927-1962
BOX 1	Sent to Lindbergh by others (2 folders)
BOX 1	To Lindbergh from his mother, Evangeline Lodge Land Lindbergh
	General correspondence and fan mail
BOX 1	1925-1927 (4 folders)
BOX 2	1927-1953 (3 folders)
BOX 2	Photographs
BOX 2	Printed matter (2 folders)
BOX 2	Speech by Charles A. Lindbergh
BOX VA 1	Artifact: silver certificate inscribed by Charles A. Lindbergh and carried on transatlantic flight, 1927