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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Albert F. Hegenberger Collection
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1895-1983)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1987.0039
<b>Creator:</b>	Hegenberger, Alfred F.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.1 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Robert F. Hegenberger, Gift, 1986

### Preferred Citation

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No restrictions on access.

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## Biographical / Historical

Albert Francis Hegenberger (1895-1983) graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as an aeronautical engineer and served as a flight instructor during World War I. In 1927, Hegenberger and Lester Maitland became the first persons to fly from California to Hawaii, in the Fokker C-2 , Military, "Bird of Paradise." For this achievement they received the MacKay Trophy and the Distinguished Flying Cross from President Coolidge. Hegenberger went on to develop a blind landing system, and in 1932 he made the world's first solo instrument-only flight at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. His system was adopted for both military and civilian use and earned him a second Distinguished Flying Cross and the Collier Trophy in 1934. Hegenberger rose to the rank of major general in the United States Army.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of biographical material on Albert F. Hegenberger, including photographs of his Hawaii flight and papers concerning his work with the development of instrument flying and aerial navigation.

## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Gardens -- Arizona -- Paradise Valley
- Instrument flying
- Navigation (Aeronautics)

### Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Photographs

### Names:

- Maitland, Lester J., 1898-