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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Empire Airlines Photographs and News Clippings
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1987.0151
<b>Date:</b>	[ca. 1930s-1950s] (bulk [ca. 1940s])
<b>Extent:</b>	0.45 cubic feet ((1 legal document box))
<b>Creator:</b>	Empire Air Lines
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Jon Proctor, gift, 1991, 1987-0151, NASM

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## Biographical / Historical

Boise-based Empire Airlines started in September 1946 as a feeder airline with routes between Idaho Falls / Boise and between Boise / Spokane, Washington. The primary passenger aircraft by 1948 was the Douglas DC-3 'Timesaver', which was able to carry 24 passengers and three crew. Empire also carried air mail.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection includes the following: 29 first flight air mail covers; 264 photographs (8 x 10) of Empire employees, aerial and ground photos, internal and external airplane shots and 31 miscellaneous negatives; newspaper clippings and correspondence; and a few photographs of Zimmerly Airlines. The articles discuss flights in Idaho (flight schools, airmail, air shows, airports, etc.).

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## General

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics  
Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States  
Airlines

Names:

Empire Air Lines  
Zimmerly Air Lines