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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | National Air and Space Museum Archives  |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Colonel Alexis B. McMullen Collection   |
| <b>Date:</b>       | 1915-1983   |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | NASM.1990.0060  |
| <b>Creator:</b>    | McMullen, Alexis B.   |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 28.15 Cubic feet (25 records center boxes; 2 legal document boxes; 1 flatbox) |
| <b>Language:</b>   | English .   |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Sarah Ann Lindsey, gift, 1990, 1990-0060, NASM

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No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

Colonel Alexis B. McMullen participated in American aviation activities at the local, state and national level over a period of some 50 years, as well as international activities during two world wars. A.B. McMullen learned to fly during WWI, and he became an Aerobatic Flight Instructor and Base Engineering Officer. After the war, he barnstormed with Mabel Cody and owned/operated flying schools, aviation corporations and distributorships. In 1933 he became Florida's first State Director of Aviation. Under his leadership in this position, 84 new airports and flight strips were constructed and the first comprehensive state aviation map was published. From 1936-1942 McMullen served as Chief, Airports Section Bureau of Air Division. During WWII he actively served as Deputy Commander North African Division of Air Transport Command (ATC), stationed in Morocco. After the war he established the Washington, D.C. Headquarters of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) which he continued to serve with until his retirement.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection spans A.B. McMullen's aviation career and interests, from his involvement in WWI until his death. This collection includes correspondence, both personal and business, reports/material from his aviation corporations/distributorships and stint as Director of Florida Aviation and career in the NASAO. Also

included are photographs, articles and newspaper clippings of his career as a barnstormer and of his military career.

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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:

- Aeroanautics -- Florida
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Exhibitions
- Aeronautics -- Law and legislation
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Aeronautics, Military
- Flight training
- Periodicals

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Drawings
- Manuscripts
- Maps
- Photographs
- Publications

Names:

- Cody, Mabel
- McMullen, Alexis B.
- National Association of State Aviation Officials
- United States. Army Air Forces. Air Transport Command. North African Division