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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	National Air Transport Collection [Hutchinson]
Date:	1927-1937
Identifier:	NASM.1991.0024
Creator:	National Air Transport
Extent:	0.75 Cubic feet ((1 flatbox and one cassette tape box))
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of a scrapbook, photographs, correspondence, interviews, and newspaper articles relating to National Air Transport (NAT).

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Joseph D. Hutchinson, Gift, 1990, NASM.1991.0024, NASM

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Biographical / Historical

National Air Transport (NAT), Boeing Air Transport (BAT), and Stout Air Services were three early airmail carriers. NAT was formed in 1925 by Clement Keys, and in 1927 won the bid for the New York to Chicago Airmail route. BAT received the Chicago to San Francisco route in 1927, and also carried passengers. Stout Air Service was formed in 1925 and carried mail and passengers from Detroit to Cleveland. These three companies were all predecessors of United Air Lines, which was formed in 1929.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following material: NAT scrapbook which includes 110 photographs of NAT pilots, aircraft used by NAT and the service overhaul shop; correspondence and notes by or about Walter J. Addems, E.B. Gray Egbert P. Lott, C.T. Robertson, R.T. Hopkins, and Beebe Daniels; miscellaneous material on Stout Air Services, BAT and NAT; photographs of Stout stewards; tapes of interviews with Harry Bitterman, Egbert P. Lott, and E. Brown Gray; photocopies of newspaper articles on aircraft crashes; copy of a 1933 weather report; photographs of United; and the NAT 1933 newsletter, 'Flypaper'.

Arrangement

Arrangement by type.

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
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- Passenger traffic
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Air travel
- Airlines

Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Newsletters
- Notes
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Addems, Walter J.
- Bitterman, Harry
- Boeing Air Transport
- Daniels, Beebe
- Gray, E. Brown
- Hopkins, R. T.
- Keys, Clement Melville, 1876-1952
- Lott, Egbert P.
- National Air Transport

Robertson, C. T.
Stout Air Services
United Air Lines, Inc.

Container Listing

Airlines

National Air Transport

Box 1, Folder 1	National Air Transport Photograph Album
Box 1, Folder 2	National Air Transport Photograph Album Copies
Box 1, Folder 3	NAT Flypaper, November 1933
Box 1, Folder 4	National Air Transport Misc Documents
Box 1, Folder 5	National Air Transport Misc Documents
Box 1, Folder 6	National Air Transport Misc Documents
Box 1, Folder 7	National Air Transport Misc Documents
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Box 1, Folder 8	Boeing Air Transport
Box 1, Folder 9	Stout Airlines

United Airlines

Box 1, Folder 10	United Airlines Photographs
Box 1, Folder 11	United Airlines Crashes
Box 1, Folder 12	United Airlines Early Weather Reports
Box 1, Folder 13	United Airlines Pilots

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Airline Personalities

Walter J. Addems

Box 1, Folder 14 [Walter J. Addems Documents](#)

Box 1, Folder 15 [Walter J. Addems NAT Documents](#)

Box 1, Folder 16 [Bebbe Daniels Documents](#)

E. B. Gray

Box 1, Folder 17 [E. B. Gray Documents](#)

Box 2, Cassette 1 E. B. Gray Tape Recordings

Box 2, Cassette 2 E. B. Gray Tape Recordings

Box 2, Cassette 3 E. B. Gray Tape Recordings

Egbert P. Lott

Box 1, Folder 18 [Egbert P. Lott Documents](#)

Box 2, Cassette 4 Egbert P. Lott Recordings

Box 2, Cassette 5 Egbert P. Lott Recordings

Box 2, Cassette 6 Egbert P. Lott Recording

Box 2, Cassette 7 Egbert P. Lott Recording

Box 1, Folder 19 [C. T. Robertson Documents](#)

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