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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Carl T. Batts Collection
Identifier:	NASM.1992.0048
Date:	1953-1969
Extent:	1.35 Cubic feet ((3 legal document boxes)) 1.26 Linear feet
Creator:	Batts, Carl T., 1892-1969
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Early Birds, gift, 1992, 1992-0048, NASM

Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Carl T. Batts (1892-1969) was a longtime member of the Early Birds and served as its president in 1966. Batts soloed in a Curtiss JN-4D at Curtiss Field on August 19, 1916. He became an instructor at Curtiss Field and in 1917 he was transferred to the Curtiss School at Newport News, VA where he instructed Army and Navy Cadets until the Armistice. In 1919 Batts spent nine months flying around Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland in a Curtiss MF Flying Boat. Batts managed the Curtiss-Wright Flying Service at St. Louis, 1929-1931. During World War II he served as a civilian flight instructor with the Polaris Flight Academy.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence from and to Batts concerning the organizational interests of the Early Birds. The correspondence is organized into two series, one a chronological correspondence

series and the other a series of miscellaneous documents. The correspondence reveals Batts' concern with arrangements for reunions and other affairs of the organization. The letters also contain scattered observations on the various personalities within the organization.

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 -- 1903-1916

Types of Materials:

Correspondence

Names:

Batts, Carl T., 1892-1969
Early Birds of Aviation (Organization).