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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | Lowe, Willard & Fowler (L. W. F.) Aircraft Photographs Collection |
| Date: | [ca. 1920s] |
| Identifier: | NASM.1993.0036 |
| Creator: | Thielhart, Otto |
| Extent: | 0.1 Cubic feet ((3 folders)) |
| Language: | English . |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Walter Thielhart, gift, 1993, 1993-0036, NASM

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

The Lowe Willard & Fowler (L.W.F.) Engineering Company, located at College Point, New York City, was organized in 1915 for the manufacture of all types of heavier-than-air machines. L.W.F. produced the first all-American aircraft to be used during World War I. In 1917, the first Liberty motor to fly was installed in the L.W.F. Model G, and several of the L.W.F. aircraft held performance records for speed and endurance. The company also completed Government contracts for producing Martin Bombers, Douglas DT-2s, and Naval Observation Planes, before the company dissolved in 1924.

Scope and Contents

The donor's father, Otto Thielhart, worked at L.W.F. Engineering Company during the early 1920s, and these 81 prints were copied from the father's scrapbook. The subjects include scenes from L.W.F. Engineering Co. and aircraft built there or of the period, including: Aeromarine M-1; Albatros D V; Arens Biplane; Bleriot XI Type; Curtiss CR-1, CR-2, CR-3, HA, HS-1L, JN-4, L, NC-1, NC-2, NC-3, NC-4, Navy Racer, and R-6 Army Racer; De Havilland DH-4B; Douglas DT-2; shots of the L.W.F. Factory, LWF Model V, Model V-1, Model F, Model G-2, Model H, Model L; Martin NBS-1; Sloan/Standard H-3; and Thomas-Morse S.4C.

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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:

- Aeromarine Aircraft Family
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Aircraft industry -- United States
- Albatros D.V (L24)
- Bleriot XI Family
- Curtiss CR-1 Racer (Model 23, L-17-1)
- Curtiss CR-2 Racer (Model 23, L-17-2)
- Curtiss CR-3 Racer
- Curtiss HA Dunkirk Fighter
- Curtiss HS-1L
- Curtiss JN-4 Jenny
- Curtiss L
- Curtiss NC-1 (P2N-1)
- Curtiss NC-2 (P2N-1)
- Curtiss NC-3 (P2N-1)
- Curtiss NC-4 (P2N-1)
- Curtiss Navy Racers
- Curtiss R-6 Army Racer
- Douglas DT-2
- LWF F
- LWF G-2
- LWF H Owl
- LWF L Butterfly
- LWF V
- LWF V-1
- Sloane H-3 Trainer
- Thomas-Morse S-4C
- de Havilland (Airco) D.H.4

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Lowe, Willard, & Fowler Engineering Co.
- Thielhart, Otto