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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Aerial Navigation Company of America Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1995.0046
<b>Date:</b>	1911-1912
<b>Extent:</b>	0.01 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
<b>Creator:</b>	Moody, William
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Knapp, gift, 1995, 1995-0046, unknown

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No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

The Aerial Navigation Company of America (1908-1912) was founded by Henry Laurens Call, socialist lawyer and economist. Located in Girard, Kansas, the Aerial Navigation Company designed the the Call airship -- the first Kansas-designed and built aircraft to make an attempt to take off. The airship was not successful, but the company established a factory, a flying school, and built an additional 13 aircraft before going bankrupt in 1912. Only one of the aircraft, the Call Monoplane, actually flew. The Company's biggest success was with the Call Aviation Engine which they manufactured and marketed.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of photographs and documents relating to the Aerial Navigation Company of America, including: Call engine photographs and literature; Call aircraft, including the 1912 Call Monoplane; by-laws and stock certificates for the Company; a photograph of the machine shop; and

newspaper clippings regarding William Moody, who was a mechanic for the company, circa 1910-1912. There is also material regarding the lighting system installed by Moody at the Omaha Airport, 1936.

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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:

- Aerial Navigation Co Call Monoplane
- Aeronautics
- Airplanes -- Motors
- Socialists

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Publications

Names:

- Aerial Navigation Co.
- Call, Henry Laurens
- Moody, William