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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Carl J. Christenson Papers
Date:	[ca. 1920s-1980s] (bulk 1928-1968)
Identifier:	NASM.1995.0057
Creator:	Christenson, Carl J., 1907-1986
Extent:	1.8 Cubic feet (4 legal document boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Andrew L. Christenson, gift, 1995, 1995-0057, NASM

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Biographical / Historical

Carl J. Christenson (1907-1986) learned to fly at Oakland, CA with the Wright Air Service and received his license in 1928. Christenson worked for the Wright Air Service as a line boy and mechanic's helper although he also hopped passengers to build flight time. He was issued transport and mechanic licenses in 1929 and went to work for Humboldt Flying Service in Eureka, CA. During the 1930s he became engaged in fixed base and barnstorming operations in northern California and central Washington with a variety of small flying services. In 1939 Christenson was hired as an inspector by the CAA/FAA, and he served in Maryland, Virginia, Iowa, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, and California before retiring in 1969. Christenson was a member of the Quiet Birdmen.

Scope and Contents

This collection covers Christenson's flying and government career and includes the following types of material: photographs, newspaper clippings, government forms and memorandums, correspondence, publications, and log books.

General

Other materials: a photograph of the Seversky aircraft was added to the Seversky aircraft technical file.

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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 -- Exhibitions
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Publications

Names:

- Christenson, Carl J., 1907-1986
- Civil Aeronautics Administration
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Humboldt Air Service (Eureka, Cal.)
- Quiet Birdmen, The
- Wright Air Service