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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	<i>United States Women in Aviation 1940-1985</i> Research Materials
Identifier:	NASM.1995.0062
Date:	1944-1994 (bulk [ca. 1940s, 1980s])
Extent:	2.57 Cubic feet (2 record center boxes)
Creator:	Douglas, Deborah G.
Language:	Multiple languages The majority of this collection is in English with a very small amount of material in Italian and Spanish.
Summary:	<i>United States Women in Aviation 1940-1985</i> , by Deborah G. Douglas, was published in 1991 as part of the Smithsonian Institution Press series on women in the aviation industry. This collection consists of a variety of different types of material compiled during the author's research for the book.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

United States Women in Aviation 1940-1985, by Deborah G. Douglas, was published in 1991 as part of the Smithsonian Institution Press series on women in the aviation industry. The publication documents the stories of women involved in all aspects of aviation during this time period, from pilots and engineers, to aircraft industry personnel and flight attendants.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a variety of different types of material compiled during the author's research for the book. Included are: various types of correspondence; photographs; newspapers and other publications; photocopies of book chapters and magazine and newspaper articles; working notes belonging to the author; reports (official and personal); interview transcripts; and approximately 600 bibliographic note cards. Also included are 10 cassettes containing interviews with the following aviators: Ann Carl, Toby Felker, Nancy Fitzroy, Margaret Hoffman, Jean Ross Howard, Lt. Beth Hubert, Lt. Col. Yvonne C. Pateman, Janet Rassmussen, Lynn Rippelmeyer, and Mary F. Silitch.

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Arrangement

Collection is arranged by topic/subject.

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, Military
- Flight attendants
- Women air pilots
- Women in aeronautics

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Audiocassettes
- Correspondence
- Newspapers
- Notes
- Photographs

Publications
Reports
Transcripts

Names:

Carl, Ann
Felker, Toby
Fitzroy, Nancy
Hoffman, Margaret
Howard, Jean Ross
Hubert, Beth
Pateman, Yvonne C.
Rasmussen, Janet
Rippelmeyer, Lynn
Silitch, Mary F.

Preferred Titles:

United States Women in Aviation, 1940-1985

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Bonnie Bender Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 2	Laura Mae Brunton Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 3	Ann Carl Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 4	Jan Churchill Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 5	Deborah Dunfee Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 6	Gloria Farwell (WAVES) Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 7	Toby Felker Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 8	Nancy Fitzroy Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 9	Joy Bright Hancock (WAVES) Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 10	Margaret Hoffman Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 11	Jean Ross Howard [Folder 1 of 2] Image(s)
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Box 1, Folder 13	Beth Hubert (Lt.) Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 14	Evelyn Johnson Image(s)
Box 1, Folder 15	Sherry Knight

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Box 1, Folder 41	Chapter 8 [Folder 2 of 2] Image(s)
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Box 2, Folder 22	WAVES Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 23	Whirly-Girls Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 24	["Women in the Workforce" - Excerpt] Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 25	Miscellaneous Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 26	[Newsletter] Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 27	[Periodicals, Newsletters, Brochures] Image(s)
Box 2, Folder 28	[Untitled folder of notecards] Image(s) The numbered note cards in this folder correspond with the numbered list in Box 2, Folder 5 ("Bibliography").
Box 2, Folder 29	[Interview audio cassettes]