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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Ruth Law and Doris Hayes Photograph and Certificate
Identifier:	NASM.1996.0021
Date:	(bulk 1916)
Creator:	Law, Ruth
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Ruth Law (1891-1970) was the first woman to loop the loop, the first person to fly a plane at night and a one-time holder of the Chicago to New York aerial speed record. After World War I, Law was active in the "Ruth Law Flying Circus," a three-plane troupe that traveled to state and county fairs. Her husband, Charles Oliver, persuaded her to retire from flying to "home and hearth" in 1922.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a photograph of aviator Ruth Law and her passenger Doris Hayes sitting in Law's aircraft. There is also a "Certificate of Flight," signed by Law, which certifies that Hayes was her passenger in Seabreeze, Florida, on February 21, 1916.

Names and Subject Terms

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- Aeronautical sports
- Aeronautics

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- Certificates
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