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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Captain Frederick Errol Davis (1900-1996) was one of the airline industry's most respected engineering pilots and flight safety advocates between 1930 and his retirement in 1965. A native of Illinois, Davis moved to Ohio and flew his first solo flight at Cincinnati in 1927. In 1935 he set the then-record for time between New York and Philadelphia, just under one hour. His airline career began with Luddington Airlines in 1930 and he became the chief test pilot at Eastern Airlines in 1937. During his career he logged over 2000 hours of flight time in different types of aircraft. He was inducted into the Retired Eastern Pilots Association Hall of Fame in 1989 and was a member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers Club.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of digital scans of a pilot's log book belonging to Captain Frederick Errol Davis, used from 1938-1964. This 300 page log book documents Davis' activities as a pilot for Eastern Airlines. Data recorded includes: date of flight, from and to, make and model of the airplane flown, aircraft certificate number, solo, dual, night, duration, and instrument.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- Passenger traffic

Types of Materials:

- Logbooks

Names:

- Eastern Airlines, Inc.