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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Summary:</b>    | This collection consists of the complete set of Seaboard & Western Airlines annual reports, from 1947-1979, as well as the following two Seaboard & Western technical manuals: Canadair CL-44 Operating Manual and a Lockheed Model 1049 Super Constellation Flight Manual. In the Lockheed 1049 manual, there is also a Lockheed 1049 exam (completed by Lawrence Nelson), a memo, and two issues of "Canadair Service News", one from October 1960 and one from September/October 1961. |

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## Administrative Information

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## Biographical / Historical

Seaboard & Western Airlines was founded by Arthur and Raymond Norden. These brothers were both World War II veterans of the Army's Air Transport Command. Over a 33 year period the airline these men helped

create established itself as the preeminent carrier of cargo on the world's richest trade routes. This airline was the first to fly an all-cargo flight across the Atlantic, the first to land and takeoff at Idlewild (now John F. Kennedy) Airport, the first to fly support for the Berlin Airlift, the first to fly a Military Air Transport Service (MATS) charter, the first to support Pacific Airlift for the Korean Conflict (with a planeload of Air Force fighter pilots), the first to order and operate the Lockheed 1049D Super Constellation, the first to order and operate the Douglas DC-8-55, the first to order and operate the DC-8-63 CF, the first to order and operate the Boeing 747F (first 747 built as a freighter from the beginning of its production), the first all-cargo airline to join the International Air Transport Association (IATA), and the first airline in the world to equip its entire fleet with Inertial Navigation Systems. On April 4th, 1961 the company's name changed to Seaboard World Airlines after Richard M. Jackson was brought in as the new Chairman and President. On October 1, 1980 Seaboard World Airlines was absorbed by The Flying Tiger Line, Inc., and on December 16, 1988 The Flying Tiger Line, Inc., was absorbed by the Federal Express Corporation.

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## Arrangement

The Seaboard & Western Airlines Collection is arranged by content type.

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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, Commercial
- Airlift, Military
- Airlines
- Berlin (Germany) -- History -- Blockade, 1948-1949
- Boeing 747 Family
- Canadair CL-44 (CC-106 Yukon)
- Cargo
- Douglas DC-8-55
- Douglas DC-8-63 (Super DC-8)
- Inertial navigation
- Korean War, 1950-1953 -- Aerial operations
- Lockheed Model 1049D Super Constellation

Types of Materials:

- Annual reports -- 20th century
- Manuals
- Memoranda
- Newsletters

Names:

Canadair  
Federal Express Corporation  
Flying Tiger Line  
International Air Transport Association  
Jackson, Richard M.  
John F. Kennedy International Airport  
Norden, Arthur  
Norden, Raymond  
Seaboard & Western Airlines  
United States. Air Force. Military Air Transport Service

## Container Listing

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | <a href="#">Seaboard &amp; Western Airlines Annual Reports for the Years 1947-1959</a>    |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | <a href="#">Seaboard World Airlines, Inc. - "Two Decades of Accomplishment 1960-1979"</a> |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | <a href="#">Miscellaneous Publications and Manuals</a>                                    |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | <a href="#">"Canadair Service News"</a>   |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | <a href="#">Miscellaneous Publications and Manuals</a>                                    |