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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Mary Billy Cline Quinn Collection
Date:	1929-1963
Identifier:	NASM.2003.0002
Creator:	Quinn, Mary Billy Cline, 1902 (date of birth)
Extent:	.10 Cubic feet (2 folders)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection documents the flying career of Mary Billy Cline Quinn.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Beth Q. Vaughn, Gift, October 2002, NASM.2003.0002

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Mary Billy Cline Quinn was born May 5, 1902, in Erie, Kansas. She studied law at the University of Kansas and graduated from the Kansas State Teachers College before making her career in aviation. She held Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI)/National Aeronautic Association (NAA) license #7580 and transport pilot license #12647, as well as sporting and foreign licenses. On July 2, 1930, Quinn set a brief world altitude record for a woman in a light plane, reaching 17,500 feet.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following types of material: aviator licenses, correspondence, pilot's logs, certificates, photographs, and newspaper clippings.

Arrangement

The two folders in this collection are arranged by format. Folder 1 includes paper materials; folder 2, photographs.

General

The Aeronautics Department holds several artifacts relating to this collection:

- 1) A20030022000 - Jacket, Flying, Civilian
- 2) A20030023000 - Helmet, Cap, Flying, Civilian
- 3) A20030024000 - Gloves, Flying, Civilian
- 4) A20030025000 - Boots, Flying, Civilian
- 5) A20030026000 - Goggles, Flying Civilian
- 6) A20030027000 - Bracelet, Civilian
- 7) A20030028000 - Letter Opener, Civilian

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Aeronautics -- Records
Women in aeronautics

Types of Materials:

Photographs
Publications

Container Listing

Box 107 (Shared)	Pilot's Certificate and Licenses, 1930-1931 Notes: Three pilot licenses issued by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), to Mary B. C. Quinn. Each item also includes the signature of Orville Wright, Chairman of NAA. Aviator's Certificate no. 7580 issued on 1 July 1930 and the 1930 Sporting License no. 458 include a small photograph of Quinn. The 1931 Sporting License no. 210 contains adhesive residue from a possibly removed or missing photograph. Topic: Aviation aeronautics, civil Licenses Aviatrix
Folder 1	Documents, 1929-1963 and undated 1 Folder
Folder 2	Photographs 1 Folder