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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Dwight S. "Barney" Zimmerley Collection
Date:	(bulk 1930s)
Identifier:	NASM.2004.0047
Creator:	Zimmerley, Dwight S. "Barney"
Extent:	1.32 Cubic feet ((2 boxes))
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection includes photographs, publications, and ephemera from the career of pioneer aviator Dwight S. "Barney" Zimmerley (1898?-1994).
Digital Content:	Digital Content: "Barney" Zimmerley

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Norman and Virginia Zimmerley Stewart, Gift, 2004.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Dwight S. "Barney" Zimmerley (1898?-1994) achieved success in a wide assortment of endeavors during his pioneering aviation career. Zimmerley was taught to fly by Tony Jannus in 1914, and served in the 24th Aero Squadron at Kelly Field, Texas, during World War I. After the war, Zimmerley began barnstorming, and then became a test pilot for the Nicholas-Beazley Co., and in the Nicholas-Beazley Barling NB-3 he set an altitude and a distance record for the light plane class in 1929. Zimmerley flew as a commercial airline pilot for Braniff Airways, Inc., and

later became a charter pilot. He flew everything from Stearmans to Douglas DC-7s and was a member of the Quiet Birdman and the OX-5 Club of America.

Scope and Contents

Included in this collection are: eight black and white 8 by 10 inch photographs relating to Barney Zimmerley's aviation career; printouts of digital images taken from a scrapbook on early aviation; certificate of appreciation from Braniff Airways, Inc.; article series on the "The Nicholas-Beazley Airplane Company: The Garage that Grew Wings!" by Jack Kennedy, originally published in the American Aviation Historical Society Journal; compilation of "Parts & Crafts: Aeronautical Briefings 1917-1931, Nicholas Beazley," National Air Pilots Association membership card; 1931 National Air Races Contesting Pilot pass; 1932 Omaha Air Races and National Balloon Races Guest pass; videotape entitled "Central Missouri Focus #203;" roster for event number 33 in the 1930 National Air Races official bulletin, The Power Dive; 11 by 17 inch illustration relating to the OX-5 engine, published by the OX-5 Club of America; and three annotated strip maps. Also included is a CD about D. S. "Barney" Zimmerley and his aviation career.

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In October 2006, the Archives received a 20 by 18 inch scrapbook chronicling Zimmerley's aviation career, which included the following types of material: newspaper articles; NAA Certificates; an Aero Club of Washington Ball invitation; a short snorter; barograph records; a Link Trainer Certificate; passport and other official documentation; and correspondence. Also donated at this time were the following: photographs; newspaper and periodical articles; a Marshall Flying School Brochure; an Airways Map; 1930 National Races material; and one eleven by seven inch photo album containing black and white vintage prints of Curtiss aircraft and personalities and images of Zimmerley, his aircraft, and his family and friends.

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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 -- Records
- Air pilots
- Nicholas-Beazley (Barling) NB-3

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Maps
- Newspapers
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Video recordings

Names:

National Air Races
Nicholas-Beazley Airplane Co, Inc. (Marshall, MO)

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Articles, newspaper clippings Image(s): News Clippings, 1930s
Box 1, Folder 2	Articles, periodicals Image(s): Periodical Articles
Box 1, Folder 3	Maps Image(s): Maps, Memberships, Passes
Box 1, Folder 4	Marshall Flying School Brochure
Box 1, Folder 11	Miscellaneous
Box 1, Folder 5	National Air Races Official Bulletins and Airway Map, 1930 Image(s): Airway Map, 1930 National Air Races Official Bulletin and Related Material
Box 1, Folder 6	Nicholas-Beazley Airplane Company
Box 1, Folder 7; Box 107 (Shared)	Passes and cards Image(s): Air Race Entry Cards, 1931-1932
Box 1, Folder 8	Photo Album
Box 1, Folder 9	Photographs
Box 1, Folder 10	Photographs
Box 2, Folder 1	Scrapbook - Clippings, Photographs, Miscellaneous