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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Clarence H. Walker Collection
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Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
Creator:	Walker, Clarence H.
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

Clarence H. Walker was a wealthy young aviator living in San Mateo, CA. He started aviation as a pastime, building his own plane, but quickly decided to pursue it seriously with a better machine. He flew a Curtiss biplane at various shows in California, Hawaii, and Salt Lake City. Although a successful aviator, he suffered numerous crashes into trees, a fence, a barn, and a telegraph pole, all of which he survived. He holds the claim to being the first aviator to crash in Hawaii, on June 13, 1911 in Hilo, HI after his engine started failing shortly after takeoff.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of newspaper articles and 24 photographs that were photocopied or scanned out of a scrapbook about Walker. Some of the newspaper articles also pertain to Didier Masson, with whom Walker toured in California, Hawaii, and Australia.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Aircraft -- plane wreck

Types of Materials:

Photocopies
Photographs

Names:

Masson, Didier, 18??-1950

Geographic Names:

American Polynesia -- Hawaiian Islands -- Hawaii Island -- Hilo (Near)