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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Before Amelia: Women Pilots in the Early Days of Aviation Collection
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<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1910s-1930s)
<b>Extent:</b>	2.18 cubic feet ((2 boxes))
<b>Creator:</b>	Lebow, Eileen F.
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Eileen F. Lebow, Gift, 2006

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## Biographical / Historical

Author Eileen F. Lebow wrote a book about early women pilots entitled, *Before Amelia: Women Pilots in the Early Days of Aviation*. The book, published by Brassey's Inc. in 2002, highlights the following pilots: Raymonde De Laroche; Hélène Dutrieu; Marie Marvingt; Melli Beese; Lydia Zvereva; Eugenie Shakhovskaya; Lyubov Golanchikova; Helena Samsonova; Hilda Hewlett; Cheridah de Beauvoir Stocks; Winnie Buller; Lillian E. Bland; Blanche Scott; Bessica Raiche; Harriet Quimby; Matilde Moisant; Katherine and Marjorie Stinson; Ruth Law; Julia Clark; Bernetta Miller; Florence Seidell; Mrs. Richberg Hornsby; Dorothy Rice Peirce; Helen Hodge Harris; Hilder Smith; Alys McKey Bryant; and Lily Irvine.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of two cubic feet of research material gathered for Eileen F. Lebow's book, *Before Amelia: Women Pilots in the Early Days of Aviation*. The research material was gathered from a variety of repositories, and consists mostly of copies of newspaper articles and photographs.

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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:

Women air pilots

Types of Materials:

Newspaper clippings

Photographs

Names:

Bryant, Alys McKey

Clark, Julia.

De Laroche, Raymonde.

Dutrieu, Helene.

Law, Ruth

Miller, Bernetta Adams.

Moisant, Matilde, 1887-1964

Quimby, Harriet, 1875-1912

Raiche, Bessica.

Scott, Blanche Stuart, 1889-1970

Stinson, Katherine

Stinson, Marjorie