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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Pan American World Airways Tickets
Date:	1951, 1952
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Creator:	Pan American World Airways, Inc.
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Summary:	This donation consists of two Pan American World Airways passenger tickets issued to Margaret Hempenstall for roundtrip service on two of its post-war long-distance land-based airliner routes: one for New York to Shannon, Ireland (1951) and the other for New York to Bermuda (1952).

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

John and Catherine Daly, gift, 2010, NASM.2010.0011. These tickets are donated in the memory of Margaret (Hempenstall) Daly.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Pan American World Airways was active in the airline industry from 1927, when it established a regular scheduled international service, to its bankruptcy in late 1991. Pan American was the first American airline to operate a permanent international air service. From its first route between Key West and Havana, Pan Am extended its routes

into the rest of the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. In 1936, Pan Am inaugurated passenger service in the Pacific, and began service in the Atlantic in 1939. The post-World War II era saw the introduction of long-distance land-based airliner service on its transatlantic routes, replacing earlier pre-war flying boat service. In 1945, Pan American Airways, which had provided flying boat service into Foynes, Ireland, on the Shannon River estuary, began service into the nearby and recently constructed Shannon Airport as part of its New York to London route. Farther south, Bermuda had long been an important stopping point on transatlantic flying boat routes. In 1946, Pan Am pulled off another "first" when it inaugurated commercial service into Kindley Field, Bermuda; the airfield had been constructed by US Army engineers during the war for use by both the US Army Air Forces and the Royal Air Force and until this point had been strictly a military field. Pan Am started around-the-world commercial air service in 1947. Besides setting many "firsts" with routes, Pan Am also established "firsts" in the aircraft technology they chose, such as being the first to use Boeing 747s in regular scheduled services.

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The first item is a Pan American World Airways airline passenger ticket (number 022484) issued April 21, 1951, to Margaret Hempenstall for roundtrip service aboard a Boeing B-377 Stratoclipper from New York, USA, to Shannon, Ireland, on the airline's New York to London route: outbound flight PA120 departing May 20, 1951, at 10:00 AM; return flight PA103 departing June 30, 1951, 11:59 PM. Fare was \$542.10, paid in cash. The ticket, issued by C. A. Hanssen & Bro. Inc. (Brooklyn, New York) and printed by Dennison & Sons, Inc. (New York) includes three baggage claim ticket stubs stapled to the inside front cover.

The second item is a Pan American World Airways airline passenger ticket (number 326316) issued May 8, 1952, to Margaret Hempenstall for roundtrip service aboard a Douglas DC-4 from New York, USA, to Bermuda: outbound flight 132 departing May 24, 1952, at 9:30 AM; return flight 133 departing May 31, 1952, 3:30 PM. Fare was \$97.75. The ticket, issued by the airline directly and printed by Rand McNally & Company, includes one baggage claim ticket stub stapled to the inside front cover. The front page of the ticket includes a Bermuda tax stamp (12 shillings and sixpence) with Bermuda customs and immigration over stamps.

Arrangement

Items are arranged in chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
Airlines

Types of Materials:

Tickets

Places:

Bermuda Islands
Ireland
New York City

Container Listing

NASM-9A08525: Pan American World Airways airline passenger ticket (number 022484), New York to Shannon, Ireland, issued April 21, 1951

NASM-9A08526: Pan American World Airways airline passenger ticket (number 326316), New York to Bermuda, issued May 8, 1952