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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	California Aviation Photographs [Town/Ward]
Date:	1930s
Identifier:	NASM.2010.0024
Creator:	Town, Thomas J.
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Thomas J. Town was a deep sea diver and was in the U. S. Navy submarine force in the 1920s-1930s. Subsequent to his naval service, Town enrolled as a student at the Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute in the late 1930s. Town later worked as an engineer at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, California. This collection consists of 35 mm black and white negatives for 42 images taken in the late 1930s at Grand Central Airport in Glendale, California and at San Jacinto, California by Thomas J. Town.
Digital Content:	Image(s): California Aviation Photographs [Town/Ward]

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Bruce R. Ward, Gift, 2010, NASM.2010.0024

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Thomas J. Town was a deep sea diver and was in the U. S. Navy submarine force in the 1920s-1930s. Subsequent to his naval service, Town enrolled as a student at the Curtiss-Wright Technical Institute in the late 1930s. During this time, Town photographed numerous aircraft at the Grand Central Airport in Glendale, California and also took photographs at San Jacinto, California of the Tupolev ANT-25 (RD) piloted by Mikhail Gromoff during his 1937 transpolar flight. Town later worked as an engineer at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, California where he gave the negatives in this collection to a fellow engineer, Bruce R. Ward.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 35 mm black and white negatives for 42 images taken in the late 1930s at Grand Central Airport in Glendale, California and at San Jacinto, California by Thomas J. Town. Aircraft depicted in the images include the Northrop A-17 (8A); Lockheed Model 10 Electra; Seversky P-35; Boeing Model 247; Vultee V1-A; North American BT-9 Yale; Martin (Glenn L.) B-10 (Model 139); Curtiss Condor T-32 (Condor II); and the Tupolev ANT-25 (RD) piloted by Mikhail Gromoff during the Moscow, USSR to San Jacinto, California transpolar flight of 1937. In addition to the negatives, the collection also includes contact sheets showing each image. The contact sheets include some identification information.

Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airports
- Airports
- Boeing 247
- Curtiss Condor T-32 (Condor II)
- Lockheed Model 10 Electra Family
- Martin (Glenn L.) B-10 (Model 139)
- North American BT-9
- Northrop A-17 (8A)
- Seversky P-35
- Tupolev ANT-25(RD)
- Vultee V1-A

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives