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Biographical / Historical

Bieke Gils is a Belgian national who attended the University of Windsor from 2007-2009, pursuing a Master's Degree in Human Kinetics. As part of her requirements she completed a thesis on women pilots in the United States aviation sport and industry between 1920 and 1940. Her primary sources were the Smithsonian Institution and the National Air and Space Museum Archives. Ms. Gils is now pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a 8.5 x 11 x 1 inch bound volume Master's thesis entitled "Pioneers of Flight: an Analysis of Gender Issues in United States Civilian (Sport) and Commercial Aviation 1920-1940" by Bieke Gils, in fulfillment of a Master's Degree of Human Kinetics at the University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

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