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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Biographical / Historical

Pan American World Airways (Pan Am) 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. 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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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following: fourteen First Class Pan Am menu covers, one with the menu included; a brochure on the contributions of Pan Am to the war effort, "Ten Thousand Times Around the World: How 17 Years' Experience made possible the Story of the Clippers at War;" a prospective Pan Am

employee brochure, "You are ... Pan American World Airways"; seven black and white promotional images of Pan Am; and a Boston Globe article on Pan Am introducing 747 service.

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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:

- Aeronautics
- Airlines

### Types of Materials:

- Menus
- Photographs
- Publications

### Names:

- Pan American World Airways, Inc.