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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Jules and Frank VanDersarl Collection
Identifier:	NASM.2020.0003
Date:	1920s
Extent:	0.33 Cubic feet (One slim document box and one 36 by 49 inch folder.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of the material documenting Jules and Frank VanDersarl's aircraft and aviation activities.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Jules V. VanDersarl, Gift, 2019, NASM.2020.0003

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Jules and Frank VanDersarl were teenagers from Denver, Colorado, when they began in 1909 to construct a Blériot aircraft. The brothers constructed the aircraft from scratch, including the engine, leading to successful flights with no prior flight instruction in June 1911. Frank VanDersarl went on to work as General Manager and Chief Pilot for Mountain Flyers, giving aviation demonstrations and flights. Frank founded Rocky Mountain Airlines in 1921, ran the Denver Post Airshow for seven years, and was the owner of VanDersarl Aeroplane Motor Products (VAMP) Aircraft Company. Frank also owned the first aviation school in Denver (1930-1932), was the chief of Curtiss-Wright Denver, and owned and operated the Denver Union Airport until the depression ended his venture. During World War II, Frank worked at the Denver Opportunity School training workers and mechanics for the aviation industry. Jules VanDersarl built and flew gliders and airplanes before World War I and worked on Curtiss JN-4 Jennys and Canucks. He also worked on early aviation engines and rebuilt aircraft, especially working with the engines to improve their performance. Both VanDersarl brothers

were inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame. The VanDersarl Blériot was successfully restored and flown by Javier Arrango in 2012 and is now on display at the Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following material documenting Jules and Frank VanDersarl's aircraft and aviation activities: Blériot blueprints (in English); black and white photography; newspaper articles; and aviation trade literature. The following aircraft are shown in the photographs: VAMP CV; International Aircraft F-17 Sportsman; Douglas World Crusier (DWC) Prototype; Ryan M-1; Alexander Eaglerock; Dayton Wright (Consolidated) TW-3; WACO; Curtiss JN-4; Douglas O-2/BT; Swallow Ford Trimotor; Fairchild FC-2; Consolidated P-30 (PB-2); Lincoln (Aircraft) Standard Tourabout; and Beech Bonanza. The trade literature is as follows: "Buyers Guide of Aircraft Products," published by the Motor and Equipment Association; "Crawford Airplane Company" 1925-1926 Catalog; "Roebing Aircraft Products;" "Aviation Manual" by Standard Oil Company; "Airplanes Flying Boats Airplane Parts General Aviation Supplies Motors Catalogue 11" by Logan Aviation Company; "Fokker Aircraft;" "Curtiss and Associated Companies;" "Photography from the Air" by Folmer Graflex Corporation; "Timken Bearings for Aviation;" "Armburst Breath Water Cup;" Cincinnati Aircraft Supply Co.; "Pioneer Drift Indicator;" advertisement for Yancey "Aerial Navigation and Meteorology;" and information regarding Aeronautical Workers Accident Insurance Company.

Arrangement

Arrangement by type.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Blueprints

Types of Materials:

Blueprints -- 1900-1950

Names:

VanDersarl, Frank
VanDersarl, Jules