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Eastern Air Lines Material

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Harold W. "Toffy" Tofflemire Eastern Air Lines Material
Date:	1940–1981
Identifier:	NASM.2021.0007
Creator:	Tofflemire, Harold W.
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (One slim legal document case)
Language:	English .
Summary:	<p>This collection consists of material relating to Harold W. "Toffy" Tofflemire's tenure at Eastern Air Lines, including the following: correspondence (letters, interoffice memoranda, and a telegram between Tofflemire and Edward Vernon "Eddie" Rickenbacker, president and chairman of Eastern Air Lines; Eastern Air Lines postcards; published material; and photographs.</p> <p>This collection is in English.</p>

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

David Koch, Gift, 2020, NASM.2021.0007

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Harold W. "Toffy" Tofflemire (1904–1983) was a station manager for Eastern Air Lines (1930 - 1968). Tofflemire's flying career started in Pipestone, Minnesota, when he built and flew an airplane in 1918. He then barnstormed with friend Earl Smith in a Curtiss JN-4 through South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and Kansas.

Tofflemire joined Eastern Air Lines in the 1930s and was a station manager in Miami, Chattanooga, New Orleans, Chicago Midway, and Atlanta. His team started the control tower concept in Atlanta, originated the "transfer point" idea and established the reservation roundtable. Tofflemire also invented a scooter-powered baggage truck and a conveyor belt loading device for Eastern

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged by type of material.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- Passenger traffic
- Airlines
- Postcards -- 20th century -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence -- 1940-2000

Names:

- American Airlines
- Eastern Airlines, Inc.
- Rickenbacker, Eddie, 1890-1973