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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Louise McPhetridge Thaden Collection
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0006
Date:	1925-1949
Extent:	2.18 Cubic feet (2 records center boxes) 2.08 Linear feet
Creator:	Thaden, Louise (McPhetridge), 1905-1979
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of photographs, news clippings, and correspondence documenting Thaden's aviation career.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

William Thaden, gift, 1983, XXXX-0006, NASM

Processing Information

Finding aid prepared by Karen Whitehair, 1994.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Louise McPhetridge Thaden (1905-1979) was one of the United States foremost female aviators during the late 1920s and 1930s. She received instruction in 1927, soloing and receiving her pilot's license in 1928. In December 1928, Thaden achieved a new altitude record of 20,260 ft. In March 1929, she made a

new solo duration record, 22+ hours. A month later she set a new speed record of 156 mph. Thaden was the only woman to hold all three records simultaneously. In August 1929, Thaden won the First Women's National Air Derby, commonly called the Powder Puff Derby. Three years later (August 1932), she, along with Francis Marsalis, set the new refueling duration record of 196 hours. In July 1936, Thaden set the new light plane speed record at 109.58 mph. In the same year, she also won the National Air Race, and was awarded the Bendix Transcontinental Air Race Trophy, becoming the first woman ever to receive this trophy. She set an East-West speed record in 1936, and an inter-city distance speed record and another 109.56 mph speed record in 1937.

Ms. Thaden also distinguished herself in her efforts to promote aviation safety through campaigns to mark airports more effectively. She actively sought ways to promote women in aviation through her work with the U.S. Department of Defense, Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) 1959-1961 and in her work with the Civil Air Patrol, 1949-1979. She also co-founded the Ninety-Nines, and organization of women pilots. She received numerous awards and honors throughout her life including: Harmon Trophy, Famous Aviators Wall—Mission Inn (Riverside, CA), Arkansas Aviators Hall of Fame, First Flight Society Hall of Fame, Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame, International Aerospace Hall of Fame of the San Diego Aerospace Museum, National Aviation Hall of Fame, Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame, and Civil Air Patrol Distinguished Service Award and Meritorious Service Award. She was also an active writer who published an autobiography entitled High, Wide and Frightened and several journal and newspaper articles. In 1928, she married Herbert von Thaden, an aeronautical engineer and designer of several all-metal aircraft. They had two children, William and Patricia, who donated the materials found in the collection.

Personal

<i>1905-11-10</i>	Born, Iris Louise McPhetridge, Bentonville Arkansas: Roy Fry and EdnaHobbs McPhetridge
<i>1921-1926</i>	University of Arkansas
<i>1928-07-21</i>	Married to Herbert von Thaden
<i>undated</i>	Children: William and Patricia
<i>November 1979-11-09</i>	Death

Professional

<i>1926-1927</i>	J.H. Turner Coal & Building Materials Company, Wichita Kansas: Sales
<i>1928-1929</i>	D.C. Warren Company, Oakland, CA (Airplane Distributor):Sales & manager
<i>1930-1931</i>	Pittsburgh Aviation Industries: Public Relations
<i>1930-1931</i>	Penn School of Aeronautics: Director, Women's Division
<i>1934</i>	US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Air Commerce: Developed & organized (with Phoebe Omlie) National Air Marking Program,
<i>1935-1936</i>	Initiated program
<i>1937-1940</i>	Beech Aircraft Corporation: Factory Representative
<i>1941</i>	Porterfield Aircraft Company: Factory Representative
<i>1943-1948</i>	Thaden Engineering Company: Purchasing Agent & Office Manager
<i>1953-1954</i>	Research & Development, Reinforced plastics, Roanoke, Virginia,
<i>1955-1961</i>	Thaden Molding Corporation: Vice President, Director, High Point North Carolina,
<i>1961-1969</i>	Thaden Engineering Company: Partner

1969-1979	Sole Owner, High Point, North Carolina,
Aviation Records and Races	
1928-12-07	Altitude, First official altitude record for women in the US; 20,260 feet, Hiss 180 hp Travel Air
1929-03-16 - 1929-03-17	Solo Duration; 22 hrs 3 minutes 28 seconds, Hiss 180 hp Travel Air
1929-04-18	Speed 156 mph, Wright J-5 Travel Air
undated	Only woman ever to hold all 3 records simultaneously (Altitude, Solo Duration, & Speed)
1929-08-18 - 1929-08-18	Winner, first National Woman's Air-Derby; 20:02:02, average speed 135.97 mph, Wright J-5 Travel Air; Santa Monica, CA to Cleveland, OH
1932-08-14 - 1932-08-22	Refueling Duration, (with Francis Marsalis); 196 hrs, Wright J-6 220 hp Curtiss Thrush, "The Flying Boudoir"
1936-07-12	Light Plane Speed; 109.58 mph (100 km), 90 hp Porterfield
1936-09-04	Winner, Bendix Transcontinental Air Race; First woman to win Bendix, Wright 420 hp Beech Staggerwing C17R; New York to Los Angeles, 14 hrs 55 minutes
1936-09-04	East-West Speed; New York to Los Angeles; 165.346 mph, Wright 420 hp Beech Staggerwing C17R
1937-01-21	Inter-City Distance Speed; Wright 420 hp Beech Staggerwing; Detroit to Akron, 40 minutes 43 seconds
1937-05-29	100 km Speed; 197.9 mph, Wright 420 hp Beech Staggerwing D17
Aviation History	
1927	Instruction
1928-02-08	Solo
1928-02-28	Federation Aeronautique Internationale Aviators Certificate No. 6850 after approximately 5 hrs 15 minutes solo time, signed by Orville Wright
1929	Transport pilot License number 1943; 4th woman to earn this rating

Organizations

- Delta Delta Delta (Delta Iota Chapter)
- Ninety-Nines (International Organization of Women Pilots):
 - Founding & Charter Member
 - 1929-1930: First *de facto* President
 - 1930-1936: National Secretary
 - 1934-1936: Vice President
 - 1960-1961: Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee
- 1937-1938: National Aeronautic Association; National Secretary
- Veteran Air Pilots
- 1945-1952: American Red Cross Motor Corps
- OX5 Pioneers Club of America
- Silver Wings
- Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA)
- 1959-1961: US Department of Defense, Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)
- 1960-1961: Executive Committee

- 1960-1961: Information Sub-committee Chairman
- Civil Air Patrol 1949-1970
 - Lieutenant Colonel
 - Command Pilot
 - Search & Rescue Mission Pilot
 - Cadet Squadron Commander
 - Director of Cadets, Virginia Wing
 - Director of Cadets Squadron, Cadets Middle East Region
 - Coordinator for Women, Middle East Region
 - National Commanders Cadet Committee
 - 1959-1963: National Commanders Training Committee Chairman
 - National Scholarships Committee
 - 1970: Retired Status
- League of American Pen Women, Honorary Member (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Business & Professional Women, 381st (Vincennes, IN)
- Strategic Missile Wing, United States Air Force (Wichita, KS)

Honors and Awards

- 1936: Harmon Trophy (Aviatrix) Federation Aeronautique Internationale, Champion Aviatrix of the United States
- 1932: Baltimore Sunday News Outstanding Female Trophy
- Famous Aviators Wall, Mission Inn, Riverside, CA
- Civil Air Patrol: Distinguished Service Award; Exceptional Service Award; Meritorious Service Award with Cluster
- OX5 Club of America, Broadwick Award --Outstanding Aviatrix
- Citation: The Society of Experimental Test Pilots
- Airport: Louise M. Thaden Field, Bentonville, AR
- 1974: The Louise M. Thaden Office & Library, Staggerwing Museum, Tullahoma, TN
- OX5 Pioneer Aviators Hall of Fame
- 1973: OX5 Silver Wings Achievement Award
- 1980: Arkansas Aviation Hall of Fame
- 1988: First Flight Society Aviation Hall of Fame, Kitty Hawk, NC
- 1989: Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame
- 1989: Recreation flight, 1929 First Women's Air Derby, 60th Anniversary, Susan Dusenbury, pilot
- 1991-04-05: Flying helmet taken aboard Atlantis Space Shuttle by Mission Specialist Linda Goodwin, Ph.D., NASA Flight #STS-37
- 1996-08: Staggerwing Beech Commemorative Tour honoring Louise Thaden, winner of 1936 Bendix Transcontinental Air Race; 60th Anniversary
- 1997-07: Award of Achievement, The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
- 1999-04: The International Aerospace Hall of Fame of the San Diego Aerospace Museum
- 1999-07: National Aviation Hall of Fame, Dayton OH
- 2003-03: Women in Aviation, International --named as one of the "100 Women Who Made a Difference" in the history of aviation, 14th annual conference
- Louise Thaden Woman of the Year Award --Annual presentation by Bentonville/Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce at the NW AR Business Women's Conference, began 2000
- 2000-03: Women in Aviation, International Pioneer Hall of Fame

Scope and Contents

The Louise McPhetridge Thaden Collection contains numerous newspaper and journal articles, personal letters and business correspondence, writings, photographs, and scrapbooks, all relating to her aviation career.

The National Air and Space Museum (NASM), Archives Division also holds additional materials about Louise Thaden. Biographical information can be found in the biographical fiche collection at the NASM Archives/Garber Facility. In the NASM Archives downtown facility, we recommend the Biographical Files which contain additional newspaper and journal articles, letters, memorabilia, and photographs. Please note that these files also contain microfiche.

For additional photographs please see the NASM videodisc files located at the NASM Archives Udvar-Hazy facility. The images can be seen on NASM videodisc 7B-6445 --6491 (Accession # 1989- 0132). Also check NASM videodisc 2B-46705 --46805. In most cases, there are original videodisc prints available in the NASM Archives facility downtown and copy negatives at the Smithsonian Institution, Office of Printing and Photographic Services (OPPS). Please consult a staff member for more details and about ordering procedures

Arrangement

This collection had little original arrangement, and accordingly, has been divided into six general series according to material types.

Series 1: GENERAL. This series contains mostly journal and newspaper articles, but also includes telegrams, letters, applications, invitations, examples of commercial endorsements, membership certificates, and original race information and itineraries. It is arranged in chronological order. Significant events are highlighted. In some cases, newspaper clippings with handwritten messages have been kept for their inherent value.

Series 2: WRITINGS. This series contains samples of her various writings. It is arranged in chronological order.

Series 3: PHOTOGRAPHS. This series contains photographs. The subject matter ranges from childhood activities to award ceremonies. It is divided by two large subject groupings: first—people (arranged by general categories), second—events (arranged by date). All paperwork directly related to a particular photograph has been kept with that photograph. Please note that Smithsonian Institution negative numbers are written on the back of each photograph when applicable. Sub-topics listed in the finding aid are meant to highlight particular topics in each folder and are not intended to indicate exclusive content. Please review each folder thoroughly.

Series 4: SCRAPBOOKS. This series contains seven scrapbooks of various sizes and content and two Civil Air Patrol award certificates. The inclusive dates are listed next to the individual scrapbook. The content of the scrapbooks date mostly from 1919-1940 and contain photographs, newspaper articles, membership certificates, licenses, contestant ribbons, invitations, business cards, and cartoons about Thaden. Handling notes are listed next to individual scrapbooks in the finding aid. Please follow these notes so that the physical integrity of the object can be preserved.

Series 5: THADEN AIRCRAFT CO. AND RELATED MATERIAL. This series contains information about Thaden Aircraft Company and Herbert von Thaden. Items in this series include: newspaper and journal article, resumes, letters, photographs, and information about the All-Metal aircraft created by Herbert

Thaden. This series is the only portion of the collection with any obvious arrangement and was separated into its own series for this reason.

Series 6: MISCELLANEOUS. This series contains all of the materials that do not appear to fit easily into any of the above series. The items here include undated or general journal and newspaper articles, newspapers from University of Arkansas, maps, Who's Who application, musical score, souvenir stamps, travel souvenirs, and resumes.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Periodicals
- Women in aeronautics

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Maps
- Photographs
- Publications
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Bendix Trophy
- National Women's Air Derby (1929)
- Ninety-Nines (Organization)
- United States. Civil Air Patrol

Container Listing

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Biographical Material

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Series 2: Writings

This series contains samples of her various writings.

It is arranged in chronological order.

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 --1929: Louise Thaden, "Fun to Go After Records Says Girl Air Champion", San Francisco Examiner March 19, 1929 Louise Thaden, ed., "Flying Women", [Pittsburgh Aviation Industries] November 16, 1929 --1930: Louise Thaden, "Aviation", Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, February 14, 1930 Louise Thaden, "Aviation", Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, April 19, 1930 Louise Thaden, "Women and Aviation", William Penn Points, April 1930. (2 copies) Louise Thaden, "Women and Aviation", Pittsburgh School Bulletin, May 1930. (2 copies) Louise Thaden, "Breaking Records in the Clouds", St. Louis Post Dispatch Daily Magazine, June 11, 1930 Louise Thaden, "Women's Activities", Popular Aviation, November 1930 --1931: Louise Thaden, "Training Women Pilots", Western Flying, February 1931 and newspaper articles about 1931 National Women's Derby</p> |
| Box 4, Folder 2 | <p>1932-1973</p> <p>Image(s)</p> <p>--1932: Louise Thaden, "Famous Women Flier Tells Experience of Record Flight", The Wichita Beacon, December 19, 1932 Louise Thaden, "Air Victory Thrills Told by Mrs. Thaden", Baltimore American, 1932 Louise Thaden, "Eight Days in the Air", Arkansas Gazette Magazine, November 20, 1932 --1937: Louise Thaden, "Hours", The American Magazine, January 1937. (2 copies) --1968: Louise Thaden. "The Flying Boudoir", Air Facts, April 1968 --1973: Louise Thaden, "Excerpts from High Wide and Frightened", Air Facts, September 1973</p> |
| Box 4, Folder 3 | <p>UNDATED</p> <p>Image(s)</p> <p>--Typed manuscript "So They Flew" --Handwritten manuscript "The 1929 First Women's Derby" (2 different copies) --"The Ninety-Nines and the Future of Aviation" for the National Aviation Forum, May 27</p> |

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Box 5, Folder 1	People: Photos of Louise Thaden, her childhood, and her family Image(s)
Box 5, Folder 2	People: Personalities Image(s)
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Box 5, Folder 5	Events: Pre-1929 Image(s) --Pilot's license --Altitude Record, Dec. 1928
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Box 5, Folder 8	Events: 1936 Image(s) --Speed Record, Endless Caverns, July 1936 --National Air Races, Bendix Trophy, September 1936 --Harmon Trophy, 1936
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--Visit to Beech Aircraft Corporation, 1963 --Staggerwing Museum, 1974

Box 5, Folder 11

Events: 1976 – 1979

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--Bentonville Rededication Ceremony

Box 5, Folder 12

Miscellaneous: Letters and photos from Willie Lawson

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Box 5, Folder 13

Miscellaneous: Photos from Page Shambarger, International Women's Air and Space Museum

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Miscellaneous: Miscellaneous Aircraft photos

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Miscellaneous: Unidentified Negatives

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Series 4: Scrapbooks

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Box 6, Folder 1	Scholarship scrapbook , 1929 - 1933 Image(s)
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Box 6, Folder 5	Aviation Achievement Dinner [large format photograph], August 26, 1929 Image(s) Cross reference - Box 5, Folder 6 - Events: 1929
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Series 5: Thaden Aircraft Corporation and related material

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Box 9, Folder 1

Miscellaneous materials

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--1926 National Elimination Balloon and Aeronautical Races Program --Thaden Monoplane Announcement from the Thaden Metal Aircraft Corporation-n.d.
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