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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Travel Air Negatives
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0197
Date:	1925-1942 (bulk 1925-1929)
Extent:	1.09 Cubic feet ((1 records center box))
Creator:	Travel Air Manufacturing Co.
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Beech Aircraft Corp., Gift, 1985, XXXX-0197

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

Travel Air Company was founded in Wichita, KS, in 1925 by Walter Beech, Lloyd Stearman, and Clyde Cessna. Although Stearman and Cessna left in 1927 to found Stearman Company and Cessna Aircraft Company, respectively, by 1929, Travel Air was the largest producer of commercial aircraft in the United States. In that year Travel Air was bought by Curtiss Wright Corp., but it continued to expand as a division of Curtiss Wright. Beech left the firm in 1932 to found Beech Aircraft and Travel Air was eventually absorbed into the larger manufacturer.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of negatives and photographs relating to Travel Air. The material includes a history of Travel Air written in 1929, as well as several magazine articles about the company. The bulk of the material consists of photographs of commercial aircraft manufactured by Travel Air.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Aeronautics, Commercial
Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
Aircraft industry
Aircraft industry -- United States
Airplanes

Types of Materials:

Articles
Negatives
Photographs

Names:

Beech, Walter
Cessna, Clyde
Curtiss-Wright Corporation
Stearman, Lloyd, 1898-1975
Travel Air Manufacturing Co.