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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Victor Vernon Scrapbooks
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0221
Date:	1903-1948 (bulk 1915-1920)
Creator:	Vernon, Victor
Extent:	0.71 Cubic feet (2 flatboxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Victor Vernon was an aviation pioneer, flight instructor, U. S. Navy aviator, and airline executive. This collection consists of three scrapbooks that chronicle Vernon's aviation career.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Victor Vernon, Gift, unknown, NASM.XXXX.0221.

Processing Information

Arranged and described in 1989, updated and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd in 2020.

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Biographical / Historical

Victor Vernon was an aviation pioneer who began his career on Curtiss flying boats. In 1915 Vernon went to Toronto, Canada with the Curtiss School to teach Canadian pilots. During World War I, Vernon served with the U. S. Navy as an aviator and test pilot for the Naval Aircraft Factory. From 1919-1920, Vernon was instrumental in forming the Oregon-Washington-Idaho Airplane Company. In 1930 Vernon joined Colonial Airlines, a division of American Airways. He remained with American Airlines as Personnel Director and Assistant to the President until his retirement in 1948.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of three scrapbooks that chronicle Victor Vernon's aviation career and include numerous photographs, with an emphasis on Curtiss flying boats, the Curtiss Model H America, the Curtiss rebuilt Langley Aerodrome, and Curtiss tractor type aircraft. Besides the photographs, the scrapbooks contain many newspaper clippings covering Vernon's involvement with Curtiss, and his association with the Oregon-Washington-Idaho Airplane Company, as well as correspondence with William (Billy) Mitchel, Glenn Curtiss, and C.R. Smith. Miscellaneous items include route charts, correspondence, and photographs relating to Colonial Airlines and American Airlines, photographs of Bert Acosta and Vernon's naval aviator certificates. There is also material relating to Vernon's hydroaeroplane.

Arrangement

Scrapbooks are in original order, additional material is arranged by type.

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
- Aeronautics, Military
- Air pilots
- Aircraft industry
- Airlines
- Curtiss Model H "America" (H-1)
- Flight training
- Langley Aerodrome A, Curtiss 1914 Rebuild

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Acosta, Bert
- American Airlines
- Colonial Airlines
- Curtiss Flying School
- Curtiss, Glenn Hammond, 1878-1930
- Mitchell, William, 1879-1936
- Oregon-Washington-Idaho Airplane Company
- Smith, C. R.
- Vernon, Victor

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Scrapbook S-10A [NASM 9A12493] Notes: In cases where envelopes adhered to scrapbook pages contain contents that were scanned, images of the contents appear in the slideshow immediately following the image(s) of the full page that contained the envelope(s). Images of loose items that were found between scrapbook pages appear at the end of the slideshow.
Box 2, Folder 1	Scrapbook S-10B [NASM 9A12494]
Box 2, Folder 2	Scrapbook S-10C [NASM 9A12495] Notes: Images of loose items that were found between scrapbook pages appear at the end of the slideshow.
Box 2, Folder 3	[Loose photographs]
Box 2, Folder 4	[Biographical Information]