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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Lawrence Leon Collection
Date:	1916-1923 (bulk 1919-1923)
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0293
Creator:	Leon, Lawrence, 1889-1965
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lucy Leon, gift, unknown, XXXX-0293, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

Lawrence Leon (1889-1965) immigrated from his native Italy in 1913, and three years later received FAI Airplane Pilot Certificate #589 at Curtiss Field, Buffalo, NY. He served as flight instructor at the Curtiss School, Newport News, VA from Jan-Aug 1917, and as civilian instructor at various military schools until the end of World War I. In 1919 he traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina as the representative for Curtiss Airplane Export Corporation and spent 13 years in South America as business representative and flight instructor for Curtiss. Following his return from South America, he continued with Curtiss until 1940 when he left to pursue unspecified business activities.

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook consists of clippings relating to Lawrence's early years, particularly his activities in South America between 1919 and 1923. Most of the clipping are from South American newspapers and are in Spanish and Portuguese. That material in the Biographical Files consists of larger format newspaper articles and copies of several letters of recommendation.

General

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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
- Flight training

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Curtiss Airplane Export Corporation
- Curtiss Flying School -- Newport News, VA