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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	H. Paul Culver Air Mail Scrapbook and Invoices
Date:	1918
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0401
Creator:	Culver, H. Paul, 1893-1964
Extent:	0.4 Cubic feet ((1 flatbox))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Mrs. H. Paul Culver, gift, ca. 1976, XXXX-0401, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

H. Paul Culver flew the first regular scheduled air mail run in the world on May 15, 1918. The trip was from Philadelphia to New York and 2457 pieces of mail were carried. The trip was flown in one hour, with the aircraft attaining a speed of 75 miles per hour. Culver learned to fly at the Glenn Curtiss School in Newport News, VA., in 1916. During World War I Culver served as a flying instructor at Princeton University. He was also a member of the Early Birds.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a scrapbook compiled by H. Paul Culver containing news clippings, articles, photographs, an invoice book, an annotated route map, and other documentation relating to the initiation of airmail service.

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 -- 1903-1916
- Air mail service

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Invoices
- Maps
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Culver, H. Paul, 1893-1964
- Early Birds of Aviation (Organization).