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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	William Carl Diehl Collection
Date:	1912-1972 (bulk 1945-1972)
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0469
Creator:	Diehl, William Carl, 1891-1974
Extent:	2.7 Cubic feet ((6 legal document boxes) (1 20x24x3 flatbox)) 2.52 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

William Carl Diehl (1891-1974) was an aviation pioneer and a member of the Early Birds organization. In 1914 he built and flew a monoplane and in 1915 he helped establish two flying schools, an unsuccessful school in Chicago and a school on Long Island. During the time he was working at Long Island, he helped to organize the United Eastern Airplane Company which manufactured airplanes. During World War I, Diehl was a civilian instructor for the Army Air Corps. In the late 1910s and early 1920s, Diehl established a commercial flying taxi service, performed stunts for movie production and for Pathe News, and barnstormed around the nation. He began work in 1926 on patents for aircraft mufflers and values. Diehl worked during 1927-1930 at the Wright Aeronautical Corporation at Paterson, New Jersey as an engine flight test pilot. Diehl returned to his original occupation of plumbing but continued flying until 1945, and continued his patent work until the early 1970s.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of biographical information, business records, information on the aviation organizations with which Diehl was involved, aviation material collected by Diehl, and information on flight, events, and aviation accidents.

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 -- United States
Aeronautics, Military
Periodicals

Types of Materials:

Audiocassettes
Audiotapes
Correspondence
Diaries
Drawings
Financial records
Manuscripts
Maps
Motion pictures (visual works)
Photographs
Publications

Names:

Army Air Corps
Diehl, William Carl, 1891-1974
Early Birds of Aviation (Organization).
Pathe News
United Eastern Airplane Company
Wright Aeronautical Corp