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William H. Sheahan Early Aviation Photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	William H. Sheahan Early Aviation Photographs
Date:	1912-1921 (bulk 1912-1915)
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0523
Creator:	Sheahan, William H., 1872-1956
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of 62 photographs taken by William H. Sheahan of early aircraft and aviators, mostly at Hempstead Plains Field where he took lessons.
Digital Content:	Image(s): William H. Sheahan Early Aviation Photographs

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

William H. Sheahan, gift, unknown, NASM.XXXX.0523

Processing Information

Arranged and described by Patricia Williams, 1994. Updated and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2019.

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Biographical / Historical

William H. Sheahan (1872-1956) first became interested in aviation in 1910 and he spent part of the 1912 and 1913 summers at the Heinrich Aviation School, Hempstead Plains Field (now Roosevelt Field), Long Island. Sheahan soloed in a Heinrich monoplane and later took flying lessons at Curtiss Field, Long Island,

during 1920-1922. Sheahan was a member of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, and was in charge of the Hall of Aviation at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. Sheahan also applied for membership in the Early Birds.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 62 photographs taken by William H. Sheahan of early aircraft and aviators, mostly at Hempstead Plains Field where he took lessons. Aircraft represented in the collection include a Bellanca monoplane; Blériot XI; various Curtiss aircraft models including biplane and pusher types; Curtiss JN-4 Jenny and Curtiss JN-4Can Canuck; LWF Twin DH-4; a Deperdussin monoplane; a Gallaudet (Aircraft) Military Tractor Biplane; various models produced by Heinrich (Aeroplane Co); Moisant (Co) 1914 Bluebird Monoplane; and Wright (Co) Model B.

Arrangement

This collection is in original order. Images in this collection have been catalogued previously and were assigned the following image numbers: SI-94-12971 to SI-94-13026 and SI-94-13758 to SI-94-13764.

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
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Airplanes
- Bleriot XI Family
- Curtiss JN-4 Jenny Family
- Curtiss JN-4Can Canuck
- Curtiss Pusher R
- Deperdussin Aircraft Family
- Gallaudet Type C Military Tractor Biplane Family
- Heinrich (Aeroplane Co) 1915 Model C Monoplane
- Heinrich (Aeroplane Co) 1915 Model E Family Military Tractor Biplane
- Huntington (CT) Aircraft Family
- Moisant (Monoplane Co) 1914 Bluebird Monoplane
- Schmitt (Maximilian) 1915 Monoplane
- Wright (Co) Model B
- de Havilland (Airco) D.H.4

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Heinrich Aviation School, Hempstead Plains Field (N.Y.)
- Hempstead Plains Field (N.Y.)
- Roosevelt Field (N.Y.)
- Sheahan, William H., 1872-1956

