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Nathaniel L. Dewell Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Nathaniel L. Dewell Collection
Date:	1922-1930
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0571
Creator:	Dewell, Nathaniel L., -1954
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (1 box)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Robert L. Stephenson, gift, 1958-59, XXXX-0571, NASM?

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

Photographer Nathaniel L. Dewell (188??-1954) was a resident of the State of Nebraska. Although the subject matter of his photographs covered a variety of areas, aviation, particularly with respect to airmail service, comprised a large part of his work. His avid interest in the post office's airmail delivery service, particularly during the 1920s when the transcontinental route reached from New York City to San Francisco, is well documented in the dozens of images he captured relating to that topic.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 116+ photographs, although it is suspected that there are actually some others that have not as yet been identified as belonging to this group. The photographs cover a wide array of subjects related to aviation and especially to airmail in Nebraska. Included are images of aircraft, pilots (such as William C. Hopson), and airfield lighting equipment.

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
- Air mail service
- Air mail service -- Nebraska

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Dewell, Nathaniel L., -1954
- Hopson, William C.