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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Herbert J. Nash Aircraft Photograph Collection
Date:	1949-1969
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0616
Creator:	Nash, Herbert J.
Extent:	0.77 Cubic feet (2 legal document boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Herbert J. Nash appears to have been an amateur photographer, aviation enthusiast, and airplane photograph collector and based in the New York City area. This collection consists of just over a thousand images collected from a variety of sources and reflects Nash's specific interests: Aero Spacelines Guppies, single-engine Bell fighters and racing conversions, the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress Family (Model 464), the Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter Family (Model 367), the Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser Family, and aircraft produced by the Naval Aircraft Factory. Photographs are predominantly small-format black and white prints taken in the United States between 1949 and 1969.
Digital Content:	Image(s): NASM 00129138, Bell P-39Q Airacobra Racer

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Herbert J. Nash and Peggy Nash Tondu, Gift, 1982, NASM.XXXX.0616

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Herbert J. Nash appears to have been an amateur photographer, aviation enthusiast, and airplane photograph collector and based in the New York City area. This collection consists of just over a thousand images collected from a variety of sources; most are from private sources (generally other aviation enthusiasts such as himself) but also from aerospace manufacturers, the United States Air Force (USAF), airlines, and the mail-order aviation photography provider Aeroplane Photo Supply. Many of the photographs—particularly those in the Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser section—were likely taken by Nash himself.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists primarily of 2.75 x 4.5 inch black and white print photographs, but also includes some color photographs, a few color postcards, and a few three-view drawings. Approximately 95 percent of the images in this collection are less than 4 x 5 inches in size. Most photographs were taken in the United States, with a few likely taken in England (UK). Some photographs appear to have been taken in storage or salvage yards. Topics depicted reflect Nash's specific interests: Aero Spacelines (Aero Spacelines Mini Guppy, Aero Spacelines Pregnant Guppy, and Aero Spacelines Super Guppy); single-engine Bell fighters and racing conversions (Bell P-39 Airacobra Family, Bell P-59 Airacomet Family, Bell P-63 Kingcobra Family, Bell FM-1 Airacuda Family); the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress Family (Model 464); the Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter Family (Model 367); the Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser Family; and various Naval Aircraft Factory models including the Naval Aircraft Factory N3N Family (XN3N-1, N3N-1, XN3N-2, XN3N-3, N3N-3), Naval Aircraft Factory PBN-1 Nomad, Naval Aircraft Factory SBN-1 (Naval Aircraft Factory version of the Brewster XSBA-1), Naval Aircraft Factory SON-1 Seagull (Naval Aircraft Factory version of the Curtiss SOC-3), Naval Aircraft Factory TS-1, Naval Aircraft Factory XP4N-1 (XP2N-1), Naval Aircraft Factory XP4N-2 (P2N-1), Naval Aircraft Factory XT2N-1, and Naval Aircraft Factory XTN-1. The Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser section includes airliners in service with several airlines, including Pan American Airways (PAA), British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), Transocean (TAL), Northwest / Northwest Orient Airlines, United Air Lines, and Rutas Aéreas Nacionales, S.A. (RANSA).

Arrangement

The photographs are arranged in six subject groups: Aero Spacelines, Bell, Boeing B-52, Boeing C-97, Boeing 377, and Naval Aircraft Factory. Similar aircraft tend to be clumped together within a group, but that is not always the case. In 1984, all items in this collection were reproduced on the first side (Side A) of *National Air and Space Museum Archival Videodisc 2*, a LaserDisc CAV format 12-inch (30 cm) optical disc published by the Smithsonian Institution. Print numbers applied during videodisc production are used as item-level image numbers (print numbers NASM 00129025 to NASM 00130094, videodisc frame capture numbers VD-2A29025 to VD-2A30094) and the images are stored in videodisc number order.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aero Spacelines Guppy Family
- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States

Aeronautics, Military
Airlines
Bell P-39 Airacobra Family
Bell P-59 Airacomet Series
Bell P-63 Kingcobra Family
Bell YFM-1 Airacuda
Boeing B-52 Stratofortress Family (Model 464)
Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter Family (Model 367)
Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser Family
Naval Aircraft Factory Aircraft Family

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Bell Aircraft Corporation
Boeing Airplane Company
Northwest Airlines, Inc.
Pan American World Airways, Inc.
United Air Lines, Inc.
United States. Air Force
United States. Army Air Forces

Container Listing

Photographs [NASM 00129025 to NASM 00130094]

Arrangement: This series contains the original black and white and color photographs and ephemera which make up the collection. Item records with attached digital images will be added as materials are scanned and catalogued.

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NASM 00129138: [Bell P-39Q Airacobra Racer](#)

[Image\(s\): NASM 00129138, Bell P-39Q Airacobra Racer](#)

Notes: Right side view of the modified Bell P-39Q Airacobra Racer "Juba" on the ground. The "Juba" flew in the 1946 Bendix Race.

NASM 00129414: [Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser](#)

Notes: Left side view of Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser (r/n N 74606) on the ground, May 19, 1968.

NASM 00129509: [Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser; Airlines, Airlines, Pan American Airways \(Pan Am\) \(USA\), 1950s](#)

Notes: One-half left front view from above of Pan American World Airways Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser in flight over San Francisco, California, coastline; circa 1951. Color postcard.

NASM 00129526: [Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser; Airlines, Pan American Airways \(Pan Am\) \(USA\), 1950s](#)

Notes: Right side aerial view of Pan American World Airways Boeing 377 Stratocruiser "Clipper Southern Cross" (r/n N1030V) in flight; circa 1951. Color postcard.

NASM 00129564: [Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser; Airlines, Northwest Airlines \(USA\)](#)

Notes: One half right front view of Northwest Airlines' first Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser "701" (r/n N74601), in flight; circa 1950. Color postcard.

Videodisc Frame Captures [VD-2A29025 to VD-2A30094]

Arrangement: In 1984, the materials in this collection were photographed for reproduction on NASM Archival Videodisc 2. The "videodisc frame capture" images reproduced in this section are small 100 ppi RGB JPEG image files, 624 x 480 pixels each, created 2001-2003 by NASM Archives as still video frame captures of the NTSC video format output from an original copy of the videodisc. Each videodisc frame capture displays a black-edged white number in the upper left quadrant; the first two digits (00) are the videodisc chapter (not used on NASM videodiscs), the second set of five digits are the videodisc frame number. These numbers are an artifact produced by the videodisc player and do not appear on the original archival materials.

Aero Spacelines

Notes: Includes the Aero Spacelines Mini Guppy, Aero Spacelines Pregnant Guppy, and the Aero Spacelines Super Guppy.

[AERO SPACELINES \[Nash Collection\]](#)

Bell

Notes: Includes models from the Bell P-39 Airacobra Family, Bell P-59 Airacomet Family, Bell P-63 Kingcobra Family, and the Bell FM-1 Airacuda Family.

[BELL \[Nash Collection\]](#)

Boeing B-52

Notes: Includes models from the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress Family (Model 464).

[BOEING B-52 \[Nash Collection\]](#)

Boeing C-97

Notes: Includes models from the Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter Family (Model 367).

[BOEING C-97 \[Nash Collection\]](#)

Boeing 377

Notes: Includes models from the Boeing Model 377 Stratocruiser Family.

[BOEING 377 \[Nash Collection\]](#)

Naval Aircraft Factory

Notes: Includes the Naval Aircraft Factory N3N Family (XN3N-1, N3N-1, XN3N-2, XN3N-3, N3N-3), Naval Aircraft Factory PBN-1 Nomad, Naval Aircraft Factory SBN-1 (Naval Aircraft Factory version of the Brewster XSBA-1), Naval Aircraft Factory SON-1 Seagull (Naval Aircraft Factory version of the Curtiss SOC-3), Naval Aircraft Factory TS-1, Naval Aircraft Factory XP4N-1 (XP2N-1), Naval Aircraft Factory XP4N-2 (P2N-1), Naval Aircraft Factory XT2N-1, and Naval Aircraft Factory XTN-1.

NAVAL AIRCRAFT FACTORY [Nash Collection]

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