



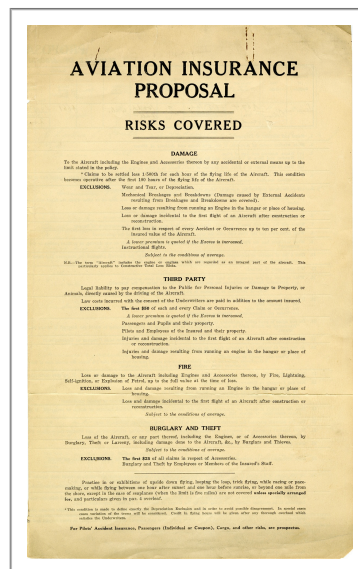
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## National Air and Space Museum

### Sanford Aviation Insurance Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Sanford Aviation Insurance Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1918-1982 (bulk 1920-1939)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0623
<b>Creator:</b>	Sanford, Charles A.
<b>Extent:</b>	1.07 Linear feet 1.22 Cubic feet (1 legal size document box; 1 slim legal size document box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of materials related to the infant aviation insurance business of the 1920s and 1930s.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Charles A. Sanford, unknown, unknown

### Processing Information

Charles Sanford included notes to explain some of the material. The archivist created file units from like materials. The archivist tried to title the file units based on Sanford's notes; the archivists' titles appear in brackets.

### Preferred Citation

Sanford Aviation Insurance Collection, Acc. XXXX-0623, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical Note

The donor of the collection, Charles A. Sanford, worked for Aero Insurance Underwriters, one of the largest aviation insurance companies in the world, during the 1930s. Sanford offers detailed notes regarding aviation insurance from his firsthand knowledge of the subject.

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## Scope and Contents

The materials in this collection range from quote books, samples of insurance policies from various companies, correspondence between executives of aviation insurance companies, a monograph, insurance magazines, and invitations to dinners given in honor of aviation pioneers such as Rear Adm. Richard Evelyn Byrd. Sanford and his wife also wrote a brief, unpublished history of aviation insurance in 1981, and this paper is also included in the collection.

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## Arrangement

This collection was arranged in chronological order.

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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
- Aeronautics, Commercial -- United States
- Insurance, Aviation
- Periodicals

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Correspondence
- Financial records
- Publications

Names:

- Aero Insurance Underwriters

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## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	[Barber, Horatio. <i>The Aeroplane Speaks</i> . 1918. Ninth Edition, Robert McBride & Company, New York, 1928], 1918, 1928 Notes: Delightful little book with illustrations and plates. On the front page, Sanford wrote a long note about Barber and the book's significance.
Box 1, Folder 2	[Correspondence to/from Horatio Barber], 1922-1926
Box 1, Folder 3	[Misc.], 1924-1982
Box 1, Folder 4	Old Aviation Accident Insurance Policy Etc. Forms, c.1928-1935 Notes: Sample copies of accident policies from a variety of companies; includes some explanatory notes made by Sanford presumably at the time of the donation to the archives.
	[Notebook of Materials To Be Used As Reference, Collected by Charles Sanford], 1929-1932, 1979
Box 1, Folder 6	[Ephemera], 1930-1934
Box 1, Folder 7	[Skylines Newsletters], 1931
Box 1, Folder 8	[United States Aircraft Insurance Group (USAIG) Manual for the Writing of Aircraft Insurance], 1931
Box 1, Folder 9	Competitive Comparisons of Policy Terms Around 1935, 1931-1939
Box 2, Folder 1	[Quote Books], 1931-1932; 1982
Box 2, Folder 2	[Articles by Charles A. Sanford], 1933, 1935 Notes: "Fifty Million Miles - Insurance Serves a New Industry" in <i>The Insurance Broker-Age</i> , May 1933; "Consider Aviation Fairly" in <i>The Insurance Broker-Age</i> , Sept. 1935; "Aviation Insurance in 1935" in <i>The Local Agent</i> , May 1935.
Box 2, Folder 3	[Board of Aviation Underwriters - Rules], 1934, 1982
Box 2, Folder 4	"Aviation Insurance 1922-1930" [Essay], UNDATED