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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Pilots' Licenses Collection
Date:	1911-1948
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0650
Extent:	0.33 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	This collection contains materials in English, French, and Italian.
Summary:	This collection contains pilot's licenses issued in the early 20th century. It includes licenses from various nations such as Canada, France, Italy, and the United States.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Posed group of eight Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) licenses issued by the Aero Club of America between 1911 and 1916.
Container:	Box 107 (Shared)

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Prior to 1926, pilots in the United States were not required to have any documentation or certification to operate an aircraft. To demonstrate ability and credibility, private organizations as well as military agencies issued their own

licenses. These early licenses were available for different aircrafts across various disciplines and served to allow individuals to participate in aeronautic events endorsed by civil organizations.

A prominent international organization, the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), supplied licenses to aviators around the world. Founded in 1905, FAI formed through the collaboration of aviation clubs from eight countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States.

Pilots' licenses became a requirement after the Air Commerce Act of 1926, which promoted the improvement and maintenance of safety standards in air commerce. With a variety of different examples of pilots' licenses, the collection provides insight into the types of documentation issued to military and civilian pilots during the first half of the twentieth century.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a variety of different types of pilots' licenses issued by civilian, government, and military organizations dating from 1911 to 1948. Licenses certified by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) form most of the licenses issued by private organizations. Four founding clubs of FAI - Aero Club D'Italia, the Aero Club of America, the Aéro-Club de France, and the Royal Aero Club - are featured. The United States Navy, US Army Air Corps, and one item from the Canadian Air Force represent the military licenses in the collection. Licenses issued by the United State Department of Commerce form a large portion of licenses issued by governments.

Other forms of personal identification were discovered with many of the pilots' licenses in this collection. Examples of these items include a driver's license, a firearms license, aviation membership cards, and business cards.

Included in this collection are licenses belonging to Raymond Emmanuel Bollack, Laura Bromwell, John Milton Bryant, Frank T. Coffyn, Curtis La Q. Day, Richard Duncan, Lester D. Gardner, G. S. Gillespie, Paul R. Gruhler, Beckwith Havens, Frederick A. Hoover, George M. Keightley, Benjamin Scovill Kelsey, Alfred S. Koch, Lawrence Leon, Grover Loening, Cord Meyer, Zenos Ramsey Miller, Thomas DeWitt Milling, Charles L. Morris, Thea Rasche, Roland Rohlf, D. deR. M. Scarrit, Walter J. Shaffer, Thomas E. Springer, Norman Sweetser, Alexander Blair Thaw II, Ralph H. Upson, Clifford L. Webster and E. A. Yeager. A blank license attributed to the Service de la Navigation Aérienne is also included.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically by surname of the licensee.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Air pilots
- Women air pilots

Types of Materials:

- Identity cards

Names:

Aero Club of America
Coffyn, Frank, 1878-1960
Havens, Beckwith.
Keightley, George M., 1889-1967
National Aeronautic Association (U.S.)
Upson, Ralph Hazlett, 1888-1968

Container Listing

Balloon and Airship License, 1923

[Image\(s\): Blank Balloon and Airship License](#)

Language: French.

Notes: A blank Balloon license issued by the French Service de la Navigation Aérienne from 1923. There is a handwritten note on the front of the license indicating that dirigibles can be flown under the license.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Licenses
Balloons -- France

Raymond Emmanuel Bollack

Language: French.

Notes: Raymond Emmanuel Bollack was born in Paris on 11 February 1891.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Ballooning
Licenses

Aerostat Pilot's License, 1913-08-07

[Image\(s\): Aerostat Pilot's License, 1913](#)

Language: French.

Notes: An Aerostat license issued to Raymond Emmanuel Bollack in 1913 by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale. It includes a photo of Bollack, along with his signature.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Ballooning
Licenses

[Laura Bromwell, 1919-10-22](#)

Notes: Aviator pilot certificate issued by the Aero Club of America, a member of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), to Laura Bromwell and dated 22 October 1919. The license includes a small portrait photograph of Bromwell. Item is currently displayed as an exhibit.

Topic: Aviatrix
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

John Milton Bryant

Language: English.

Notes: John Milton Bryant was born on 2 April 1887.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Aviator's License, 1913-02-19](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Aviator's license issued by the Aero Club of America to John Milton Bryant on 19 February 1913. The license includes a picture of Milton and a business card attributed to Bennet Aero Co.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

Frank T. Coffyn

Language: English.

Notes: Frank T. Coffyn was born on 24 October 1878. He held both a helicopter and Aviator license.

[Aviator's License, 1911-05-24](#)

Notes: An Aviator's license issued to Coffyn by the Aero Club of America on 24 May 1911. It includes a picture of Coffyn.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Helicopter Certificate, 1944-09-04](#)

Language: English.

Notes: A Helicopter license issued to Coffyn by the National Aeronautic Association of the United States of America Inc. It includes a photo of Coffyn.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Helicopters
Licenses

Curtis La Q. Day

Language: English.

Notes: Curtis La Q. Day was born on 24 May 1896.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Aviator's Certificate, 1914-08-06](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Aviator's Certificate issued to Day on 6 August 1914 by the Aero Club of America. The license includes a picture of Day.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

Richard Duncan

Language: English.

Notes: Richard Duncan's birth date cannot be discerned from the available material.

Aviator's Certificate, 1916-10-17

Language: English.
Notes: An Aviator's certificate issued to Duncan by the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom on 17 October 1916. It contains a photograph of Duncan. A inkblot stained on the front page of the document partially obscures the information including date of birth.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Air Engineer's Certificate, 1921-12-12

Language: English.
Notes: An Air Engineer's certificate issued to Duncan by the Canadian Air Board. The spine of the license is delicate and the lettering on the front cover faded. The license contains a picture of Duncan.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Commercial Air Pilot's Certificate, 1921-12-12

Language: English.
Notes: A Commercial Air Pilot's license issued to Duncan by the Canadian Air Board on 12 December 1921. The license is very fragile - lacking a spine and held together by item's fabric covering. The lettering on the front of the license is also heavily faded.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

Lester D. Gardner

Notes: Lester D. Gardner was the recipient of an honorary pilot's license from the Ligue Internationale des Aviateurs.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

Honorary Members Pilot Card and Newspaper Article, 1939-03-21

Language: English.
Notes: Lester D. Gardner's honorary pilot's certificate from the Ligue Internationale des Aviateurs, which includes a photo of Gardner. Attached to the rear cover of this item is a newspaper clipping titled 'U.S Aviation Leader Gets British Award; Gardner Named Fellow of Royal Society.' The article is stamped with the date 21 March 1939.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

G. S. Gillespie
Language: English.
Notes: G. S. Gillespie was born on 11 October 1889.
Topic: Aviation
Licenses

[Naval Aviator's Certificate, 1916-05-19](#)

Language: English.
Notes: A Naval Aviator's certificate issued to Gillespie on 19 May 1916, which includes a photo of Gillespie.
Topic: Naval aviation
Licenses

Paul R Gruhler
Language: English.
Notes: Gruhler was born in 1896 and possessed licenses issued by the United States Department of Commerce.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Mechanic's Identification and Licenses, 1927 - 1937](#)

Language: English.
Notes: License folder containing a Mechanic's Identification Card and five Mechanic's License Cards issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, to Paul R. Gruhler as a licensed Engine Mechanic. The Identification Card issued on 16 October 1927 contains a photograph of Gruhler. All the license cards expired on the 15th of October in years: 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, and 1937.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Airman Certificate and Rating Record, 1941-10-15](#)

Notes: Airman Certificate and Airman Rating Record, two separate documents, issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, to Paul Robert Gruhler. Licensed as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic on 15 October 1941.
Topic: Licenses

['Information Concerning Mechanic Certificates' correspondence, 1945-08-24](#)

Notes: Typed correspondence from the United States Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, responding to Paul Robert Gruhler's questions regarding mechanic certificates. Dated 24 August 1945.
Topic: Licenses

Beckwith Havens

Language: English.
Notes: Beckwith Havens was born on 29 May 1891.
Topic: Naval aviation
Licenses

[Naval Aviator's Certificate, 1918-03-22](#)

Language: English.
Notes: Naval Aviator certificate issued to Beckwith Havens by the United States Navy Department. Dated 22 March 1918 and received 5 June 1918. Pilot's license includes small photograph of Havens. License holder also contained the Uniformed Service Identification and Privilege Card of Angela C. Havens (wife of Beckwith Havens) dated 18 December 1957.
Topic: Naval aviation
Licenses

Frederick A. Hoover

Language: English.
Notes: Frederick A. Hoover was born on 2 October 1887.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Aviator's License, 1912-02-28](#)

Language: English.
Notes: An Aviator's license issued to Hoover in 1912 by the Aero Club of America that also contains a photo of Hoover. A business card belonging to Hoover is taped to the back of the license.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

George M. Keightley

Language: English.
Notes: George M. Keightley was born on 5 June 1886.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Annual Sporting License, 1928](#)

Language: English.
Notes: An Annual Sporting License issued to Keightley by the National Aeronautic Association of the U.S.A in the year 1928. No information provided for issuing date; the license is valid until 31 December 1928. The spine of the license is fragile.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Annual Sporting License, 1929

Language: English.
Notes: An Annual Sporting License issued to Keightley in the year 1929 by the National Aeronautic Association of the U.S.A. No issuing date included and valid until 31 December 1939. License is fragile and split into two pieces along spine.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Benjamin Scovill Kelsey

Language: English.
Notes: Benjamin Scovill Kelsey was born on 9 March 1906. Kelsey's assortment of licenses were issued from both civil and military organisations and include accompanying materials.
Topic: Aviation
Licenses

United States Department of Commerce Mechanic's License, 1927-12-01

Language: English.
Notes: A Mechanic's license and accompanying identification card issued to Kelsey on 1 December 1927. The identification card includes a photograph of Kelsey. Both items is fragile.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Aircraft Pilot's License, 1924-1929

Notes: Six Aircraft Pilot's licenses issued annually between 1924 and 1929 to Benjamin S. Kelsey by the State of Connecticut's Department of Aviation and arranged chronologically within an official Aircraft Pilot's License envelope. Each license certified Kelsey to operate airplanes. Licenses dated between 1927 and 1929 identified as 'Commercial.'
Topic: Aviation
Aeronautics
Licenses

Connecticut Operator's Licenses, 1928-1929

Language: English.
Notes: Two Motor Vehicle Operator's licenses (driver's licenses) issued to Benjamin S. Kelsey by the State of Connecticut's Department of Motor Vehicles and held in chronological order within an official Operator's License envelope. Dated 1 March 1928 and 7 March 1929.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Annual Sporting License, 1928](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Annual Sporting License issued to Kelsey by the National Aeronautic Association of the United States. The license was issued in 1928, but lacks a precise date. The license expired on 31 December 1928. It contains a loose photo of Kelsey.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Aviator's Certificate, 1928-04-06](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Aviator's Certificate issued to Kelsey by the National Aeronautic Association of the United States on 6 April 1928. The license contains a loose photograph of Kelsey.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Transport Pilot's License and Card, 1929-1935](#)

[Image\(s\): Transport Pilot's License](#)

Language: English.

Notes: Three items associated to Transport Pilot's License no. 3200 issued to Benjamin S. Kelsey by the United States Department of Commerce. The Transport Pilot certificate card expired 15 September 1929. The Transport Pilot's Rating Authority was signed and dated 15 April 1930. The Transport Pilot's License, issued 28 March 1930, includes renewals between 1931 and 1935. A photograph of Kelsey is also attached to the license. All items are particularly fragile, existing in fragments.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Instrument Flying Certificates, 1937-1941](#)

Language: English.

Notes: Six instrument flying certificates issued to Kelsey by the United States Air Corps between 1937 and 1941.

Topic: Aviation

[US Army Air Corps Identification Card, 1938-08-04](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An identification card issued to Kelsey by the United States Army Air Corps in 1938. The Identification Card contains a photograph of Kelsey.

Topic: Licenses
Aviation

[London Driver's License, 1949-06-13](#)

Language: English.
Notes: A London Driver's License issued to Kelsey on 13 June 1940 by the London County Council. The license expired on 12 June 1941.
Topic: Licenses

Alfred S. Koch
Language: English.
Notes: Alfred S. Koch was born on 16 September 1893.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Aero Club of America, 1918-1919](#)

Notes: Aero Club of America membership card issued to Lt. Alfred Koch as an Army and Navy member for the 1918-1919 year.
Topic: Licenses
Aviation

[Annual Sporting License, 1931](#)

Language: English.
Notes: An Annual Sporting License issued to Koch in 1931 and expired on 31 December 1931. The license includes a photograph of Koch.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

Lawrence Leon
Language: English.
Notes: Lawrence Leon was born on 1 June 1889.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Aviator's Certificate, 1916-09-27](#)

Language: English.
Notes: An Aviator's Certificate issued to Leon by the Aero Club of America on 27 September 1916. The license contains a photograph of Leon.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Grover Loening
Language: English.
Notes: Grover Loening was born on 12 September 1888. This series contains a variety of licenses belonging to Loening as well as personal effects.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Private Pilot Certificate and Pilot's Identification Card, 1928-07-01](#)

Notes: License folder including Private Pilot license no. 2648 and Pilot's Identification Card with small portrait photo attached issued on 1 July 1928 to Grover Loening by the United States of America Department of Commerce, Office of the Director of Aeronautics.

Topic: Licenses
Aviation
aeronautics, civil

[Aviator's Certificate, 1929-07-24](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Aviator's Certificate no. 7171 issued to Grover Loening on 24 July 1929 by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), member of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). It includes small portrait photo of Loening and signatures of Orville Wright (Chairman) and George Lewis (Executive Vice-Chairman).

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Annual Sporting License, 1929](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Annual Sporting License issued by the National Aeronautic Association of the U.S.A to Loening in 1929 and expired on 31 December 1929. The license includes a loose photograph of Loening.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[US Department of Commerce Certificates, 1929-1948](#)

Language: English.

Notes: Two airman certificates with associated rating records for pilot's license no. 2648 issued to Grover Loening by United States Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration. Both certified Loening as a private pilot for airplanes, single-engine lands. The first certificate, stamped as duplicate, included two documents issued on 12 December 1946. The second certificate is dated 19 April 1948.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Aviation Country Clubs membership card, 1929](#)

Notes: Aviation Country Clubs Inc., affiliated to the Long Island Aviation County Club, issued a proprietary member card to Grover Loening for 1929.

Topic: Licenses
Aviation
aeronautics, civil

[Pistol License, 1940-01-18](#)

Language: English.

Notes: A pistol license issued to Loening by the State of New York in 1940. The license includes a photograph of Loening.

Topic: Licenses

[Business Card](#)

Language: English.

Notes: A 'Grover Loening Company Inc.' business card belonging to Loening. Handwritten notes on reverse side. A photograph is also included with the card.

[Airman Identification Card](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Airman's Identification Card issued to Grover Loening by United States Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration. The identity card includes a personal description, small photograph, and fingerprints of Loening. Date not listed. Item is fragile along the folds of the document.

Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

[Cord Meyer](#)

Notes: Cord Meyer was born 4 August 1893.

[Aviator's Certificate, 1928-04-19](#)

Notes: Aviator's Certificate issued by National Aeronautic Association (NAA), member of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), to Cord Meyer (1893-1964). The license, which includes a photograph of Meyer, issued on 2 October 1912 and then reissued on 19 April 1928.

[Zenos Ramsey Miller](#)

Language: English.

Notes: Zeros Ramsey Miller was issued a Military Aviator's certificate by the U.S Army Air Service in 1919.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Military Aviator's Certificate, 1919-04-11](#)

Notes: A Reserve Military Aviator's license issued to Miller on 11 April 1919 by the United States Army's Air Service. It includes a photograph of Miller.

Topic: Aviation
Licenses

Thomas DeWitt Milling
Language: English.
Notes: Thomas DeWitt Milling was born 31 July 1887.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Aviator's License, 1911-07-19](#)

Language: English.
Notes: An Aviator's License issued to Milling by the Aero Club of America on 19 July 1911. The license includes a photograph of Milling.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Charles L. Morris
Notes: Charles L. Morris was born on 20 October 1908.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Airplane Pilot's License, 1913-02](#)

Language: English.
Notes: An Airplane Pilot's License issued to Morris in February 1913 by the National Aeronautic Association of the U.S.A. It contains a photograph of Morris. Fading of lettering on front cover over gold background.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Aviation
Licenses

Thea Rasche
Language: English.
Notes: Thea Rasche was born on 12 August 1899.
Topic: Aviation
Women in aeronautics
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Annual Sporting License, 1929](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Annual Sporting license issued to Rasche in 1929 by the National Aeronautic Association of the U.S.A. and expired on 31 December 1929. The license contains a photograph of Rasche.

Topic: Aviation
Women in aeronautics
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Roland Rohlfs
Language: English.
Notes: Roland Rohlfs was born on 10 February 1892. Variety of licenses belonging to Rohlfs.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Aviator's Certificate, 1917-04-25](#)

Notes: Aviator's Certificate issued by the Aero Club of America to Rohlfs on 25 April 1917. The license contains his portrait photograph.

Topic: Licenses
Aviation
aeronautics, civil

[Aero Club of America certificate card, 1920](#)

Notes: Certificate card no. 699 issued by Aero Club of America, member of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) to Roland Rohlfs as licensed pilot. Not dated, but expired 31 December 1920.

Topic: Licenses
Aviation
aeronautics, civil

[Pilot's Identification Card, 1928-10-16](#)

Language: English.
Notes: Pilot's Identification Card issued to Rohlfs by the United States Department of Commerce on 16 October 1928. The license includes a photograph of Rohlfs.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Transport Pilot's License, 1930-05-01](#)

Notes: Transport Pilot's License no. 3200 issued by the United States Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, to Roland Rohlfs. The license includes a photograph of Rohlfs and ten renewals issued between 1931 and 1935.

[D. deR. M. Scarritt](#)

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil

Licenses

[Transport Pilot's License, 1927-05-05](#)

Language: English.
Notes: A Transport Pilot's license issued to Scarritt on 5 May 1927 by the United States Department of Commerce. The license includes a photograph of Scarritt.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Mechanic's License, 1927-07-01](#)

Language: English.
Notes: A Mechnic's license issued to Scarritt by the United States Department of Commerce on 1 July 1927. The license contains a photograph of Scarritt.
Topic: Licenses
Aviation
aeronautics, civil

Walter J. Shaffer

Language: French.
Notes: Walter J. Shaffer was born on 15 February 1892.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Aviator's Pilot License, 1920-12-24](#)

Language: French.
Notes: An Aviator's Pilot license issued to Shaffer by the Sport Aviation Commision of France on 24 December 1920. The license contains a photograph of Scahffer.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Thomas E. Springer

Language: English.
Notes: Thomas E. Springer was born on 23 January 1892.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Aviator's Certificate, 1916-06-28](#)

Language: English.
Notes: An Aviator's Certificate issued to Springer by the Aero Club of America on 28 June 1916. The license contains a photograph of Springe
Topic: Aviation

aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Norman Sweetser

Notes: Norman Sweetser was born on 29 April 1894. He was issued both an Aviator's Pilot License and a Superiore Aviator's pilot license by the Aero Club of Italy.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Superiore Aviator's Pilot License, 1918-02-21](#)

Language: Italian.

Notes: Brevetto Superiore di Pilota-Aviatore [Superior Aviator-Pilot Patent] issued by Aero Club d'Italia, member of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), to Norman Sweetser as certified 'Pilota Aviatore di 1o Grado al N. 1853' [1st grade aviator pilot no. 1853] and 'N. del Brevetto DCCCXVII-' [pilot's license no. 817]. The license is dated 21 February 1918, written in Italian, and includes a photograph of Sweetser.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Aviator's Pilot License, 1918-02-21](#)

Language: Italian, French.

Notes: Pilote-Aviateur [aviator pilot] license no. 1853 issued to Norman Sweetser on 21 February 1918 by Aero Club d'Italia, member of Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). The license is dated 21 February 1918, written in both Italian and French, and includes a photograph of Sweetser.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Alexander Blair Thaw II

Language: English.

Notes: Alexander Blair Thaw II was issued an Identity Card by the American Expeditionary Force during World War I.

Topic: World War, 1914-1918

[American Expeditionary Forces Identity Card, 1917-1918](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Identity card issued by the American Expeditionary Forces to Thaw during World War I. The card contains a photograph of Thaw. The spine of the card is fragile. Issuing date not listed.

Topic: World War, 1914-1918
Licenses

Ralph H. Upson

Language: English.
Notes: Ralph H. Upson was born on 21 June 1888.
Topic: aeronautics, civil
Ballooning
Licenses
Aviation

[Dirigible Balloon Pilot's License, 1917-07-25](#)

Language: English.
Notes: A Dirigible Balloon Pilot's license issued to Upson by the Aero Club of America on 25 July 1917. The license contains a photograph of Upson.
Topic: Ballooning
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Spherical Balloon Pilot's License, 1913-06-25](#)

Language: English.
Notes: A Spherical Balloon Pilot's license issued to Upson by the Aero Club of America on 25 June 1913. The license contains a photograph of Upson.
Topic: Ballooning
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Pilot's License, 1929-12-01](#)

Language: English.
Notes: License folder of Ralph Upson containing Private Pilot's License no. 10290, issued on 1 December 1929 by United States Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, and a medical waiver dated 13 November 1930. License includes a photograph of Upson and renewals issued between 1930 and 1934. Both documents are loose and held together with strong bound around spine of folder.
Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Identification Cards

[Image\(s\): Airman Identification Card](#)

Notes: The Pilot's Identification Card issued to Ralph H. Upson on 1 December 1929 by the United States Department of Commerce, Aeronautics Branch, and includes a small photograph of Upson affixed at upper right corner. The Airman Identification Card issued to Ralph H. Upson by United States Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, is not dated. The tri-fold card includes personal description, small portrait photo, and fingerprint card of right hand.
Topic: Licenses
Aviation

aeronautics, civil

[Student Pilot Certificate, 1942-07-03](#)

Notes: Student Pilot Certificate no. S431314 issued on 3 July 1942 by United States Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, to Ralph Upson for private pilot license.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

Clifford L. Webster

Language: English.

Notes: Clifford L. Webster was born on 14 May 1891.

Topic: Aviation
Naval aviation
Licenses

[Hydroaeroplane Certificate, 1925](#)

Language: English.

Notes: A Hydroaeroplane Certificate issued to Webster by the Aero Club of America in 1925. No issuing date, but expired on 31 December 1925. The license contains a photograph of Webster.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

[Naval Aviator's Certificate, 1917-11-05](#)

Language: English.

Notes: A Naval Aviator's certificate issued to Webster on 5 November 1925 by the United States Navy, The license contains a photograph of Webster. The inside of the license is fragile, specifically the protective covers on either page.

[Aviator's Pilot License, 1911-10-25](#)

Language: English.

Notes: An Aviator's license issued by the Aero Club of America to Webster on 25 October 1911. The license contains a photograph of Webster.

Topic: Aviation
aeronautics, civil
Licenses

E. A. Yeager

Notes: E. A. Yeager was born on 17 July 1892. Yeager was issued a Spherical Balloon Pilot's license by the Aero Club of America.

Topic: Licenses
Ballooning
aeronautics, civil

[Spherical Balloon Pilot's License, 1917-08-08](#)

Language: English.

Notes: The Aero Club of America issued a Spherical Balloon Pilot's license to Yeager on 8 August 1917. The license contains a photograph of Yeager.

Topic: Ballooning
aeronautics, civil
Licenses