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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Bernetta A. Miller Collection
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1912-1970)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0689
<b>Creator:</b>	Miller, Bernetta Adams
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Bernetta Adams Miller, Gift

### Preferred Citation

Bernetta A. Miller Collection, Accession XXXX-0689, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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No restrictions on access.

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## Biographical / Historical

Bernetta Adams Miller (1886-1975) received her aviator's license in 1912 from the Aero Club of America of New York, making her the third female Early Bird. A month later, she helped demonstrate the Bleriot monoplane to the United States government at College Park, MD. Due to the financial expenses, that was the end of her flying career. In World War I she worked in Paris at the YMCA as an accountant and then a canteen worker at the front and was awarded the Croix de Guerre. She then spent 7 years as a bursar of the American Girls College in Istanbul, Turkey. She returned to the U.S. in 1933 and worked at several more colleges until she retired - at one of which, Princeton, she met and worked with Albert Einstein.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection includes photographs of Bernetta Miller's aviator's license and of Miller in 1963. There is also a personally written account of her first monoplane flight, a newspaper article, and an Early Bird reunion program.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Women in aeronautics

Types of Materials:

- Manuscripts
- Photographs

Names:

- Early Birds of Aviation (Organization).