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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Ernst Loebell Collection
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0754
Date:	(bulk 1933-1966)
Extent:	0.2 cubic feet ((2 boxes))
Creator:	Loebell, Ernst, 1902-1979
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Ernst Loebell, Gift

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

German-born Ernest (Ernst) Loebell (1902-1979), engineer and rocket designer, was a graduate of Breslau and Oldenburg universities. In Berlin and later New York, Loebell was employed as a mechanical engineer for Otis Elevator Company. He moved to Cleveland in 1930 and worked for White Motor Company and Lear, Inc. In Ohio, he helped organize the Cleveland Rocket Society, which between 1933 and 1938 sought to develop a liquid fueled engine that could power a stratospheric rocket across the Atlantic. Six rocket motors were built and were tested on an estate outside of Cleveland. One of the Society's rocket models was displayed at the Paris International Exposition of 1937. The Cleveland Rocket Society folded in 1938 due to lack of funds.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a nine by eleven inch scrapbook containing newspaper accounts of the activities and experiments of the Cleveland Rocket Society and of speaking engagements of Ernst Loebell, several black and white photographs of Loebell and his rockets, a binder entitled "Personal History of Ernest Loebell," a binder of Ernest Loebell's lectures and documents and correspondence relating to his career and to the Cleveland Rocket Society.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Astronautics
- Cleveland Rocket Society
- Rocketry
- Space flight

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Lectures
- Photographic prints
- Scrapbooks