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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Thomas Brothers Corporation Historic Aircraft Photo Album
Date:	1909 - 1917
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.1125
Creator:	Thomas Brothers Co.
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (Folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of an album of black and white photographs of Thomas Brothers Corporation aircraft. This collection is in English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

Thomas Brothers Corporation was formed in 1909 by William T. and Oliver W. Thomas in Hammondsport, New York. In 1913, the brothers incorporated the Thomas Brothers Aeroplane Corporation in Bath, NY, where they manufactured their early aircraft. At the end of 1914, they moved the company to Ithaca, NY, where they built aircraft for the Royal Naval Air Service and the United States Navy and Army Signal Corps. In 1917 the Thomas Brothers merged with the Morse Chain Company resulting in the formation of Thomas-Morse Aircraft Corporation. Thomas-Morse became a Consolidated Aircraft Corporation subsidiary in 1929, and was dissolved in 1935.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of an album of black and white photographs of Thomas Brothers Corporation aircraft, including the following models: Thomas (Brothers) Model 10AT; Thomas (Brothers) Nacelle Pusher, Single-Place; Thomas (Brothers) No.1; Thomas (Brothers) TA; Thomas (Brothers) TA Hydro; Thomas (Brothers) E; Thomas (Brothers) Monoplane; Thomas (Brothers) Nacelle Pusher, Three-Place; Thomas (Brothers) 1st Flying Boat; Thomas (Brothers) 2nd Flying Boat; Thomas (Brothers) Metal Flying Boat; Thomas (Brothers) T-2; Thomas (Brothers) D-2; Thomas (Brothers) HS; Thomas (Brothers) B-3; Thomas (Brothers) D-5; Thomas (Brothers) D-2 Seaplane; and Thomas (Brothers) BP. The photographs also include the following Thomas-Morse aircraft and engines: Thomas-Morse SH-4; Thomas-Morse S-4; Thomas-Morse S-4B; Thomas-Morse S-5 Prototype (S-4 on Floats); Thomas-Morse S-4C; Thomas-Morse MB-1; Thomas-Morse S-4E; Thomas-Morse S-7; Thomas-Morse S-6; Thomas-Morse MB-2; Thomas-Morse MB-3; Thomas-Morse Model 8-88 8-Cylinder V 250-hp; Thomas-Morse Model 8-90 Engine; and Thomas-Morse Model 8-Cylinder V 135-hp.

Arrangement

No arrangement, just one item.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics, Military
- Seaplanes

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums

Names:

- Thomas-Morse Aircraft Corp