

MS-678: Bill's World War II Aviation Scrapbook

Collection Number: MS-678

Title: Bill's World War II Aviation Scrapbook

Dates: 1939-1941

Creator: Unknown

Summary/Abstract:

The scrapbook contains approximately 62 original photographs depicting the Lincoln Airplane and Flying School in Lincoln, Nebraska; the Fairchild factory at Hagerstown, Maryland; as well as scenes at Niagara Falls and Dayton, Ohio. Also included are several clippings from *The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series* (Nos. 7-24).

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear foot (1 scrapbook)

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The scrapbook was purchased via online auction from Joshua Beery of Urbana, Ohio, in September 2020.

Sponsor:

The acquisition of this collection was made possible through the use of Wright State University Foundation funds.

Custodial History:

The creator of this scrapbook is known only as "Bill," per the captions of a few photographs in the book. Wright State University obtained the scrapbook from antiques dealer Joshua Beery,

who purchased it at a flea market in Urbana. Beery believes that the flea market seller obtained the scrapbook from an estate sale in the Dayton area. The photographs do not seem to have any additional information on the backs.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms678.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, October 2020.

Arrangement:

The scrapbook is arranged according to the original page order in which it was received.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Although the identity of the scrapbook's creator "Bill" has not been determined, the following information has been inferred from the scrapbook's contents. From about October 1939 to about February 1940, Bill trained at the Lincoln Airplane and Flying School, likely in connection with the U.S. Army training taking place there at the time. He may have served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, possibly spending some time at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio.

Unlike "Bill," one person positively identified in the scrapbook is "Hazaker" (page 5), who was Charles Lafayette Haeseker (1916-1998), born in St. Mary's, Ohio, and one of the founders of the Lincoln Aviation Institute in 1949.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of a single scrapbook (13.5" x 10.75" x 2") with a wooden cover depicting a man with a sombrero and donkey and the words "Scraps Snaps." It contains photographs fastened with adhesive corners and clippings pasted directly to the pages. All items are in good condition.

On odd-numbered pages 1-27, the scrapbook contains approximately 62 original photographs. Photographs of the the Lincoln Airplane and Flying School in Lincoln, Nebraska, from October 1939 to February 1940, feature building exteriors, Stearman trainers, as well as views around Lincoln. Photographs of Hagerstown, Maryland, from April to June 1940, feature the Hagerstown Airport and the Fairchild factory. Next are photographs of a Curtiss and Bell exhibit in November 1940, showing many aircraft on display. There are multiple pages of photographs from the Niagara Falls area in March 1941, including the American and Canadian Falls and bridges, as well as nearby Kenmore and Lockport, New York. (One photo depicts "Mrs. Lorenz's house" on W. Hazeltine Avenue in Kenmore; this may have been where Bill and a friend, Frazier, were staying at the time.) The last page of photographs is titled "Dayton, Ohio," and includes photos of Huffman Dam and "Wright Hill," suggesting that Bill may have spent time at nearby Wright Field in the 1940s.

Even-numbered pages feature images clipped from publications. The early pages show students and instructors from the Lincoln Airplane and Flying School. Later pages feature aircraft from *The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series* (Nos. 7-24), including an airplane image, title, and brief description.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Haeseker, Charles Lafayette, 1916-1998

Organizations/Corporate Names

Lincoln Airplane and Flying School (Lincoln, Nebraska)

Fairchild Aircraft Company (Hagerstown, Md.)

Places

Lincoln (Nebraska) -- History

Hagerstown (Md.) -- History

Niagara Falls (New York) -- History

Dayton (Ohio) -- History

Huffman Dam (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Aeronautics -- History -- 20th century

Aviation -- History -- 20th century

Material Types

Black & white photographs

Clippings

Scrapbooks

Occupations

Pilots

Collection Inventory

Page	Description	Date
1	Photographs (6): Lincoln Airplane and Flying School, Lincoln, Nebraska, including buildings, hangars, and aircraft (Stearman Trainers)	1939 Oct - 1940 Feb
2	Clippings: Lincoln Airplane and Flying School faculty	circa 1939-1940
3	Photographs (5): Lincoln, Nebraska, sights, including zoo, capital, Antelope Park, and aerial view	circa 1939-1940
4	Clippings: Lincoln Airplane and Flying School faculty and students	circa 1939-1940
5	Photographs (5): Bill with friends and aircraft (probably in Lincoln), including: "Hazaker" (Charles Haeseker) and Swanson and Petrone, and aircraft Spartan Executive and Cub 40	circa 1939-1940
6	Clippings: Lincoln Airplane and Flying School students	circa 1939-1940
7	Photographs (5): Hagerstown, Maryland, including Fairchild Factory	1940 Apr-June
8	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 7, The Bell P-39 Airacobra Fighter	circa 1940
9	Photographs (3): Hagerstown, Maryland, aircraft including PT-19 M-6-2, F 24, and XP-M-6-2	1940 Apr-June
10	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 8, The Consolidated B-24 Heavy Bomber	circa 1940
11	Photographs (3): Curtiss and Bell Exhibit of aircraft, including Douglas Bomber and Grumman aircraft	1940 Nov
12	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 9, The North American B-25 Medium Bomber	circa 1940
13	Photographs (3): Curtiss and Bell Exhibit of aircraft, including Airacobra P-39, Kittyhawk H-87-A, and O-52	1940 Nov
14	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 10, The Curtiss SBC-4 Helldiver Scout-Bomber	circa 1940
15	Photographs (3): Curtiss and Bell Exhibit (?) of aircraft, including Bell's Service Plane, Curtiss SBC-4, and a Lockheed	[1940 Nov?]
16	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 11, The Vought-Sikorsky OS2U-1 Observation-Scout	circa 1940
17	Photographs (3): Niagara Falls, including the American Falls, Falls at night, and a group of people "The Gang" (including Bill)	1941 Mar
18	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 12, The Curtiss P-40D Single-Seat Fighter	circa 1940
19	Photographs (3): Niagara Falls, including Grand Island Bridge, Peace Bridge, and "New Bridge across Niagara"	1941 Mar
20	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 13, The Grumman Skyrocket Fighter	circa 1940

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21	Photographs (6): Niagara Falls, including Canadian Falls, whirlpool, Lake Ontario, Niagara Gorge, entrance to Montreal, and Entrance to Canada	1941 Mar
22	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 14, The Douglas SBD Dive Bomber	circa 1940
23	Photographs (6): Kenmore and Lockport, New York, including views of Mrs. Lorenz's house on W. Hazeltine Ave., Frazier and Bill and a car, and locks at Lockport	1941 Mar
24	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 15, The Brewster F2A-1 Fighter	circa 1940
25	Photographs (6): Including winter and spring on W. Hazeltine Ave., Kenmore, NY; "plane I took home"; "after 'crack-up' (house and car); view of house front "home"; and "view looking east of home."	1941 Mar
26	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 16, The North American O-47A Observation Plane	circa 1940
27	Photographs (5): Dayton, Ohio, including Huffman Dam (3 photos), "Hereford's at Circleville" (cows in field), and "Bill and his Chevy Club Coupe he had when we were married" at "Wright Hill."	circa 1941
28	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 17, The Vought-Sikorsky Vindicator Scout Bomber	circa 1940
30	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 18, The Curtiss O-52 Observation Plane	circa 1940
32	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 19, The Grumman F4F-3 Single Place Fighter	circa 1940
34	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 20, The Curtiss P-36A Fighter	circa 1940
36	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 21, The Douglas B-23 Twin-Engine Bomber	circa 1940
38	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 22, The Martin PBM-1 Patrol Bomber	circa 1940
40	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 23, The Vought-Sikorsky XF4U-1 Fighter	circa 1940
42	Clipping: The Philadelphia Inquirer's U.S. Warplane Series No. 24, The Martin B-26 Medium Bomber	circa 1940