

**SC-336: F. Glen Shoemaker Letter**

**Collection Number:** SC-336

**Title:** F. Glen Shoemaker Letter

**Dates:** 1926

**Creator:** Shoemaker, F. Glen, 1889-1982

**Scope and Content:**

The collection consists of a single letter dated January 18, 1926, from F. Glen Shoemaker, an aeronautical engineer at McCook Field, to a friend, describing a long-distance flight he took in November 1925. Shoemaker was the passenger in an open-cockpit plane (“a regular D.H. [De Havilland aircraft] with a Liberty 12 engine”) piloted by Lt. C. H. Ridenour, Chief of the Power Plant division. They traveled from Dayton to Washington, D.C., and Langley Field; New York City; Sidney, N.Y. (near Binghamton), and Philadelphia. Shoemaker describes the weather, the scenery from the plane, his impressions of the places visited, and general activities during the trip.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 0.05 linear foot (1 letter)

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Acquisition:** The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by Richard Amacher, whose grandmother was F. Glen Shoemaker’s sister, in October 2019.

**Other Finding Aid:**

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**Processed by:**

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Lisa Rickey, October 2019.

**Arrangement:**

The collection consists of a single letter and accompanying envelope.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Fred Glen Shoemaker was born June 4, 1889, in Abingdon, Knox County, Illinois, a son of Jeremiah and Clara Shoemaker. He usually went by F. Glen or sometimes the nickname "Jerry" (as in this letter). In 1914, Glen married Dora Kilpatrick, and they had two daughters: Margaret and Jane. According to Dayton city directories, Glen lived at 206 W. Parkwood in northwestern Dayton from about 1923 until about 1927. He was an aeronautical engineer at McCook Field, with most of his work there focused on magnets and spark plugs. By 1930, Glen was living in Oakland County, Michigan, working as a research engineer at General Motors. Glen died January 6, 1982, in Franklin, Oakland County, Michigan.

**Subject Terms:****Persons/Families**

Shoemaker, F. Glen, 1889-1982

Ridenour, C. H.

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

United States. National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

**Places**

Dayton (Ohio)

Langley Field (Virginia)

McCook Field (Ohio)

New York City (New York)

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania)

Sidney (New York)

Washington (District of Columbia)

**Subjects (General)**

De Havilland aircraft

Long-distance flying

**Material Types**

Correspondence

**Occupations**

Aeronautical engineers