

# Aviation Collection

## *Biography/Biographical Note:*

The Pasadena Museum of History had an exhibition called *Kites, Wings and Other Flying Things: Pasadena's History of Flight Through Science, Art, and Design*. The exhibit ran from November 12, 2013 to April 19, 2014. The curator of the aviation component was Laura Verlaque, Director of Collections at the Pasadena Museum of History.

The materials for the exhibit were drawn from the Museum's archives and collections. A wide range of memorabilia was displayed including models, books, kites, a uniform and pictures. Each item had signage with a detailed description.

Source material for the exhibit was found in the Museum's Ephemera and Clippings Collections, as well as online sources. Rather than returning all of the printed materials to their former files, this collection is being kept intact in a single box under the heading of Aviation Collection.

## *Abstract/Scope and Content:*

The collection, History of Aviation, contains photographs, newspaper clippings, magazines and miscellaneous materials contained in one box with 25 folders listed in the box.

## *Key to Arrangement/Container List:*

### **Box 1**

- Folder 1 Five photos of a WW II bomber and a young man
- Folder 2 Story of Charles H. Lamson, Maine, who was a jeweler, watch maker and kite builder. He claimed that the Wright Brothers stole his ideas for their airplane.
- Folder 3 Aviators and airfields
- Folder 4 Transportation-Aviation airliner
- Folder 5 Aviation-general clipping file. DC- 3's, the Lawson airplane Spirit of St. Louis
- Folder 6 Clippings 1900-1916
- Folder 7 Dominguez Hills Air Meet 1910
- Folder 8 History of flight notes
- Folder 9 Aviation-Arch Hoxsey
- Folder 10 Aviation-Calbraith Perry Rodgers, first transcontinental flight
- Folder 11 Airplane called VIN FIZ. First Transamerica flight
- Folder 12 Roy Knabenshue
- Folder 13 Hansen Auto and Machine Works. Built airplane for Roy Knabenshue. Dirigible in 1909
- Folder 14 Zensaku Azuma, Japanese flyer who was also a Pasadena restaurateur
- Folder 15 Tod Ford Jr. flew with the Lafayette Esquidrille in France in WW I.
- Folder 16 Aviation related companies
- Folder 17 Twin 15 Wampus Kat

- Folder 18 Sierra Aircraft Co. Pasadena located at Foothill and Madre Streets
- Folder 19 Women aviators
- Folder 20 Womens Airforce Service Pilots (WASP's)
- Folder 21 WASP Hallie Stires
- Folder 22 PJC and Harlow
- Folder 23 Commander Herbert Edward Biedenbach, USN
- Folder 24 Paul C. MacCready
- Folder 25 Pasadena aircraft manufacturers