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Collection Summary

Title: Marjorie Claire Stinson Papers

Span Dates: 1900-1975

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1955-1975)

ID No.: MSS56309

Creator: Stinson, Marjorie Claire, 1896-1975

Extent: 21,500 items ; 59 containers plus 1 oversize ; 23.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Aviator. Correspondence, research notes, biographical material, financial papers, printed matter, and miscellany relating principally to Stinson's role and experiences in early aviation.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Stinson family.

Stinson, Edward, 1893-1932.

Stinson, Katherine, 1891-1977.

Stinson, Marjorie Claire, 1896-1975.

Organizations

Aero Club of America.

Early Birds of Aviation (Organization)

Stinson Flight School (San Antonio, Tex.)

Subjects

Aeronautics--Societies, etc.

Aeronautics.

Flight schools--Texas--San Antonio.

World War, 1914-1918--Aerial operations.

Occupations

Aviators.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Marjorie Claire Stinson, aviator, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Stinson's estate in 1975 and converted to a gift in 1979.

Processing History

The papers of Marjorie Claire Stinson were arranged and described in 1982. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Transfers

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Marjorie Claire Stinson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Marjorie Claire Stinson are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Marjorie Claire Stinson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1896, Jul. 5	Born, Fort Payne, Ala.
1914	Issued U.S. pilot's license No. 9
1914-1918	Trained Canadian Air Force cadets, San Antonio, Tex., flight school
1915 .	Inducted into U.S. Aviation Reserve Corps, its only woman
1917-1928	Stunt show pilot
1930-1945	Draftsman, War Department, Washington, D.C.
1975, Apr. 15	Died, Washington, D.C

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Marjorie Claire Stinson (1896-1975) span the period 1900-1975, with the bulk of the material dated 1955-1975. The papers consist of correspondence, research notes, biographical material, awards, printed matter, newspaper clippings, and personal financial records. The arrangement retains Stinson's file folder headings and general organization, and the collection is organized into four series: [Family and General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Family and General Correspondence](#) contains letters and cards, with enclosures, photocopies of letters, and a large amount of collected material. It includes documentation relating to Stinson's experiences in early twentieth-century aviation, World War I aviation history, and the Stinson Flight School in San Antonio, Texas.

The [Subject File](#) contains research notes and other material reflecting Stinson's interests in the history of aviation and her involvement in organizations such as the Early Birds of Aviation and the Aero Club of America. It also includes biographical material she assembled concerning her own career and those of other members of her family, especially her sister, Katherine Stinson Otero, and her brother, Edward Stinson.

Included in the [Miscellany](#) are personal financial records, printed matter, newspaper and magazine clippings, and awards.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Family and General Correspondence, circa 1914-1975](#)
- [Subject File, circa 1914-1975](#)
- [Miscellany, circa 1900-1975](#)

- Oversize

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-10	<u>Family and General Correspondence, circa 1914-1975</u> Letters received and some copies of letters sent, telegrams, post cards, greeting cards, clippings and other material. Arranged alphabetically by name of person.
BOX 11-42	<u>Subject File, circa 1914-1975</u> Correspondence, research notes and material, and biographical material on Jack Edward, Katherine, and Marjorie Stinson. Arranged alphabetically by subject.
BOX 43-59	<u>Miscellany circa 1900-1975</u> Newspaper and magazine clippings, real estate and other financial records, printed matter, and awards. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX OV 1	<u>Oversize</u> Photocopies of newspaper clippings. Described according to the series and container from which it was removed.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1-10	Family and General Correspondence, circa 1914-1975 Letters received and some copies of letters sent, telegrams, post cards, greeting cards, clippings and other material. Arranged alphabetically by name of person.
BOX 1	Atwood, Harry N.
BOX 1	Ault, W.
BOX 1	"A" miscellaneous
BOX 1	Bonnalie, Allan F.
BOX 1	Byrd, Harry F.
BOX 1	"B" miscellaneous
BOX 2	Callahan, M. J.
BOX 2	Casari, Robert B.
BOX 2	Christy, Joseph (2 folders)
BOX 2	Copland, Harry D.
BOX 2	"C" miscellaneous
BOX 2	Day Curtiss
BOX 2	"D" miscellaneous (2 folders)
BOX 3	Ellis, Frank
BOX 3	"E" miscellaneous
BOX 3	Foulois, Benjamin Delahauf (2 folders)
BOX 3	Frost, John
BOX 3	"F" miscellaneous
BOX 3	Garber, Paul E. (2 folders)
BOX 4	(3 folders)
BOX 4	Gentry, Viola (3 folders)
BOX 4	"G" miscellaneous (2 folders)
BOX 5	Haddaway, George (2 folders)
BOX 5	Hamilton, L. D.
BOX 5	Hassell, Bert
BOX 5	Hausenfluke, Gene
BOX 5	Havens, Beckwith
BOX 5	Hoover, Frederick A.
BOX 5	Hudgins, Mary

Family and General Correspondence, circa 1914-1975

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 5	“H” miscellaneous (2 folders)
BOX 6	Ingalls, Laura
BOX 6	“I-J” miscellaneous
BOX 6	Key, Al (2 folders)
BOX 6	Kirby, Ruth A.
BOX 6	Laird, E. M.
BOX 6	Lambert, A. B., Jr.
BOX 6	“L” miscellany
BOX 6	McKinney, M. G.
BOX 6	Milling, T. D.
BOX 6	“M” miscellaneous
BOX 7	Noyes, Blanche
BOX 7	“N” miscellaneous
BOX 7	Omlie, Phoebe
BOX 7	Otero, M.
BOX 7	“O” miscellaneous
BOX 7	Paul, Alice
BOX 7	Pickerill, Elmo N.
BOX 8	Planck, Charles
BOX 8	“P-R” miscellaneous (3 folders)
BOX 8	Stinson, Jack (3 folders)
BOX 9	“S” miscellaneous
BOX 9	Thaden, Louise
BOX 9	Turk, Paul A.
BOX 9	“T” miscellaneous
BOX 9	Underwood, John W.
BOX 9	“U-V” miscellaneous
BOX 9	Vachon, Mrs. Romeo
BOX 9	Willard, Charles F.
BOX 10	“W” miscellaneous
BOX 10	Correspondence miscellany (4 folders)
BOX 11-42	Subject File, circa 1914-1975 Correspondence, research notes and material, and biographical material on Jack Edward, Katherine, and Marjorie Stinson. Arranged alphabetically by subject.
BOX 11	Aberdeen, Miss. (5 folders)
BOX 12	(1 folders)
BOX 12	American Aviation Historical Society

Subject File, circa 1914-1975

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 12	Aero Club of America (7 folders)
BOX 12	Air Force Association
BOX 13	Air Force Historical Foundation (3 folders)
BOX 13	Airmail Airports (3 folders)
BOX 13	Airworld
BOX 13	<i>American Heritage</i>
BOX 13	Astronauts
BOX 13	Civil Aeronautics Board
BOX 13	Canton, Miss.
BOX 13	College Park, Md., airport (2 folders)
BOX 13	Confederate Air Force
BOX 13	Contests (2 folders)
BOX 14	Copyright materials
BOX 14	Early Birds of Aviation club (6 folders)
BOX 15	(6 folders)
BOX 16	(3 folders)
BOX 16	Explorer's Club
BOX 16	Federal Aviation Administration
BOX 16	Ford Museum, Dearborn, Mich.
BOX 17	Gainesville, Va. (2 folders)
BOX 17	General history of aviation
BOX 17	International Women's Year 1975
BOX 18	Johnson, Lyndon Baines
BOX 18	Lafayette Escadrille (3 folders)
BOX 18	<i>Liberty</i> , "Wings for War Birds," article by Stinson
BOX 18	Library of Congress (1 folder)
BOX 19	(1 folder)
BOX 19	Licenses
BOX 19	Lynch, William T.
BOX 19	Moisant, John B.
BOX 19	Monuments
BOX 19	Museums
BOX 19	National Aeronautical Association (2 folders)
BOX 20	(2 folders)
BOX 20	National Aviation Club
BOX 20	Northrop Institute of Technology, Inglewood, Calif.
BOX 21-28	Notes and research material

Subject File, circa 1914-1975

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 29-30	Order of the Daedalians (9 folders)
BOX 31	Pilots
BOX 31	General
BOX 31	Negro
BOX 31	Women
BOX 31	“S.A. Bicentennial”
BOX 31	Stamps, rubber
BOX 31	Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. (3 folders)
BOX 32	(2 folders)
BOX 32	Stinson album
BOX 33	Stinson, Edward, biographical material (5 folders)
BOX 34	(10 folders)
BOX 35-36	Stinson, Katherine, biographical material (12 folders)
BOX 37-40	(circa 25 folders)
BOX 41	Stinson Field
BOX 41	Stinson Flight School, San Antonio, Tex. (6 folders)
BOX 41	Stinson planes, records
BOX 41	<i>Texas Star</i>
BOX 41	Texas University, Austin, Tex.
BOX 41	University of Texas
BOX 41	U.S. Army Air Corps
BOX 41	U.S. government departments
BOX 42	Wright, Orville and Wilbur (5 folders)
BOX 42	Wright School, Dayton, Ohio
BOX 43-59	Miscellany circa 1900-1975 Newspaper and magazine clippings, real estate and other financial records, printed matter, and awards. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 43-50	Financial records, real estate investments, household financial records, and tax and retirement records
BOX 51-52	Newspaper and magazine clippings and awards <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 53-59	Printed matter
BOX OV 1	Oversize Photocopies of newspaper clippings. Described according to the series and container from which it was removed.
BOX OV 1	Photocopies of newspaper clippings (Container 52)