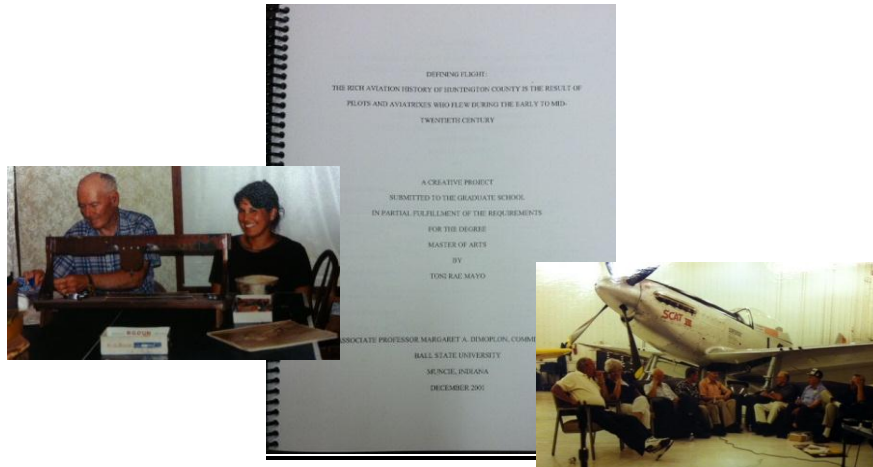


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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Mayo, Toni
Title	Toni Mayo papers and research files for "Defining Flight"
Collection Identifier	MSP 181
Date Span	1911-2003, predominant 1998-2001
Abstract	Documentation and research notes from twenty personal narratives of Huntington County, Indiana pilots and aviatrixes who flew during the early to mid-twentieth century. The research notes from oral histories were used by Toni Mayo in the compilation of her master's thesis and book, <i>Defining Flight</i> .
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Administrative Information

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**Related
Materials
Information:**

Ralph O. Brown papers:

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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Mayo, Toni R.
Brown, Ralph O., 1911-2000
Ambler, Alvin "Bud"
Bailey, Carl, 1915-1994
Brewer, Philip, 1923-
Brewer, Thomas
Davis, Johnny
Hartley, DeLoss, 1924-
Hartley, Calvin Glen "Pop"
Hosler, Russell A., 1902-1979
Kennedy, "Red" Melvin, 1901-
Kline, Phyllis Williams
Leonard-Kuhn, Wanda E.
Mills, John A.
Mills, Thomas A.
Oden, George
Priddy, Clarence L., 1913-1994
Shuttleworth, James J., 1938-2003
Stetzel, Brice D., 1916-
Stetzel, Maxine, 1918-
Storey, Geraldine May, 1915
Sunderman, Herman, 1916-2001
West, Lester Arthur "Sonny", Jr., 1917-1992

Organizations

Flight Archives at Purdue University
Huntington Municipal Airport
Huntington Aero Club
Civil Air Patrol
National Exchange Club

Topics

Air pilots--Indiana
Pilots (Aeronautics)
Women air pilots--United States

Form and Genre Types

Clippings (Information artifacts)
Correspondence
Papers
Photographs
Research notes
Thesis

History of Toni Mayo's "Defining Flight" Project

As per the abstract from Toni Mayo's master's thesis, "The focus of this creative six-hour non-fiction project has been the documentation of personal narratives (i.e., oral histories) of Huntington County pilots and aviatrixes who flew during the early to mid-twentieth century. Twenty profiles have been chronicled in alphabetical order. Types of flight experiences range from leisure, to military and private instruction, to cross-country trips, to wartime flight, and finally, to work of an aerial photographer. From a local standpoint, regional aviation history has been documented. On a national scale, Huntington County aviation represents an era of flight occurring nationwide. By inclusion of photographs, logbook entries, letters, journals, and poems a pictorial history reveals a depth of story that words alone cannot convey. Each story in this project was read numerous times to the interviewee to ensure that names, quotes, dates, and facts were correct. *Defining Flight* documents a time period of aviation when men and women were adventurous, curious, daring, and willing to test the winds with kite-like machines."

Source:

Mayo, T. R. (2001). *Defining Flight: The Rich Aviation History of Huntington County is the Result of Pilots and Aviatrixes Who Flew during the Early to Mid-Twentieth Century* (unpublished master's thesis). Ball State University: Muncie, Indiana.

Collection Description

Scope

The Toni Mayo papers and research files for “Defining Flight” (1911-2003; 1 cubic foot) document the research done by Mayo for her Ball State University master’s thesis. The files consist of twenty pilot profiles, along with the notes compiled by Mayo during personal narratives (i.e., oral histories). The pilot files also include clippings, correspondence, photographs and miscellaneous research material gathered by Mayo. The interviews were conducted in 2001, but much of the supplementary research material is from the time period when the pilots were actively flying.

Besides the pilot files there are files about other aviation activities that took place in Huntington County, Indiana. Included are files on pilot Calbraith Perry Rodgers, and his 1911 transcontinental flight (stop made in Huntington) in his plane, the “Vin Fiz;” a file about the Civil Air Patrol (“CAP”), “Exchange Club,” the Huntington Municipal Airport and the 1998 “AT-6 Fly-In,”.

Types of materials include: clippings (information artifacts), correspondence, papers, photographs, research notes, and a thesis.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

Original, alphabetical order by pilot’s last name has been retained. All materials have been housed in polyester sleeves, acid-free folders, and acid-free boxes.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Box 1 *Thesis, Binder/Scrapbook, Research Notes, Correspondence and Photographs, 1946-2003*

Folder

1. Mayo, T. R. (2001). *Defining Flight: The Rich Aviation History Of Huntington County Is The Result Of Pilots and Aviatrices Who Flew During The Early To Mid-Twentieth Century* (unpublished master's thesis). Ball State University: Muncie, Indiana. (copy 1 of 2, spiral bound)
2. Mayo, T. R. (2001). *Defining Flight: The Rich Aviation History Of Huntington County Is The Result Of Pilots and Aviatrices Who Flew During The Early To Mid-Twentieth Century*. Ball State University: Muncie, Indiana. (copy 2 of 2, loose pages)
3. Original binder/scrapbook containing information on Ralph O. Brown and other miscellaneous material for "Defining Flight," compiled by Mayo, circa 2000-2013
4. Ambler, Alvin "Bud," 2001
5. Bailey, Carl R., includes correspondence from his daughter, Debbie Lopp, to Mayo, which gives an account of her father, 2001
6. Bradin, John, (2001, October 15). Book by Bradin chronicles history of WWII's PATSU 1-3. *The Huntington County TAB*, Vol. XVII, No. 9, pp 1, 10, 15. (p. 15 missing, author not noted)
7. Brewer, Thomas J. and Philip, includes correspondence from Elizabeth "Liz" Ricker to Mayo, in regards to her brother, Philip Brewer, 2000-2001
8. Brown, Ralph, includes 10 photographs, 1998-2001
9. Davis, Johnny, includes 2 photographs, 2001
10. Hartley, Calvin Glen "Pop" and DeLoss, 1998-2001
11. Hosler, Russell A., includes 2 photographs, 1998-2001
12. Kennedy, "Red" Melvin, 1991
13. Kline, Phyllis Williams, includes a photograph, 2001
14. Kuhn, Wanda E. Leonard, includes a photograph, 2001
15. Lantz, Herb, includes photographs, 1946-1948
16. Law, Ruth, includes a photocopied photograph, circa 2001
17. Mills, John A., includes 5 photographs, 2001
18. Mills, Thomas A., 2001
19. Oden, George, includes 2 photographs, 1998-2001
20. Priddy, Clarence L., 2001
21. Shuttleworth, James J., 3 clippings about Shuttleworth's plane crash, 2003
22. Snider, Walt, 2001
23. Stetzel, Brice, includes 9 photographs, 2001
24. Stetzel, Maxine, 2001
25. Storey, Geraldine May, includes 3 photographs, 2001
26. Sunderman, Herman, includes 2 photographs, 2001
27. "Vin Fiz" airplane - Rodgers, C.P. and Lloyd, Jim, includes 1 photograph,

- copies of clippings, 1911-1986
28. Wakefield, Dean - "CAP" Civil Air Patrol, includes copies of clippings, undated
 29. West, Arthur "Sonny", Jr., includes one photograph, 2001
 30. Zent, Lawson, 2001
 31. "Exchange Club," includes one photograph and photocopies of clippings, undated
 32. "Flight AT-6 Fly In," includes 3 issues of "In the Air!" the newsletter of the Huntington Municipal Airport, 1996-1998
 33. "Air Race, 1929-1939," computer print-outs varied, circa 2000-2002
 34. Copies of the pilot personal narratives, 2001