

THE WILBUR H. MOYER COLLECTION

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INTRODUCTION

The Wilbur H. Moyer Collection was accessioned into the Wright State University Department of Archives and Special Collections, June, 19, 1998. Mr. Moyer's love of aviation led him into the aviation industry and his hobby was building remote control model airplanes. This collection was donated by Mr. Bruce Moyer of Wescosville, Pennsylvania.

The publications in this collection date from c.1937-1939, and deal with Stinson Aircraft, The Aero Industries Technical Institute, and The Pacific Aircraft Sales Company. This collection comprises 0.5 linear feet of material, and is arranged into 3 series as follows:

Series 1: Stinson Aircraft

Series 2: Aero Industries Technical Institute

Series 3: The Pacific Aircraft Sales Company

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Name: Wilbur H. Moyer (1914-1997)

Born: January 18, 1914 Columbia Hospital Wilkinsburg, PA to Harry J. and Ada (Ling) Moyer.

Education: Westinghouse High School, Pittsburgh, PA (September 1928 - June 1932)
University of Pittsburgh (September 1933 - June 1935)
Aero Industries Technical Institute, Los Angeles, CA (February 1938 - July 1938)

Work: Glen L. Martin Aircraft Co., Essex, MD (March 7, 1939 - October 31, 1939)
Barkley-Grow Aircraft Co., Detroit, MI (November 6, 1939)
Company merges with Stinson Aircraft Co. (November 4, 1940)
Convair Division of Stinson, Wayne, MI (November 4, 1940 - April 1947)
Stinson Aircraft Co., Ann Arbor, MI (April 1947 - November 1948)
Numerous tool and dye companies and automotive companies in the Detroit area (November 1948 - 1959)
Shop Engineer, Mack Trucks Inc., Allentown, PA (1960 - 1980)

Family: Married Ethel (Everett) Moyer (August 12, 1939)
Three sons: Wilbur Jr., Dwight, and Bruce
Two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

Comment: When Wilbur was born, his parents chose the name Wilbur after the pioneer aviator Wilbur Wright. As a child, Wilbur had a great fascination for airplanes. He made model gliders and rubber band driven airplanes. His love for airplanes led him to the aircraft industry. He retained interest in aircraft all of his life, and he expanded this interest by making remote control model airplanes. This kept him very active in his retirement years, and he earned the nickname "Crash Moyer" because his models had a tendency to always crash.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Wilbur H. Moyer Collection is divided into 3 series:

Series 1, Stinson Aircraft, consists of 2 files that deal with Stinson Aircraft employee information and two publications: *Stinson Plane Talk* and *Stinson Plane News* that dealt with company news and what was new for Stinson Aircraft from 1938-1939.

Series 2, Aero Industries Technical Institute, consists of 2 files and 2 books that deal with the Aero Industries Technical Institute (AITI). There is information about classes and tuition at AITI, Wilbur Moyer's enrollment application, Wilbur Moyer's student transcript, Wilbur Moyer's AITI Award of Graduation (Master Aircraft Mechanics), a promotional publication on AITI called *More Planes*, and 2 AITI instructional textbooks that deal with aviation history and design/structure of airplanes.

Series 3, The Pacific Aircraft Sales Company, consists of one file with a brochure from The Pacific Aircraft Sales Company dealing with the Fairchild 24 aircraft.

CONTAINER LISTING:

Box File Listing

Series I: Stinson Aircraft

1. 1. Publication: *Information For Employees*, which deals with policies, standards of conduct, practice, and procedure for employees of Stinson Aircraft (c. 1937).
2. Publications: *Stinson Plane Talk*, which deals with company news and new products for Stinson Aircraft (c. 1938). *Stinson Plane News*, which deals with company news and new products for Stinson Aircraft (c.1939).

Series II: Aero Industries Technical Institute (AITI)

1. 1. Brochure for AITI that gives information about tuition rates and class hours for courses at AITI (1937). Wilbur Moyer's school enrollment application (1937), student transcript (no date given), and Award of Graduation: Master of aircraft Mechanics (1938).
2. Publication, *More Planes*, which is mainly a promotional publication for AITI (1937).
3. Textbook for AITI dealing with early aviation, plane structure, design, and construction (1938).
4. Textbook for AITI dealing with proper construction for airplanes (1938).

Series III: The Pacific Aircraft Sales Company

1. 1. Brochure from The Pacific Aircraft Sales Company about the Fairchild 24.