

Finding Aid for the Lawrence Maile aviation papers Collection 148

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Maile, Lawrence
Title	Lawrence Maile aviation papers
Date [inclusive]	1908-1986
Extent	0.21 Linear feet One box
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Lawrence Maile (ca. 1910-1988) was an early aviator in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His aviation papers contain photographs, news clippings, postcards, pilot's logs, and other memorabilia. Also included are materials from an aviation club Maile was involved with called the Ox5 Club. Items from the Furniture Capital Air Service Flying School are also found. The pilot logs record his flying time from 1929-1932 and for the 1960s. Additional information about Maile and other Grand Rapids area pilots are recorded in newspaper clippings. Five photographs are included, with many of the individuals depicted being other Grand Rapids area flyers, including Floyd Becker and Bert "Fish" Hassell.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Lawrence Maile (ca.1910-1988) was a prominent figure in early aviation in the Grand Rapids area. He began flying lessons at the Furniture Capital Air Service Flying School when a newsboy for the Grand Rapids Herald. A resident of Grand Rapids, with his wife Irma, and his two sons Lawrence George and Robert Arnold, Maile worked for the Grand Rapids Fire Department for thirty years before his retirement.

Scope and Contents note

Includes copies of newspaper articles, photographs, postcards, and materials from the Furniture Capital Air Service Flying School. The materials from the aviation school include applications and a brochure. The materials from the Ox5 club include diagrams of early Ox5 airplanes and a copy of the club's constitution, bylaws, and a roster of the club.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department September 1992

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Irma Maile, 1991; accession number 1991.020

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Furniture Capital Air Service.
- OX5 Club.

Genre(s)

- personal papers

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Aeronautics -- Michigan -- Kent County -- History

Aviation School.

Collection Inventory

Aviation School.		
	Box	Folder
Furniture Capital Air Service : a Government Approved Transport Flying School. [booklet] n.d.	1	1
Price List, n.d. Accompanying booklet above.	1	1
Two copies of Student's Enrollment Application for the school.	1	1
Newspaper clippings about Mr. Maile and other early aviators, 1922-1986. Includes information on: Jerry Vinkemulder and his Travel Air plane, noting ski designs by Roland Pierson; Floyd Becker; Air mail services; Cecil R. "Sinnie" Sinclair	1	2
Ox5 Club material		
	Box	Folder
Diagram of airplanes (1 folded sheet)	1	3
Constitution, by-laws, roster, 1959 [booklet, several pages loose.]	1	3
Pilot's logs, 1929-1932, 1965-1968. Includes student training log book, letter regarding license renewal	1	4

Photographs, 1927-1929, n.d. (5 b/w)

Pilots' Information and Memoranda Book. Stanavo Specification Board, Inc. 1930?, 1932 (2 small booklets)	1	4.5
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Photographs, 1927-1929, n.d. (5 b/w)

	Box	Folder
Group photo, winter scene with group standing in front of a plane. Map at far right has snow shoes. Camera Shop photo #291963. Some identification on verso, including Misket, Howard Greebauer, Lawrence Maile, Peter Huminga, Pierson, Ground School Instructor Ezra Benton, Roscoe Graves, Gillette, and Jerry Vinkemulder.	1	5
Lawrence Maile and Floyd Becker, Instructor, standing in front of a Furniture Capital Air Service plane. Demonstrating a communications device used during flight. Camera Shop photo #29274.	1	5
Art Goebels with his mother and father, Sept. 2, 1927 at Clover Field, Santa Monica, Cal. After Goebel's win of the Dole Race, Oakland to Honolulu.	1	5
Larry Maile with Ann Pelligreno, who flew same course as Amelia Earhart.	1	5
Sinnie Sinclair and Fish Hassell. Snapshot.	1	5
Photo Postcards. Glenn H. Curtis Museum (5) Four of Airplanes, 1908-1912; one of Glenn H. Curtis Museum building, c.1970.	1	6