

Harry W. Frantz Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Harry W. Frantz Papers

Span Dates: 1919-1965

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1929-1937)

ID No.: MSS84190

Creator: Frantz, Harry W. (Harry Warner), 1891-1982

Extent: 350 items ; 8 containers plus 17 oversize ; 3.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Journalist. Scrapbooks and printed matter related to aviation, a field Franz covered for United Press International.

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

Curtis, Arthur E.--Correspondence.

Frantz, Harry W. (Harry Warner), 1891-1982.

Howard, Roy Wilson, 1883-1964--Correspondence.

Manduley, Manuel DeJ.--Correspondence.

McCandlish, B. V. (Benjamin Vaughan), 1886-1975--Correspondence.

Van Dusen, William, 1901-1976.

Organizations

Pan American Airways Corporation.

United Press International.

Subjects

Aeronautics, Commercial.

Aeronautics--Flights.

Aeronautics--History.

Airlines--Public relations.

Airlines.

Endurance flights.

Journalism, Aeronautical.

Occupations

Journalists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Harry W. Frantz, journalist, were transferred to the Library of Congress from the Historian's Office of the United States Coast Guard in 1998.

Transfers

Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division where they are identified as part of the Harry W. Frantz Papers.

Related Material

A collection of papers focusing on Frantz's career as a political reporter can be found at the Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Missouri.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Harry W. Frantz is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Harry W. Frantz 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, Harry W. Frantz Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1891, Nov. 5	Born, Cerro Gordo, Ill.
1913-1919	Attended Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.
1917-1965	Correspondent, United Press International
1924	Married Kathleen Hargrave
1936	Passenger correspondent, Pan American Airways inaugural transpacific <i>China Clipper</i> press flight, Alameda, Calif., to Manilla, Philippines
1939	Passenger correspondent, Pan American Airways inaugural transatlantic <i>Yankee Clipper</i> press flight, New York, N.Y., to Marseilles, France
1941-1944	Press director, Office of Inter-American Affairs, State Department
1944-1945	Information officer, assistant secretary of state for American republics
1982, Apr.	Died, Ithaca, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harry W. Frantz (1891-1982) span the years 1919-1965, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1929-1937. The collection is focused entirely on aviation, a field Frantz covered as a correspondent for United Press International, and documents pioneering long distance and endurance flights and the early history of the Pan American Airways Corporation and other commercial passenger and freight air carriers.

The Frantz Papers comprise three series, [Scrapbooks](#), [Printed Matter](#), and [Oversize](#). The [Scrapbooks](#) are organized in a numerical system of Frantz's devising. Loose leaf scrapbooks have been dismantled and the contents foldered in the original page order. Hard bound scrapbooks are in [Oversize](#). The monographs, pamphlets, reports, serials, publicity material, and other print and near print material that comprise the [Printed Matter](#) are arranged chronologically under United States, other countries, and Pan American Airways Corporation headings.

Volumes 19-21 of the [Scrapbooks](#) consist of Pan American Airways publicity director William Van Dusen's "Dear Señor" letters, an informal newsletter, 1937-1940, disseminating inside information on such topics as routes, personnel, technological progress, and the latest developments in the *Clipper* and *Stratoliner* programs. Other correspondents include Arthur E. Curtis, Roy Wilson Howard, Manuel DeJ. Manduley, and B.V. McCandlish.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [Scrapbooks, 1923-1954](#)
- [Printed Matter, 1919-1965](#)
- [Oversize, 1923-1954](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 1-4	<u>Scrapbooks, 1923-1954</u> Scrapbooks containing correspondence, book jackets, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, pamphlets, photographs, and miscellaneous printed matter. Arranged in a numerical order established by Frantz.
BOX 4-8	<u>Printed Matter, 1919-1965</u> Monographs, pamphlets, reports, schedules, magazines, and other material. Arranged by subject and thereunder chronologically.
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BOX 1	Vol. 2, pioneering flights, biographical material re pilots, and summaries of aviation progress, 1927-1954, undated
BOX 1	Vol. 3, United States Army around-the-world flight of 1924, 1924-1931
BOX 1	Vol. 4, articles by Frantz and others, correspondence, and memorabilia, 1937-1954, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Vol. 5, aviation before the Charles A. Lindbergh transatlantic flight, clippings, articles, maps, charts, and printed matter, 1923-1929, undated 1923-1929, undated See Oversize
BOX 1	Vol. 6, Latin American aviation, 1926-1948, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2	Vol. 7, United States civil aviation, 1929-1944, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2	Vol. 8, pioneering flights, 1927-1928 See Oversize
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BOX 2	Vol. 12, Richard E. Byrd and others, Antarctic flights and exploration, 1929-1930 See Oversize
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BOX 2	Vol. 16, pioneering transatlantic passenger flights, 1937-1941, undated
BOX 2	Vol. 17, pioneering transpacific flights, 1936-1939, undated
BOX 2	Vol. 18, Pan American Airways Corp., miscellaneous material, 1930-1940, undated
BOX 3	Vols. 19-21, Pan American Airways Corp., William Van Dusen, (director of public relations), background correspondence, 1937-1940 (5 folders)
BOX 3	Vol. 22, bibliographic and scientific material, 1929-1938, undated (2 folders)
BOX 3	Vol. 23, Richard E. Byrd and others, pioneering flights, 1927, undated See Oversize
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Scrapbooks, 1923-1954

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BOX OV 4	Vol. 9, 1927-1928 (Container 2)
BOX OV 5	Vol. 10, 1927-1928 (Container 2)
BOX OV 6	Vol. 11, 1928-1929 (Container 2)
BOX OV 7	Vol. 12, 1929-1930 (Container 2)
BOX OV 8	Vol. 13, 1929 (Container 2)
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