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FINDING AID TO THE JACQUELINE KRUPER WOMEN IN AVIATION PAPERS AND RARE BOOKS, 1927-2015

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Kruper, Jacqueline
Title	Jacqueline Kruper Women in Aviation papers and rare books
Collection Identifier	MSP 187
Date Span	1927-2015, predominant 1991-2009
Abstract	This collection includes rare books and ephemera related to women in aviation and its pioneers. Also includes writings and book reviews by Jacqueline Kruper on women in aviation.
Extent	3.45 cubic feet (1 small flat box and 43 cataloged books)
Finding Aid Author	Mary A. Segó, 2015
Languages	English
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Administrative Information

Location Information:	ASC
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
Acquisition Information:	Donated by Jacqueline Kruper, May 29, 2015
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Related	George Palmer Putnam collection of Amelia Earhart papers:

**Materials
Information:**

<https://apps.lib.purdue.edu/archon/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=27&q=earhart>

Amelia Earhart at Purdue papers:

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Clifford W. Henderson Collection on the National Air Races:

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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Kruper, Jacqueline
Markham, Beryl, 1902-1986
Johnson, Evelyn, 1909-2012
Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937
Cochran, Jacqueline, 1906-1980
Love, Nancy Harkness, 1914-1976

Organizations

Flight Archives at Purdue University
Minerva Center. Minerva Society for the Study of Women and War

Topics

Aviatrices
Women air pilots
Women pioneers
Women airforce service pilots
Aviators

Form and Genre Types

Advertisements--1940-1950
Articles
Book reviews
Booklets
Books
Magazines (Aviation)

Occupations

Pilot

Biography of Jacqueline Kruper

Jacqueline Kruper is an independent researcher and private pilot. She has written articles for *Woman Pilot*, and provided book reviews for the Minerva Society for the Study of Women and War: H-Net and *MINERVA: Quarterly Report on Women and the Military*.

Source:

Material within the papers

Collection Description

Scope

The Jacqueline Kruper Women in Aviation papers and rare books (1927-2015; 3.45 cubic feet) give a glimpse into the lives of key aviatrixes in the earliest years of flight, along with pioneer aviators. The ephemera includes magazine advertisements from 1943, which provide a unique look into how women aviators were portrayed during the 1940s. The papers also include Jacqueline Kruper's writings for *Woman Pilot* magazine, and book reviews for *Minerva: Quarterly Report on Women and the Military* and H-Minerva, H-Net Reviews.

Types of materials include: advertisements, articles, books, book reviews, booklets, and aviation magazines.

Arrangement

The papers are arranged into two series:

1. Advertisements and Writings, 1943-2015 (0.45 cubic feet). Within the series are unique advertisements featuring women aviators taken from the October 1943 issue of *Ladies Home Journal*. The ads are for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco (Camel™ cigarettes) and Cutex™ fingernail polish.

Also found here are four articles written by Kruper for *Woman Pilot*, along with 3 book reviews she wrote for the Minerva Center for Women and the Military: The Minerva Center, Inc. is a non-profit educational foundation founded in 1983 to provide information and inspiration to military women and women veterans and supported scholars, journalists, filmmakers, public policy activists and others engaged in the study of women and war.

This series also contains a small booklet about the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), often referred to as "flygirls," and a Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum 2015 member calendar.

Materials in the series are arranged by type of material and chronologically within each grouping.

2. Books, 1927-2009 (3 cubic feet). The book collection is comprised of 43 rare books related to pioneer women aviators; women aviators and World War II; "Aviation: A history through art;" the poster collection of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum; "Mr. Piper" of Piper Aircraft; Anne Morrow and Charles Lindbergh; Jeanna Yeager and Dick Rutan (Voyager), among others. Some of the books focus on aviatrixes Amelia Earhart, Harriet Quimby, Beryl Markham, Jacqueline Cochran; Evelyn Bryan Johnson (flight instructor), Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and Jeanna

Yeager. Pioneer aviators featured in the books are Charles Lindbergh, Harold F. Pitcairn, Denys Finch Hatton, William Piper, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Louis Bleriot, and Dick Rutan.

The books have been cataloged and added to Purdue's Karnes Archives and Special Collections. The finding aid lists the titles and publication information, and they appear in chronological order. Some are first editions and/or have been signed by the authors, and these are duly noted in the records.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All materials have been housed in acid-free folders and acid-free boxes. The books have been cataloged and added to Purdue's Archives and Special Collections.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series 1. Advertisements and Writings, 1943-2015

(0.45 cubic feet)

Box 1 Advertisements and Writings, 1943-2015

Folder

1. Advertisement, "Women in the War: She's on a different kind of dawn patrol now, Gay Gahagan, Civil Air Patrol." Camel™ cigarettes, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, in *Ladies Home Journal*, October 1943 (image 10" x 13")
2. Advertisement, "America's Smart Flying Women Choose Favorite Cutex Shades," (b&w photos of 6 female pilots, bottle of Cutex™ polish 10¢ is red as are nail tip for each woman's color of choice), *Ladies Home Journal*, October 1943 (image 10 ½ " x 13")
3. Article by Kruper, "Elementary Aviation," *Woman Pilot*, March/April 1999, pp. 10-12.
4. Article by Kruper, "Against Prevailing Winds: The Remarkable Life of Beryl Markham," *Woman Pilot*, January/February 2000, pp. 16-20.
5. Article by Kruper, "Love at First Flight," (life of Evelyn Johnson), *Woman Pilot*, September/October 2001, pp. 16-19.
6. Article by Kruper, "Seeing---For the First Time," *Woman Pilot*, March/April 2002, pp. 16-17.
7. Book review of Cottam, Kazimiera J., *Women in air war: The eastern front of World War II*, reviewed for the Minerva Center for Women and the Military, *Minerva: Quarterly Report on Women and the Military*, December 2001. Published with reviewer's title, "Her Weapon Was an Aircraft."
8. Book review of Cottam, Kazimiera J., *Women in war and resistance: Selected biographies of soviet women soldiers*, reviewed for the Minerva Center for Women and the Military, *Minerva: Quarterly Report on Women and the Military*, December 2001. Published with reviewer's title, "Distaff Defense of the Eastern Front."
9. Book review of Douglas, Deborah G., *American women in flight since 1940*, reviewed for the Minerva Center for Women and the Military, H-Minerva, H-Net Reviews. January, 2005 (Published with title, "Ceiling Unlimited: What a Day to Fly!")
10. Calendar, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, 2015
11. Booklet, "Some Facts of Interest About Rotating-Wing Aircraft and the Autogiro Company of America," ©1944
12. Booklet, "Women Pilots of World War II," Sweetwater, Texas: National WASP-WWII Museum, undated (also features bios of "pioneers of female aviation")

Series 2. Books, 1927-2009

(3 cubic feet)

**The 43 books have been cataloged and added to Purdue Archives and Special Collections' rare book collection.*

Book

1. Fife, George Buchanan. (1927). *Lindbergh, The Lone Eagle-His Life and Achievements*. New York: Al Burt Co., Publishing (1st edition)
2. Lindbergh, Charles A. (1927). *We*. New York: G.P. Putnam Sons. (1st edition)
3. Lindbergh, Anne Morrow. (1935). *North to the Orient*. New York: Harcourt Brace & Co. (1st edition)
4. Earhart, Amelia. (1937). *Last Flight*. New York: Orion Books. (1st edition)
5. Autogiro Company of America. (1944). *Some facts of interest about rotating-wing aircraft and the Autogiro Company of America*. Philadelphia: Autogiro Company of America (1st edition, gift of Stephen Pitcairn)
6. Lindbergh, Charles A. (1953). *The Spirit of St. Louis*. New York: Scribners. (1st edition)
7. Thaden, Louis. (1973). *High, wide and frightened*. New York: Air Facts Press. (1st edition).
8. Smith, Frank Kingston. (1981). *Legacy of wings: The Harold F. Pitcairn story*. Lafayette Hill, PA: T-D Associates. (1st edition)
9. Provensen, Alice and Martin. (1983). *The glorious flight across the channel with Louis Bleriot*. New York: Troll Associates, Viking Penguin, Inc.
10. Schwartz, Milton L. and Maguglin, Robert O. (1983). *The Howard Hughes flying boat*. Los Angeles, California: Published for the Wrather Corp. by Rosebud Books.
11. Cochran, Jacqueline and Brinley, May Ann Bucknam. (1987). New York: Bantam Books. (1st edition)
12. Lovell, Mary S. (1987). *Straight on till morning: The biography of Beryl Markham*. New York, New York: St. Martin's Press. (1st edition)
13. Yeager, Jeanna and Rutan, Dick. (1987). *Voyager*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. (1st edition and signed by author)
14. Markham, Beryl. (1987). *The splendid outcast: Beryl Markham's African stories*. San Francisco: North Point Press.
15. Lovell, Mary S. (1989). *The sound of wings: The life of Amelia Earhart*. New York, New York: St. Martin's Press. (1st edition)
16. Alexander, Fiona. (1991). *Elephants in my cockpit*. Nairobi, Kenya: The Print Shop. (1st edition)
17. Brooks-Pazmany, Kathleen. (1991). *United States women in aviation, 1919-1929*. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press.
18. Douglas, Deborah G. (1991). *United States women in aviation 1940-1985*. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press.
19. Granger, Byrd Howell. (1991). *On final approach: The women airforce service pilots of World War II*. Scottsdale, Arizona: Falconer Publishing

- Company. (1st edition)
20. Gwynn-Jones, Terry. (1991). *Farther and faster, aviation's adventuring years, 1909-1939*. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press.
 21. Thomas, Frank K. (1991). *It is this way with men who fly*. Beckley, West Virginia: BKW Printers. (signed by author)
 22. Holden, Henry M., with Captain Lori Griffith. (1991). *Ladybirds: The untold story of women pilots in America*. Mt. Freedom, New Jersey: Blackhawk Publishing. (1st edition and signed by author)
 23. Oakes, Claudia M. (1991). *United States women in aviation 1930-1939*. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press.
 24. Whyte, Edna Gardner, with Ann L. Cooper. (1991). *Rising above it: An autobiography*. New York: Orion Books. (1st edition and signed by author)
 25. Churchill, Jan. (1992). *On wings to war: Teresa James, aviator*. Manhattan, Kansas: Sunflower University Press.
 26. Handleman, Philip. (1992). *Aviation: A history through art*. Charlottesville, VA: Howell Press. (1st edition)
 27. Holden, Henry M. (1993). *Her mentor was an albatross: The autobiography of pioneer pilot Harriet Quimby*. Mt. Freedom, New Jersey: Blackhawk Publishing. (1st edition and signed by author)
 28. Milton, Joyce. (1993). *Loss of Eden: A biography of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh*. New York: Harper Collins Publishing (1st edition)
 29. Prince, George. (1993). *Mama bird, biography of Evelyn Bryan Johnson, a flight instructor*. Mayfield, Kentucky: Mayfield Publishing. (1st edition and signed by author)
 30. RAF Manston History Club. (1993). *RAF Manston*. Phoenix Mill, England: Alan Sutton Publishing. (1st edition)
 31. Trzebinski, Errol. (1993). *The lives of Beryl Markham*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. (1st edition)
 32. Noggle, Anne. (1994). *A dance with death: Soviet airwomen in World War II*. College Station, Texas: Texas A&M University Press. (1st edition)
 33. Francis, Devon. (1996). *Mr. Piper and his cubs*. Eagan, MN: Flying Books Publishing.
 34. Schiff, Stacey. (1996). *Saint-Exupéry: A biography*. New York: DaCapo Press.
 35. Cottam, Kazimiera Janina, (1997). *Women in air war, The eastern front and World War II*. Nepean, Canada: New Military Pub.
 36. Russo, Carolyn. (1997). *Women and flight: portraits of contemporary women pilots*. New York: National Air and Space, Bullfinch Press, Little Brown. (1st edition and signed by author)
 37. Cottam, Kazimiera Janina, (1998). *Women in war and resistance: Selected biographies of Soviet women soldiers*. Nepean, Canada: New Military Pub.
 38. Dibbs, John M. and Holmes, Tony. (1998). *Flying legends: A photographic study of the great piston combat aircraft of WW II*. Ann Arbor, MI: MBI Publishing Co. for Lowe & B. Hould Publishing.
 39. Oliver, David. (1999). *Wings over water: A chronicle of the flying boats and amphibians of the 20th century*. Edison, New Jersey: Chartwell Books, Inc.

40. Nathan, Amy. (2001). *Yankee doodle gals: Women pilots of World War II*. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society. (1st edition)
41. Douglas, Deborah G. (2004). *American women and flight since 1940*. Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky Press.
42. London, Joanne Gerstein. (2007). *Fly now (The poster collection of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum)*. Washington, DC: National Geographic.
43. Wheeler, Sara. (2009). *Too close to the sun: The audacious life and times of Denys Finch Hatton*. New York: Random House Trade PB edition.