

McLean County Museum of History

**Bloomington, Illinois Aviation
1920, 1930, 1940 Collection**

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1926-98
PROVENANCE:	Marion McClure donated these materials which he assembled in compiling his book <i>Bloomington, Illinois Aviation 1920, 1930, 1940.</i>
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Photos – Subjects - Aviation

Brief History

Aviation buff Marion McClure donated these materials which he used in compiling a 1998 book entitled *Bloomington, Illinois Aviation 1920, 1930, 1940*.

Scope Note

This collection includes several manuscripts, a scrapbook of newspaper articles, some correspondence and a copy of McClure's book.

Inventory

Box 1 (7 Folders, 1 Scrapbook, and 1 Book)

General biographical (Folder 1)

Items in this folder were added to the collection in 2012.

Folder 1: Biographical: Marion McClure

- 1.1.1 Encapsulated copy of "Twin City pilot is one of a kind," *Pantagraph*, undated.

Essays and other book content (Folders 2-7)

Folder 2: "Aviation in Bloomington"

- 1.2.1 Two different copies of Art Carnahan's 1950 article of above name.

Folder 3: Morpew's Lists

- 1.3.1 Aircraft mentioned by H. Morpew in his notes on the old Bloomington Airport, undated, 1 p.
- 1.3.2 Morpew Lists: names of men and of planes and airplanes and other organizations and businesses, undated, 1 p.
- 1.3.3 List of persons who actively promoted aviation at the old Bloomington Airport, Feb 1985, 1 p. plus handwritten copy.
- 1.3.4 List of Pilots who flew at the Old Airport during 1928-34, undated, 1p.

Folder 4: The Super Swallow

- 1.4.1 Manuscript on same, undated, 1 p.
- 1.4.2 Four letters from Richard J. Parkhill of Champaign's Illini Swallow Lines to M.L. McClure in Bloomington, March 1989 about various aspects of the Swallow. Includes reminiscences from Richard's father William T.

Parkhill about the Swallow

Folder 5: Recollections of the Tilbury Flash

- 1.5.1 Manuscript on above, 1932-34, by H.E. Morpew, undated, 8 pp. plus carbon copy and working draft.

Folder 6: Lindbergh History Apr-Nov 1926

- 1.6.1 Manuscript on above, Rick McDermott, undated, 8pp.
- 1.6.2 Note from Rich McDermott to Marion, undated, with newspaper article and copy of photo of Pete Thompson, his grandfather, who recalled the Lindbergh incident.

Folder 7: Miscellaneous Info on Early Aviation

- 1.7.1 Correspondence from P.E. Francis of Tyree Auto Radiator Mfg. Co of Bloomington to Pitcairn Aviation in Philadelphia, PA, touting their merchandise, 28 Sep 1926.
- 1.7.2 Assorted local newspaper clippings, draft of introduction to book, etc.

Scrapbook "Bloomington Aviation History"

Includes *Pantagraph* articles and other content McClure apparently copied from Alice Ellis White and Mrs. Wm. Bennet

Copy of the published McClure book *Bloomington, Illinois Aviation 1920, 1930, 1940*.