

L.C. Elliott Collection
History of Aviation Collection

Biographical Information

Born: Greenville, TX, November 16, 1901

Died: Fort Worth, TX, May 15, 1970

Education: Electrical Engineering – Texas A&M College 1920-24

Aviation Background

Exposed to aviation at a country fair flying exhibition; with a friend built an airplane at 15 years of age. (The airplane, unfortunately, never left the ground). 1916

Attended Texas A&M College majoring in Electrical Engineering 1920-24
Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Air Corps; attended primary flight school at Brooks Field and advanced flying school at Kelly Field. 1924

Assigned to First Pursuit Group, Selfridge Field, Michigan 1925

Flight instructor at Brooks Field 1927-28

Resigned from military service to become Airways Extension 1928-33

Superintendent for Bureau of Lighthouses, which was transferred to Bureau of Air Commerce in 1933. Was one of the pilots assigned the job of laying out airways throughout the United States and interspersing beacon lights and emergency fields along flight routes.

Became Senior Airplane Pilot, Airways Engineer, District Manager, Regional Supervisor. 1933-35

Became Regional Administrator of Region Four of the Civil Aeronautics Administration with headquarters in Fort Worth, TX. In 1938, he implemented the Civil Aeronautics Act in his region. 1935-53

In 1953, Region Four and Region Two were consolidated as one Region (Region Two), and Elliott became Regional Administrator. Implemented in Region 2 the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, which among other changes marked the change from CAA to FAA. 1953-59

Appointed Acting Regional Manager of Region Two of the FAA; this 1959

region included the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas; also Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone.

Became Regional Manager of Region One with headquarters in New York; region included New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. 1960

Appointed first member of the Federal Aviation Agency's General Advisory Board. 1961

Honors

Won the Billy Mitchell Trophy Race and second place in the Free-For-All Pursuit Race in a 'Curtiss P-1' – Received a commendation from Chief of Air Corps. 1926

Received the Department of Commerce Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Service, highest award of the Department. 1953
Given the International Region CAA Award for Distinguished Service to World Aviation.

Featured in Who's Who in World Aviation. 1955-58

Awarded "The Mark of Appreciation" Certificate for Outstanding Service from the Federal Business Association. 1960
Awarded a dedication book from FAA Region Two employees that commemorates his 25 years of service.
Member of the Quiet Birdmen and elected to membership in Trans World Airlines' Ambassadors Club; life member of Society of Airway Pioneers.

Civic Activities

For FAA's participation under Elliott's leadership in Tarrant County United Fund Drive, he received the Award of Excellence, a Citation for Community Service, and a Certificate of Appreciation in support of the Federal Service Joint Crusade 1958-59

Provenance

This collection was given to the History of Aviation Collection by L.C. Elliott in 1964. It mainly consists of correspondence and records generated by, for, and about his position as a Federal aeronautical Administrator. Elliott's career spans the genesis of the Federal Aviation Agency, from the Bureau of lighthouses through the Civil Aeronautics Administration to the FAA in the 1960's. The collection, includes a Department of Commerce Survey (1931) about air service between Puget Sound and Minneapolis-St.

Paul, an official memorandum (1936) to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and an official report on tests conducted on Agricultural Aircraft in 1950. Other associated printed materials, such as FAA newsletters, are found in the materials. Seven folders of correspondence are divided into incoming correspondence arranged alphabetically by writer, outgoing correspondence arranged chronologically, and correspondence about Elliott (or his office) arranged chronologically. Whereas one folder contains drafts of his outgoing correspondence, another incoming one contains telegrams with no last name. The folders for incoming correspondence are: A-H, I-O, P-Z. To maintain provenance, the archivist has left Elliott's arrangement of all materials related to the FAA Evaluation of Atlanta and Nashville District Office (1958-59). It should be noted that this folder contains official correspondence during this period. The collection includes some personal papers such as the roster of students at Brooks Field Flying School (1922-32), memorabilia, and a biographical clipping file. Financial records and expense vouchers are also among his papers. One of the three manuscript boxes contains a dedication book from FAA Region Two employees; this volume which commemorates Elliott's twenty-five years of service, contains autographs, sketches, and official stamps.

Box 1

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| 1 | L.C. Elliott Provenance, Register, Biographical Info.
Air Corps Primary Flying Schools, Roster & Students
Brooks Field, Randolph Field, March Field
Biographical file | |
| 2 | Newspaper clippings: Biographical | |
| 3 | Business & Membership cards
Medical Certificate, Commercial Airmen
invitation to 5th Annual Honors Award | 1953 |
| 4 | Certificates | |
| 5 | Financial records for personal government service | |
| 6 | CAA: FAA: Expense vouchers, travel | |
| 7 | Correspondence: Outgoing | 1935-1936 |
| 8 | Correspondence: Outgoing | |
| 9 | Correspondence his position at FAA | |
| 10 | Correspondence: Incoming | |

11	Correspondence: Incoming	
12	Correspondence: Incoming	
13	Correspondence and Telegrams: Incoming	
14	Legal Document: Will	
15	FAA Evaluation and responses, Atlanta & Nashville Safety District Offices	
16	FAA Performance Rating	1960
17	Application, Director of Aviation	1960
18	Pilot's Flight Log Transport Pilot's license	1942-48,58 1930-35

Box 2

1	Photographs: L.C. Elliott's Album	1920
2	Newspaper clippings: L.C. Elliott's Album	1920
3	Texas A & M College Photographs	1920
4	Texas A & M College Photographs	1920
5	U.S. Army Air Corps Photographs	1920
6	U.S. Army Air Corps Photographs	1920
7	Pitcairn Mail Wing, Hugh Brewster, Pilot	1929
8	American Association of Airport Executives Photographs	
9	Federal Aviation Agency Photographs	
10	Federal Aviation Agency Photographs	
11	L.C. Elliott Receiving Certificate, Photographs	
12	Photographs: Dedication of New Mechem Field Terminal	

- 13 Photographs
- 14 Texas A & M College Classmates
- 15 Airplanes: Curtiss IN-4D, Caproni, Thomas Morse,
DeHavilland DH-4
- 16 Photographs: Piper Skycycle, Lockheed Electra, Piper
Gluskin II
- 17 Photographs: State Fair, Crystal palace
- 18 Retiring Employees
- 19 Photographs, L.C. Elliott

Box 3

Autograph Album Twenty-Five Years Service
Map: Aeronautical: Little Rock

- 1 Department of Commerce Survey
Northern Transcontinental Airway
- 2 Congressional Record-74th Congress, 1st Session 1935
- 3 Official Memo to Asst. Sec. of Commerce from
Rex Martin 1936
- 4 Official Report: Tests Conducted on Agricultural
Aircraft AG-1 1950
- 5 Personnel Directory, Fourth Air Navigation District
& FAA Region 1
- 6 Federal Aviation Agency Organization & Staffing 1949,57,59-60
- 7 American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics 1971
- 8 "The Airway Pioneer" 1960
- 9 "DeHavilland Gazette" 1945
- 10 FAA Newsletters 1961

- 11 "The Lamp" 1971
- 12 Clipping file: William G. Fuller, FAA Region II,
Idlewild Airport, Meacham Field, Texas pilots,
Elliott Promotion to manager Fourth Air Navigation District
- 13 Illegible Documents
- 14 Aviation Space Writers Association Banquet