

Jerome S. Fanciulli Collection

History of Aviation Collection

Provenance

Jerome S. Fanciulli was born in New York City, January 12, 1888. He was the son of Professor Francesco and Amanda Fanciulli. He was educated at de Witt Clinton High School in New York City. He attended St. Louis University, St. Louis, 1903-04 and Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N.J., 1904-05. He married Marian Callaghan in November, 1909. On January 12, 1986 he died in Winchester Hospital in Winchester, Virginia.

Mr. Fanciulli worked for the Washington Post and then joined the Associated Press where his assignments were on the Capitol staff of the Associated Press. He became the AP's aviation specialist. Mr. Fanciulli was a charter member of the National Press Club and a founding member of the Aero Club of Washington, D.C.

In November 1909, Mr. Fanciulli joined Glenn H. Curtiss' company. He was Vice President and General Manager of the Curtiss Exhibition Company. Among his many varied duties Mr. Fanciulli established schools of aviation and directed the demonstration and sale of Curtiss aeroplanes in the United States and Europe. He promoted or conducted some of the largest air meets in the United States prior to 1913. He collaborated with the United States Army and the United States Navy in developing aeroplane specifications. Mr. Fanciulli wrote magazine articles, employed and directed aviators obtaining contracts for them.

Mr. Fanciulli sold the United States Navy its first biplane and the United States Army its second biplane. He also sold czarist Russia its first plane for their Navy.

Mr. Fanciulli left the Glenn H. Curtiss companies in November 1912. The remainder of his working life was spent in automotive transportation. He continued his association with both the National Press Club and the Aero Club of Washington, D.C. almost until his death. He was a member, organizer or officer of the following organizations.
Commercial Motor Vehicle Owners Association of Washington, DC, 6/1925 – 10/1934
Virginia Highway Users Association, 6/1931 – 6/1935
National Highway Users Conference, Washington, DC, 9/1932 – 4/1933
National Highway Freight Association, Washington, DC, 4/1934 – 8/1934
Washington, DC Household Goods Storage and Moving Trade Association, May – Sept., 1934

During World War II Mr. Fanciulli was acting chief, Transportation Division, O.L.L.A. Mission; Land-Lease Requirements Officer and Transportation Coordinator, Joint North African Economic Board. After World War II Mr. Fanciulli continued in the automotive transportation business. In 1980 Mr. Fanciulli retired from Triangle Motors.

The Collection was acquired by the History of Aviation Collection in September 1986. The Collection consists of four boxes. Mr. Fanciulli, an early aviation journalist and

aviation executive retained an interest in aviation and worked in transportation all his life. The main body of the Collection consists of 205 photographs and 66 photographed postcards depicting biplanes, hydroeroplanes, and aviators taken between 1909 and 1912 during his association with Glenn H. Curtiss. The personal papers include telegrams. Correspondence, agreements, contracts, leases, articles, manuscripts, notes, newspaper clippings, magazines, memorabilia and a scrapbook. The majority of the above pertain to Mr. Fanciulli's association with the Curtiss Exhibition Company.

The photographs are arranged in folders in Box 1 and are classified as to type (biplane, hydroaeroplane and flying boat) by year. Aviators are identified where possible. The main part of the correspondence, in Box 2, contains Mr. Fanciulli's letter and telegrams to Mr. Curtiss and others regarding day to day operations of the Company. This is arranged in folders by year. Box 3 contains agreements, contracts, leases, articles, manuscripts and notes arranged in folders by above classification and by year. Newspaper clippings, magazines, National Press Club scrapbook, and memorabilia are arranged in folders by above classification and by year in Box 4.

Box 1

G.H. Curtiss Biplanes

Photo: "The Silver Dart", built under the supervision of G.H. Curtiss, The Aerial Experimental Association (1) 1908

Postcards: Herring-Curtiss Golden Flier (2) 1909

Photos: The Herring-Curtiss No. 1 Golden Flier (5)
The Albany Flier before takeoff from U.S.S. Birmingham (3) 1910
Curtiss Biplane, Curtiss flying at Los Angeles (9)
Ely landing on the battleship U.S.S. Pennsylvania, 1911
Model D-IV military machine (3)

Postcards: The Model A Curtiss biplane in flight (2) 1911
Curtiss biplane (1)

Photos: Modifications on Model D Curtiss biplane (2)
Training grounds on the shore of Lake Keuka,
Modifications on Model D in flight (1)

Postcards: Curtiss biplanes, exhibiting in Iowa (5)
Ralph E. McMillin

Photos: Curtiss biplane, Lincoln Beachy flying
G.H. Curtiss and others, Curtiss biplane (2)
G.H. Curtiss meeting Chief Iodire starting at #8330-8376 (5)
G.H. Curtiss biplane (20)

Exhibition train, United States Ship, At Governors Island
G.H. Curtiss Kissing Mrs. Curtiss at Governors Island Ferry

Golden Flier, Model D Modifications (3) 1909

G.H. Curtiss Hydroaeroplanes

Postcard: The "AEA" Loon (1) 1908

Photos: The "AEA" Loon (1)

Albany flier with complete flotation equipment (1) 1910

Photos: Group holding metal pontoons (3) 1910

Photos: G.H. Curtiss at the controls,

Curtiss hydroaeroplane being towed after an accident (2)

"Watching for the Airship" from the U.S.S. Pennsylvania (3)

Curtiss Tractor hydro being hoisted aboard the U.S.S. Penn. (6)

Curtiss hoisted aboard the U.S.S. Pennsylvania

Postcards: Curtiss "E" (Navy A-1) (1) 1911

Curtiss Hydroaeroplane, modifications

Photos: Curtiss Navy A-H Model 1911

Modifications, Curtiss hydroaeroplane

G.H. Curtiss Hydroaeroplanes:

Photos: Curtiss Triad (A-1) (6) 1911

(G.H. Curtiss at controls)

Curtiss Triad, North Island, San Diego, CA pilot 1912

(Apeda Studio), (4) Curtiss Triad, Lake Keuka, NY (5)

U.S. Navy's Curtiss Triad, U.S.N. Ship (3) 1912

Curtiss Model E Hydroplane (2), Curtiss Model D Flying

Boat, (Apeda Studio) (6), Top Right: E Flying Boat, 2d 1912

Configuration (5), Lower right: Training hydroaeroplane 1912

Postcards: The Curtiss "Flying Boat", Model E (27) 1912

Photos: The Curtiss "Flying Boat", Model E (5) 1912

Curtiss Experimental Hydro triplane made with 1912

Model D&E Components

Postcards: Louis Pulham standing, G.H. Curtiss at

Monte Carlo's First Hydroaeroplane Contest (7)

Photographs: Russia, closing contract for machines

And motors, The "Nulli Sundus", the British air balloon (1)

German guns for aerial warfare, WWI (2)

The Zeppelin V, the Republique, The Gross II, Shed for

Early Curtiss Aviators Second Exhibition Aviators:

Postcard: Group around an early biplane, Curtiss

Exhibition Company (1)

Photographs: Burgess attached temporary skids to
Hydroaeroplane, Howard Gill in Burgess built plane, (2)
Early Aviators (10)

Postcards: Modifications, Curtiss "D" at an exhibition (1),

Photographs: Same as above (2)

Photographs: G.H. Curtiss, center, with group observing
Airborne aircraft (3)

Postcard: J.H. Johnson with G.H. Curtiss (1)

Photograph: Lt. J.C. Walker, U.S.A. (1), Lincoln Beachey,
Curtiss aviator (3), Louis Paulham visits G.H. Curtiss
Tent, Los Angeles Air Meet (2) 1910
Louis Paulham and Hugh Robinson (2), R.E. McMillan (1)

Postcards: Hugh Robinson at Astoria Centennial (2),
Towing Hugh Robinson on bottom of hydroaeroplane

Photograph: Hugh Robinson signed at San Diego 1911
Modification of Curtiss Model "D" (1)
Lt. Geyer and instructor H.A. Robinson (2),
M.M. Singh of India (1)

Postcard: M.M. Singh of India (1), J.A. McCurdy at controls
Of Curtiss biplane (1), J.J. Ward, Chief Pep-Peo-Lie 1910

Photographs: Lt. T.G. Ellyson, U.S.N. (6), Witiner at
Evansville, IL (1) 1911

Photocopy: Top: Louis Pulham and Hugh Robinson
Bottom: Augustus Post, G.H. Curtiss, and J.A. McCurdy

Orville Wright circling Ft. Myers

Photographs: Orville Wright circling Ft. Myer's
Parade ground 1908

The Curtiss Exhibition Company

Postcards: A portion of the crowd watching 1910
G.H. Curtiss fly over Atlantic City, "The Aeroplane Neck"

Photographs: Grandstands, the Curtiss Exhibition Co.
On the road (5)

Katherine and Wilbur Wright

Negatives: Wilbur Wright flying over field, Katherine
Wright and Orville, his sister, Orville Wright standing
In field.

Photographs: Signed photographs, Wilbur Wright (STORED IN SAFE)
Flying over field and Katherine Wright and Orville Wright
Standing in field

Balloon House, Gimbil Flights

Photographs: Aerial flight, Curtiss biplane (4),
Gimbil Flight, aerial view, Balloon flight, gas welder
And gas house, Ft. Omaha, NB 1908
Glenn H. Curtiss

Postcards: Glenn H. Curtiss (2)

Photographs: Glenn H. Curtiss, one is signed (5) 1908-1929
Jerome S. Fanciulli:

Postcard: Jerome Fanciulli and wife (1)

Photographs: Jerome Fanciulli and wife, J. Fanciulli
Seated in an early Curtiss biplane, the Fanciulli's
Parents, Very early photo of J. Fanciulli, Washington
Staff of the Associate Press 1909
J. Fanciulli seated in biplane with G.H. Curtiss,
Photo of J. Fanciulli 1930

Photographs: J. Fanciulli Truck Co (2)
Curtiss Model E Hydroaeroplane and others:

Photographs: Curtiss model "F" hydroaeroplane, 1912
Curtiss headless, Curtiss exhibition train stopped in
A field, group passed on and around engine, Curtiss
Biplane in flight of an exhibition, Aviator at the
Controls of a Curtiss biplane

Photographs: Wright Memorial dinner, (U.S. News Serv.) 1973
Negatives from above (2), Presentation of Plaque to
J. Fanciulli by Gerald Ford (STORED IN SAFE),

Test sheet (Stan Jennings, Photographer)(1),

Head shots of J. Fanciulli (Susan Bowser, Photographer) (2),

J. Fanciulli at speaker's podium (3), Senator Barry
Goldwater Receiving an award (Photographer, Del Ankers)(3)

J. Fanciulli at dinner (Wright Bros. Day Dinner) 1977
(photographer: Ankers Capitol Photographers) (1),
J. Fanciulli in front of truck at a Ford Dealership (1)

Box 2

Correspondence:

Acquisition of the Jerome S. Fanciulli

George Haddaway	1982, 1984	
J. Fanciulli		1982, 1983
Larry Sall		1982-1983
James R. Greenwood		1982
Gates Lear		
John R. Sutton		1986

Resumes and biographical sketches 1904-1944
Of J. Fanciulli

J. Fanciulli, personal:

Benny Foulois 1967

Mrs. Henry Miller 1977

Harry Combs 1978

Bankruptcy No. 2450: 1931

Marian Callaghan Fanciulli, her family and her
Husband: 1920,1930

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| 6 | Francesco Fanciulli, Clippings, Photographs, Programs of concerts – includes performance of a musical piece by F. Fanciulli, Hugo Worch | 1913
1931 |
| 7 | Correspondence:
Glenn Curtiss announcement of birth of son
Telegram: announcement of death of Glenn Curtiss
Jamestown Exposition: Harvey Wilson, Sidney Wrightson, Richard Bartholdt, W.M. Dixon | 1912
1930
1906-1908 |
| 9 | First flight from Albany, Commemoration
30 th Anniversary of the purchase of First Army Plane
Application for appointment
Reserve officers: H.C. Richards, Francis Sayre, J.A. Ulio | 1930
1942
1939, 1942 |
| 10 | Award: Aviation Space Writers Association
Citation: To Jerome S. Fanciulli
Magazine: News Aviation/Space Writers Association | 1974 |

Aero Club of Washington, Wright Memorial dinners:

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| From: Howard Maginnis, Chairman | 1969 |
| From: George T. Bell, Special Assistant to President | 1972 |
| Remarks: Wright Memorial Dinner | 1973 |
| Wright Brothers A Proclamation (Copy) | 1977 |
| From: Diane Bevivino | 1979 |
| From: George V. Carneal | 1982 |

Includes letter accepting J. Fanciulli's resignation

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| From: Associated Press | |
| From: R.M. McLennan | 1909 |
| From: Roy Knabenshue | 1909 |
| From: John P. Gavit | 1909 |
| From: Herbert Parsons | 1909 |
| From: J.J. Joyce | 1909 |

J. Fanciulli begins association with Glenn H. Curtiss

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| From: J. Fanciulli | 1909 |
| From: Office of Assistant Secretary of Commerce
And Labor | 1909 |
| From: T.T. Tuttle | 1909 |
| From: A.F. Zahm | 1909 |
| From: Perry Arnold | 1909 |
| From: Francis B. Harrison | 1909 |

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| 14 | Bankruptcy: The Herring-Curtiss Case |
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	Contract between Augustus M. Herring and G.H. Curtiss (Copy)	1909
	Supplemental Agreement signed by A.M. Herring And G.H. Curtiss	1909
	Memorandum and Agreement between the Herring-Curtiss, witnessed by Monroe Wheeler	1909
	From: Monroe Wheeler (Copy)	1911
15	From: J. Fanciulli and G.H. Curtiss From: J. H. Whitmer and T.T. Tuttle	n.d.
16	From: J. Fanciulli and G.H. Curtiss	1910
	From: H. W. Sutton	1910
	From: Clifford B. Harman (Copy)	1910
Correspondence:		
	Telegrams, nigh letters, letters from J. Fanciulli And G.H. Curtiss To: John F. Gavit	1911
	From: J. Fanciulli and G.H. Curtiss	1911
	From: Morris Sheppard	1911
18	Telegrams and letters from J. Fanciulli G.H. Curtiss, G.H. Wheeler and others	1911
	From: E.D. Moore	1911
	Ralph D. Websters	1911
	Earle L. Ovington	1911
	Mr. Schaeffer	1911
	H.C. Genund	1911
	Brig. Gen. Allen, USA, Signal Corps	1911
	T.H. Weatherspoon	1911
	J. Hampton Moore	1911
	From: J. Fanciulli, G.H. Curtiss, Monroe Wheeler and others	1912
	Results of trip to Europe, France, Germany Great Britain, Italy and Russia	1912
	From: E.D. Moore, Publicity and Sales Manager	1912
	From: Kimbel and Co., Paris	1912
	From: A.E.R.O.	1912
	From: H. Witmer	1912
20	Telegrams, letters from J. Fanciulli G.H. Curtiss, Charles Whitier:	1912
	From: Richard Bartholdt	1912
	C.A. Whitmer	1912
	Frances B. Harrison	1912
	E.D. Moore	1912

Thomas Brothers	1912
George W. Driscoll	1912
Omsby McHarg	1912
Agreement between J.S. Fanciulli & G.H. Curtiss	1912
From: Beckworth Havens	1912
Thomas Baldwin	1912

Telegrams, letters, The Acquaero Company from

J. Fanciulli and others:	1913
From: Mortimer Delano	1913
J.H. Whitner	1913
Elmer Noel	1913
Henry R. Bond, Jr.	1913
P. LeRoy Harwood	1913
Cesare Cont.	1913
Wm. Wharton	1913
Horation W. [Teyvous]	1913
Jackson S. Elliott	1913
C.M. [Liueolu]	1913
James Luby	1913
J. Fanciulli, G.H. Curtiss and others:	1915-16,1918
C.H. Boynton	1916
John P. Larbox	1918

Box 3

1	Agreements: Jerome Fanciulli and Glenn Curtiss Lawsuit: Information and Chronological Information, claims of J. Fanciulli	1909 & 11
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Agreements: Between various individuals and The Curtiss Exhibition Co	1910
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Contracts: Between the Mobile Register and
Curtiss Exhibition Co.

3	Agreements: Between J.S. Fanciulli and G.H. Curtiss; Christi Iron Works	1911 & 12
Instrument: The Curtiss Exhibition Co. claims J.S. Fanciulli wrongfully	1911 & 12	
Copy of Account:	1910-12	

4	Meeting called by Monroe Wheeler	1911
Agreement: Automobile Locking Device J. Mertz, E. Schatz, J. Fanciulli	1913	

	Contracts: Between J.S. Fanciulli and Charles Bryce Between G.H. Curtiss & Charles F. Willard Buick Motor Company & G.H. Curtiss	1910
5	Contracts: Between G.H. Curtiss & M.F. Griffin J.H. Gribble, The Chicago Evening Post Contract: Herring-Curtiss Company & Buick Motor Company	1910
6	Contracts: Between G.H. Curtiss & M.F. Griffin J.L. Gribble, The Chicago Evening post (unsigned)	1910
7	Contract: Herring – Curtiss Company and prospective buyer of aeroplane	n.d
8	Contracts: Between the Curtiss Exhibition Co. and prospective clients for exhibition flights	n.d
9	Contracts of sale: Between G.H. Curtiss and prospective clients	n.d
10	Leases: The Curtiss Exhibition Co. Re: Aeroplanes equipped with Curtiss Motors Between the Curtiss Co. and aviators and Aircraft and prospective clients	n.d.
11	Prospectus: Advanced subscription offering of \$150,000, The Curtiss Motor Co.	1912
12	Prospectus: The Aqua Ero Company	1913
13	Prospectus: The James Mean Control	1913
14	Receipts: European Trip	1911 & 12
15	Specifications of Curtiss Hydro Aeroplane	n.d.
16	(6) Articles: “The Bird and His Flight” by George G. Bain, Broadway Magazine “The Wright Brothers’ Aeroplane” by Orville and Wilbur Wright, The Century Magazine “A Notable Group of American Experimenters”, Real Navigation of the Air in the American Review of Reviews “The Airship Is Here” by Frederick Todd “Bird Man and Duck Man” by Glenn H. Curtiss	n.d 1908 n.d. 1911

	Country Life in America	
	“Naval Hydro Aeroplane Experiment, United Service Gazette, on professional notes	1911
17	(1) Article, “The Smallest Successful American Aeroplane”, American Machinist	1909
18	Article: “Surface Fiesse”, by Charles Fiesse Institut Aerotechnique de l’Universite de Paris	1912
19	Article: “Grandmother of Aviation” by Virginia Funk	1982
20	Manuscript: “Marine Flying”; a new use for Waterways by Jerome Fanciulli	n.d.
21	Manuscript: “First Cycle in the Progress of Aviation Completed” by J. Fanciulli	n.d.
22	Manuscript: “The Devil of the Sky!” by Jerome Fanciulli	n.d.
23	Manuscript: “We Should Worry!” by J. Fanciulli	n.d.
24	Manuscript: Commemorating Thirty Years of Flight J. Fanciulli	n.d.
25	Manuscript: “Historic Aviation Motor” by J. Fanciulli	n.d.
26	Notes: Wrights will fly in England and Germany 30 th Anniversary of the Wrights 1 st Flight Overview of Early Flight: Wrights in Europe. Events in Great Britain, Germany, Russia, and France	n.d. n.d.
27	Plan: International Air Meet	1910
28	Press Package: Thirtieth Anniversary Air Corps U.S. Army includes 1 group photograph	1939
29	Maintenance: Routine maintenance forms, aircraft	1942
30	Final Report: Fifty thousand tons of wheat loaned to M.G.S. of Allied Forces	1944

Box 4

1	Clippings: J.S. Fanciulli	1909-85 incl.
2	Clipping: Glenn H. Curtiss	1930, 39-40
3	Clippings: Orville and Wilbur Wright	1908-09,42,84
4	Clippings: Kansas City Aero Race Louis Pulham, Thomas Selfridge, Paris Aero Show in September, Lt. Frank P. Lahm, Aeroplane to his rescue	1913
5	Magazines: (2) "An Aero Club for Washington" (2) "Aeronautics, The American Magazine of Aerial Locomotion "The Wright-Curtiss Suit" (2) "Aeronautics, The American Magazine of Aerial Locomotion	1908 1909
6	Magazines: (2) "Aerial Age", Military Number: U.S.A. Air Fleet a Joke, a 1913 Trade Review	1913
7	Aero and Hydro (3) copies Official Publications of the National Press Club The Goldfish Bowl Record	1913 1948 1958
9	Scrapbook: Clip: J. Fanciulli charge publicity Florida Midwinter International Exposition Correspondence: J. Fanciulli lands on staff Of good newspaper Postcards: Orville Wright, Italy Glenn H. Curtiss, France Glenn H. Curtiss, Italy C.C. Witner, France Announcement: Glenn H. Curtiss announces appointment of J.S. Fanciulli to direct the various enterprises Correspondence: From: W. Westland Adjutant General, permission to land on Governor's Island	1907-1976 1907 1907
	STORED IN THE SAFE (Order No. 9597, One Curtiss Aeroplane	1911

Cross Country type, U.S. Army Signal Corps)

Aerogram: Aero Club of America invitation	1909
Aero Club of Washington, J. Fanciulli receives ACW Achievement Award	1968
Correspondence: (copy) From Richard Nixon, Birthday dinner Aero & National Press Club	1971
Aerogram: Aero Club of Washington, Club's 63 rd Anniversary	1971
National Press Club, 63 rd Anniversary	1971
Clipping: Honored by Press Club	1971
World War II:	
Correspondence: From Pfc. Allan Ridgden	1944
Identification: Land Lease Administration	1943
Correspondence: From Col. H.V. Roberts, ACD	n.d.
Correspondence: A.B. Boyce & R. Hebert	1943

Allied Force Headquarters

Transportation Business:

Correspondence from: C.F. Rouze, General Motors Truck	1924
F.A. Whitten, General Motors Truck Co.	1924
S.V. Norton, E.C. Simons, Ford Motor Co.	1964
C.F. Wheatly, Triangle Motors	1958
Correspondence: Senator Harry F. Byrd	1964, 71
Tom Frost	1968
Heil Equipment Co.	1971-75
Certificate of Appreciation, Laytonsville District Vol. Fire Dept., Inc.	1976

10	Memorabilia: Announcement of J. Fanciulli Joining G.H. Curtiss, Monte Carlo passes, Aero Club Washington Membership Cards, Season Passes, Aviation Meet Passes, Release form, Menu	1907-12
11	Memorabilia: Rule book, Rules Officers Committee and events, The Aero Club of Illinois Official Program, Aeronautic Exhibition Aeronautic Exhibition, and Tournament, the Aeronautic Society Morris Park Aerodrom, Pamphlets, Curtiss Aviation Meets, Pamphlets, Curtiss Aviation Schools Books: Curtiss Aeroplanes – the Story of Development between 1908 & 1911, the Curtiss Aeroplane Co.	1907-12 1909
12	Pilot license: Glenn H. Curtiss	
13	Invitations: Reception at the White House	1909

	Le President d'International Sporting Club de Monaco Corner Stone Laying	1940
	Ceremony, Washington National Airport, Official receipt: Democratic National Committee contrib.	1912
14	Program menu: National Aeronautic Breakfast honoring Colonel Charles A. Lindburgh	1927
	Program invitation: Commemorative Aeronautic Meeting	1931
15	Programs & menus: Aero Club of Washington	1949, 69, 71,76, 1977, 81, 82

Box 5

Description

Scrapbook 2 is in poor condition. Eight photographs have been removed, three were torn out of the scrapbook. There are 60 photographs and 11 images cut from photographs. The photographs were taken between the years 1908-1912.

There is one signed photograph by Wilbur Wright, who is in flight over a field. It is a thin print, and the signature appears to be reproduced. There are two photographs of the Wright Biplane, one at Ft. Myers and the other [Orville Wright] flying over a field in France. Various photographs were taken at an exhibition event at the lake front aviation grounds in Chicago in 1911. Both Jerome and Marian Fanciulli were present at this exhibition. Glenn Curtiss is photographed with aviators and unidentified persons interested in aviation.

The personal life of the Fanciulli family is featured on several pages and includes an infant. Two pages feature Marian Fanciulli in Europe. Some of the lake scenes are in box 1. One page depicts the family dog.

There are two clippings, one depicting a sketch of Marian Fanciulli's hat and the other a side view of Jerome Fanciulli.