

Guide to the
Maurice M. Kay Collection
(1906 -)

Collection Dates: 1920 - 1980

Bulk Dates: 1940 - 1967

3.8 linear feet

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Biographical Sketch:

Maurice M. Kay was born in 1906. In the early 1920's he learned to fly at The Long Flying School in Dallas, Texas. Upon receiving his pilot's license he purchased his own plane and toured the country as a barnstormer and contract pilot. In 1931 he began flying for Bowen Airlines, a regional airline operating in Texas and Oklahoma. In 1934 he went to work for Long and Harmon, another Texas regional airline, to fly passengers. While working for the airline he became involved in a dispute over pilot pay scales and contracts, and although he did not join the ALPA (Airline Pilot's Association) he stood with them in the fight to get Long and Harmon to obey the federal pay schedules. This led to Kay being fired from Long and Harmon and a lengthy series of hearings and trials. Kay joined American Airways (the future American Airlines) soon after leaving Long and Harmon.

In 1942 Kay was contracted from American Airlines to fly C-54's for the Army Air Transport Command during World War II. After the war Kay served as a Pilot Instructor providing transition training of pilots from the DC-3 to the DC-4. He then spent three years as an assistant chief pilot and check pilot, before returning to line flying for American.

In 1960, Kay became a flight instructor on the Lockheed L-188, and also qualified as a pilot on the Boeing 707 and 727, which he continued to fly until he retired from American in 1966. Kay spent 32 years flying for American Airlines. After his retirement he continued to take an active interest in aviation

Sources

M.M. Kay Collection, History of Aviation Collection, Special Collections Department, McDermott Library, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Hopkins, George B. *Flying the Line: The First Half Century of The Air Line Pilots Association*. Washington, D.C.: ALPA Press, 192.

Series Description

The M.M. Kay collection consists of one series of six boxes of material totaling 3.8 linear feet. It is composed of loose material in folders. The collection is described at the folder level. See container list for the title of individual folders.

Scope and Content Note

The M.M. Kay Collection contains material personally collected by M.M. Kay throughout his career in commercial aviation. It includes pictures, newspaper clippings, flight manuals, correspondence, government publications and ephemera related to aviation.

Provenance Statement

The M.M. Kay Collection was donated to the History of Aviation Collection, McDermott Library Special Collections by Maurice M. Kay, Jr. in December of 1988.

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Container list

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M.M. Kay Collection: Container List

Box 1

Titles, Dates, and Description

Folder

- 1 Hail: Excerpts from Summary of Available Literature (1948)
- 2 Recognition Training Diploma and AA Retirement Plan (1943)
- 3 Supplemental Agreement Between America Airlines and ALPA (1943)
- 4 Report of the Civil Aeronautics Board (1943)
- 5 American Airlines Operations Documents (1941 – 1944)
- 6 Douglas DC-2 Manual (1932)
- 7 CAB Civil Air Regulations (1943)
- 8 American Airlines Operation Manual (1943)
- 9 47 Maps (1943 – 1966)

Box 2

- 1 American Airlines Radio Range Navigation Map (1935)
- 2 Starfinder and Identifier (1943)
- 3 Douglas Service Bulletins (1935 – 1936)
- 4 American Airlines Operational Memos (Folder A) (1935)
- 5 American Airlines Operational Memos (Folder B) (1935)
- 6 2 Navigational Maps (1943)
- 7 H.O. No. 214: Table of Computed Altitude and Azimuth (1940)
- 8 Southern Alternate Air Route (1943)

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Box 3

Titles, Dates, and Description

Folder

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|---|---|
| 1 | Business Correspondence (1925 – 1944) |
| 2 | Miscellaneous Maps (Folder A) (1930 – 1943) |
| 3 | Miscellaneous Maps (Folder B) (1930 – 1943) |
| 4 | Fuel Consumption and Radio Ranges (1957 – 1962) |
| 5 | 6 Navigational Computers and Instructions (1959) |
| 6 | <i>The Curtiss Standard JN-4 Military Tractor Handbook</i> (1918) |
| 7 | <i>The Curtiss Standard Model OX-5 Parts List</i> (1917) |
| 8 | 12 Pilot's Logbooks (1928 – 1940; 1944 – 1966) |

Box 4

Folder

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| 1 | Military Flight Instructions (1943) |
| 2 | Miscellaneous Navigational Maps (1943 – 1966) |
| 3 | <i>Colvin and Colvin Aircraft Handbook</i> (1921) |
| 4 | 2 Pilot's Notepads (1935 – 1943) |
| 5 | American Airlines Flight Manual Part I (1963) |
| 6 | Lycoming R-680 Instruction Book (1930) |
| 7 | Broadcast Data (1941) |
| 8 | <i>Blind or Instrument Flying?</i> (1931) |

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<u>Box 5</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
<u>Folder</u>	
1	Personal Correspondence (1932 – 1975)
2	Employment Contracts (1932 – 1973)
3	Customer Comments (1946 – 1965)
4	American Airlines Incident Reports (1938 – 1964)
5	American Airlines Letters of Commendation (1945 – 1964)
6	American Airlines Operation Information (1937 – 1941)
7	American Airlines Transfer Requests (1941 – 1947)
8	Instrument Check Reports (1943 – 1948)
9	Proficiency and Line Check Reports (1941 – 1960)
10	Airway Charts (1966)
11	Airport Diagrams (1935 – 1936)
12	American Airlines Route Maps (1943 – 1966)
13	State Maps (1943 – 1966)
14	Federal Government Aviation Reports (1940 – 1979)
15	Newspaper Clippings (1935 – 1979)
16	Pamphlets and Articles (1930 – 1979)
17	Photographs (1944 – 1966)
18	Postcards and Decals (1943 – 1966)

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<u>Box 6</u>	<u>Titles, Dates, and Description</u>
<u>Folder</u>	
1	Altitude Temperature Computers - (5)
2	Pilot's Notebooks – (3) (1934 – 1966)
3	Directional Computer (1960)
4	Gentleman's Travel Kit (1934 – 1966)
5	Cloth Handkerchief (1934 – 1966)
6	American Airlines Maintenance Bulletins
7	Air Routes and Airport Guide (1965)
8	American Airlines Flight Manual – General Regulation and Procedures (1963)
9	American Airlines Grey Eagle Service Plaque (1966)
10	American Airlines Employee Badge (1934)
11	Hearing Aid (1970)
12	Business Cards and Holders (1934 – 1960)
13	American Airlines Matchbook (1960)
14	3 Patches (1940 – 1945)
15	Computation Charts (1960)
16	American Airlines Pins (1934 – 1966)
17	Cigarette Lighter (1940 – 1945)
18	Miscellaneous Pins and Rings (1941 – 1945)
19	Photograph: American Airlines Dinner (1947)
20	Jeppsen Briefing Bulletin (1962)

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21 707 Turbine Guide (1965)