

LIBERTY AVIATION MUSEUM



Senne Collection

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Introduction

This collection was given to the Liberty Aviation Museum by Steven K. Senne on February 19, 2016. Permission to use this collection for research purposes was granted by the donor.

Biographical Sketch

This collection features archives from Janet Senne (1921-2015) a local historian from the Sandusky, Ohio area. These archives are related to early aviation and include items like newspaper articles, periodicals, personal notes, photocopies, maps, postcards, a scrapbook, public presentation on early aviation and a display board. Senne's involvement in local historical and cultural groups was widespread and enduring.

Senne was president of the Erie County Historical Society from 1984-2011 and was also widely active in local heritage societies, old house guilds, and Sandusky's Follett House Museum. Senne was often consulted on aspects of Erie County history and played active roles in dedicating many Firelands Area historic markers. She would even occasionally don period costumes and deliver character portrayals of significant women in local history. All these involvements were supported and shared by her late husband, Donald W. Senne. Mr. Senne was also a multi-year constructor in the Tri Motor Restoration Project happening at The Liberty Aviation Museum in recent years.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of archives relating to early aviation in the Firelands (Erie, Huron and Lorain Counties) area. Some items that are included in this collection consist of the following; newspaper articles, periodicals, personal notes, photocopies, maps, postcards, a scrapbook, public presentation on early aviation and a display board. This collection highlights early aviation as well as involvement in cultural and historical groups in the Firelands area. This

collection shows how vast Janet Senne's involvement in aviation history, aviation, events, and characters were.

A large majority of these archives were gathered by Senne herself in preparation for a 2003 presentation entitled 'Firelands Flyers, the Early Birds' This presentation offered a detailed history of the lively aviation scene found in the Sandusky, Ohio area between the years 1910 and 1919. Over many decades, Mrs. Senne focused on notable movements, buildings, characters, and events found in Northern Ohio history. This focus resulted in many talks and also presentations in alternative modes such as puppet shows, docent roles, and model building lectures.

Inventory

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Box 1

Folder 1- Airplane Book

(Page content dedicated to the following people)

Milo Burchman
Lieut. R.L.R Atcherly
Douglas Davis
Col. Roscoe Turner
Army Air Corps

Folder 2-Bert Hall (WW1 Combat Aviator)

Articles (ca. 1930-50's)
Soldiers of Fortune by Sterling Seagrence; TLBook, 1981
Tigers in the Asian Sky, Pg. 76-80\
Bert Hall (1), Border Scouts (1922), a romance of the Air (1918)
Handwritten notes about Bert Hall

Folder 3-Wright Brothers

Cleared for Takeoff, Otto Lilienthal
The Peninsular News 1984, Beginning of the Wright Brothers
The First Published Account of the Wright Brother Flight, by Amos Root
Inventing Flight, by John Wisse
Cleared for takeoff, by Jack McGuire
Newspaper articles, about The Wright Brothers
Poster-Summary of Wright Brothers, 1900-1903

Folder 4- Reinhardt, Ausmus

Reinhardt, Ausmus-Autobiography (ca. 1911-1970)
National Aviation Hall of Fame, Enshrinees (2002)
Reinhardt, Massillon's Early Bird Aviator (2005)
Early Bird Flying Experiences By Reiny Ausmus
Periodicals pertaining to early aviation and Reinhardt, Ausmus

Chapter XIX 'They Fly So High'

Folder 5

'Flyin' Wright on by' 10/07/2010 (article)
Two Photos, Home of Josh and Paul Wreler
Firelands Flyers-The Early Birds History
Phot of plaque dedicated at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, 12/06/1961
Misc. Paper and Writings related to Firelands Flyers

Folder 6-Publications

(1984) 'The Adventures of Aviator, Paul Wilber' by- Foster A. Lane
(2010) Reminisce, *The Magazine that Brings Back the Good Times*
(2003) Ohio, Sky High Magazine

Folder 7-

Newspaper articles about Wright Brothers
Handwritten notes about library index and some pertaining to Wright Brothers
Copy of front page of New York Tribune from 01/08/1921
Darius Greene and His Flying Machine (1869) by John Trowbridge
Misc. paper items, including items like the following; Email correspondence, mailers and flyers sent to Janet Senne, as well as other items
Copies of publications like the following ones; Frist Airplane, the History of the Kings of Britain, and up, up and away

Folder 8-

Copied articles about early aviators from ca.1910-1915
Copies of articles from Sandusky register, with content pertaining to early aviation in Sandusky Ohio and specially Ausmus Reinhardt (ca. 1940-1960)
Copies of articles about women in aviation
Articles and other paper items pertaining to Bert Hall

Folder 9

Firelands flyers, articles, local histories, and other paper items

* Objects in relation to the Senne Collection, *i.e.* *Book entitled 'Adventures of Aviator of Paul Wilbur, one Button (Ford Trimotor Restoration) and display board and one Charles H. Hubbell framed print,* can be viewed upon request on site at **Liberty Aviation Museum** *