Descriptive Finding Guide for Darline "Dottie" Sanders Personal Papers
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Biographical / Historical
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Conditions Governing Access
Open to research, some restrictions may apply.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
The collection was donated to SDASM.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Ninety-Nines (Organization)
Powder Puff Derby
Gillespie Field (El Cajon, Calif. : Airport)
Sanders, Darline "Dottie"

SERIES I: Correspondence
Folder 1 -- Correspondence, 1956 - 1957
Physical Description: 1. Letters from Mrs. Sanders, primarily to her husband, about her air races. 2. Miscellaneous cards and postcards.

SERIES II: Air Races
Folder 2 -- Chicken of the Sea Sponsor Documents & Photographs 1950
Physical Description: Press releases for Chicken of the Sea entry in the 4th Annual All-Women's Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), June 11, 1950.

Folder 3 -- Piggly Wiggly Super-Market Race Ads, 1953
Physical Description: Piggly Wiggly newspaper ads for sponsored entry in AWTAR race, July 3, 1953.

Folder 4 -- Sponsorship in AWTAR Air Race, 1954
Folder 5 -- AWTAR Powder Puff Derby, July 2-6, 1955
Folder 6 -- San Diego Junior Chamber of Commerce Air Games, November 10-15, 1955
Folder 7 -- AWTAR Air Races, July 7-12, 1956
Folder 8 -- AWTAR Air Races, July 6-10, 1957

SERIES III: 99s

Folder 9 -- 99s

SERIES IV: Newspaper Clippings

Folder 10 -- AWTAR Newspaper Clippings, 1955
Folder 11 -- AWTAR Newspaper Clippings, 1956
Folder 12 -- Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings, 1956 - 1957
Folder 13 -- General Aviation Articles, 1955 - 1956

SERIES V: Photographs

Folder 14 -- Photographs