The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Glover Edwin Ruckstell Personal Papers
SDASM.SC.10120

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Language of Material: English  
Contributing Institution: San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives  
Title: Glover Edwin Ruckstell Personal Papers  
creator: Ruckstell, Glover Edwin  
Identifier/Call Number: SDASM.SC.10120  
Physical Description: 0.45 Cubic Feetone archive box, 15x5x10.5 in,  
Date (inclusive): 1891-1963  
Abstract: This collection contains the personal papers of G.E. Ruckstell. He was involved in early design and manufacturing of both automobiles and airplanes.  
Language of Material: English  
Related Materials  
Related SDASM Resources: LB 055 Glover E. Ruckstell, logbooks May 1928- October 1941 (3 books)  
Immediate Source of Acquisition  
The materials in this Collection were donated to the San Diego Air and Space Museum.  
Biographical / Historical  
A mechanical and aeronautical engineer, not really remembered as a driver, Glover was more behind the scenes, firstly as Mercer team manager, and then found fame by developing the two speed rear axle which would be adopted by Ford’s Model T trucks. While he had been involved in automobile racing, aviation was his main interest. He became head of the Hall Scott Airplane department, before setting up his own manufacturing company, being closely intertwined with Ford. A licensed pilot and engine mechanic, he founded the company, Grand Canyon-Boulder Dam Tours, which was the first enterprise to provide comprehensive tourist services.  
His background in automobile and machine shops earned him a World War I commission in the United States of America Aeroservice Aircraft Production Department.  
Conditions Governing Access  
This collection is open to the public by appointment.  
Conditions Governing Use  
For copyright and use restrictions please consult the library director.  
Scope and Contents  
This collection is contained in one archive box, 15x5x10.5 in, and it has 10 folders. The first portion of the items in this collection are correspondence Ruckstell obtained during World War I, from February to August 1918. It should be noted that Ruckstell was also known by “Roxy” and any mention of such in the collection refers to Ruckstell himself. The collection also contains general correspondence, references and applications for Ruckstell to join the United States Navy Reserve, and identification cards and certificates. Additionally there are documents from the beginnings of Ruckstell Corporation and advertisements for the Ruckstell Axle. Also, there are letters and applications to join the Who’s Who Society, as well as legal documents from the Aerojet-Hayward-Ruckstell Negotiations, two log books, and other miscellaneous documents. Papers which were stapled together have remained in their original order and have been organized by the date on the first page. Those pages, since they were stapled as one unit, are listed under the same number in the box listing and individual documents within that unit are separated from one another with a semi colon.  
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Hall, E.J. (Hall, Elbert John)  
Grand Canyon Airlines
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Box 01
Folder 01 - February-May 1918, Correspondence

Folder 02 - June-August 1918, Correspondence

Folder 03 - Correspondence, General


Folder 04 - United States Naval Reserve Documents


Folder 05 - Ruckstoll Corporation and Axle

Folder 06 - Aerojet Documents

Folder 07 - Who's Who Society; and Resume and References

Folder 08 - Identification Cards and Certificates

Folder 09 - Miscellaneous Documents
Folder 10 - Logbooks

Physical Description: 1. Model B9-4000, owner Ruckstell Corp Ltd., Serial No. 1397, Plane License Number: NR-158V from June 3, 1930 to August 16, 1933. 2. Model D-4000, owner Ruckstell Corp, Serial No. 1380, Plane License Number: NC-478N, no year, June 7 to November 2 following year.