The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Hollis Hills Personal Papers
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**Language of Material:** English

**Contributing Institution:** San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives

**Title:** Hollis Hills Personal Papers

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**Physical Description:** .35 Cubic Feet This is a two box collection, both boxes with measurements 12 ¾ x 10 ½ x 5 inches. The majority of this collection contains letters to and from Hollis Hills, Kenneth Hills, Mrs. Zelma S. Hills (mother), Linda, Pamela, Mickey, Bill Henry, and G. Clark. The letters range from 1926 to 1967. The collection also contains an assortment of news clips, I.D. and membership cards, certificates, booklets, and a few photographs. There are two items in the Oversized Materials Special Collection (OMSC_00001). One item is a Pacific Southwest Airlines Poster (Hills_2), and the other is a “La Torre” South Pasadena Junior High School newsletter (Hills_1).

**Date (bulk):** bulk

**Abstract:** Hollis Hills grew up in Pasadena, California. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (R.C.A.F.) in June 1940 and became a pilot on June 22, 1941, with the R.C.A.F.’s 414 Squadron. Prior to Pearl Harbor, Hollis was transferred to Croydon (Greater London), England to continue to fly and train with the Royal Air Force. He was transferred to the U.S. Navy on November 8, 1942.

**Biographical / Historical**
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**Conditions Governing Access**
The collection is open to research by appointment.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**
The collection was donated to the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

**Scope and Contents**
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**Related Materials**
RCAF Files.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Royal Canadian Air Force
Fighter Squadron 32 (VF-32)
Fighter Squadron 150 (VF-150)
Hills, Hollis

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**Series I - Personal Documents**

**Folder 1 - Certificates, I.D.’s, Booklets**

Physical Description: This folder contains a marriage certificate, a war rations booklet, a memorandum pocketbook, a life insurance policy, boy scout ID, and other membership cards.

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Folder 2 - School Paraphernalia
Physical Description: This folder contains report cards, a certificate of promotion, commencement pamphlet, and more.

Series II - Newspaper Clips

Folder 3 - Newspaper Clips
Physical Description: This folder contains newspaper clips about radio contest winners, RAF reconnaissance description, a short biography of Kenneth Hills, the LA street car/bus operator strike and trial, and Saint Paulias.

Series III - Photographs

Folder 4 - Photographs
Physical Description: This folder contains six photographs of a house, a racecar track, and a P-51 Mustang.

Series IV

Folder 5 - Miscellaneous
Physical Description: This folder contains child drawings, police citations, a tag, a ticket, and a picture.

Series V - Correspondence

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Folder 7 - “No-envelope” Correspondence
Folder 8 - Letters & Envelopes 1926
Folder 9 - Letters & Envelopes 1929
Folder 10 - Letters & Envelopes 1932
Folder 11 - Letters & Envelopes 1935
Folder 12 - Letters & Envelopes 1940
Folder 13 - Letters & Envelopes 1941

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Series V - Correspondence (cont)

Folder 1 - Letters & Envelopes 1942
Folder 2 - Letters & Envelopes 1943
Folder 3 - Letters & Envelopes 1944
Folder 4 - Letters & Envelopes 1945
Folder 5 - Letters & Envelopes 1948
Folder 6 - Letters & Envelopes 1949
Folder 7 - Letters & Envelopes 1967

Series VI - Oversized Materials

3. Five map rolls of WWII France.