Daniel Egger papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Daniel Egger papers
Inclusive Dates: 1927-2019
Collection Number: mssEgger
Collector: Egger, Daniel Frederic
Extent: 3 boxes, 1 oversize folder, 1 flash drive, and 1 tube (1.04 linear feet)
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Abstract: The Daniel Egger papers include correspondence, printed matter, and photographs related to Daniel Egger’s career in the aerospace industry.

Language of Material: The records are in English and Spanish.

Access
Collection is open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, please go to following web site.
NOT AVAILABLE: The collection contains one flash drive, which is unavailable until reformatted. Please contact Reader Services for more information.
RESTRICTED: Tube 1 (previously housed in Box 1, folder 1). Due to size of original, original will be available only with curatorial permission.

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Acquisition Information

Processing Information
Collection was processed by Gina C Giang in October 2017. In June 2019, Box 3 and a flash drive was added to the collection and the finding aid updated by Giang.

Biography
Daniel Egger was a Swiss-born engineer who worked for John Knudsen "Jack" Northrop at Lockheed on the Vega, at Avion and, when Avion was bought by United Aircraft & Transport Corporation (UATC), at Northrop Aircraft Corporation in Burbank, California. Due to circumstances beyond his control and not of his fault, he and his family were deported back to Switzerland in 1930. He maintained a correspondence with Jack Northrop throughout and, with Northrop’s help, came back to the United States in 1938/39, eventually working for the Vega Airplane Company, Garret AiResearch and Northrop Aircraft Inc.

Scope and Content
The Daniel Egger papers include correspondence, printed matter, and photographs related to Daniel Egger’s career in the aerospace industry. The letters that may prove to be the most interesting in this collection are between John Knudsen Northrop and Egger regarding his immigration status. In a letter dated January 4, 1934, Northrop makes an effort to find Egger a position in Germany. He writes, “It occurs to me that with the tremendous outpouring of Jews from Germany there should be good positions for men with aeronautical experience in that country considering the large number of Jews with technical experience who were deported.” Other correspondence includes letters from Northrop’s wife, Inez Northrop, and her helper, Emma Nuila, to Alexander Egger. There is also some material in Spanish where Egger spent some time in El
Salvador in 1922 and 1926. The early photographs in this collection include Lockheed Aircraft Company during the Vega, Air Express, and Alpha period. Other photographs include Egger’s involvement in the Snark missile program and images of other pilots. There are also some personal photographs related to Northrop’s home, children, and Big Bear cabin. There is one large blueprint of either the Northrop Aircraft Corporation Alpha or Beta wing. Other material found scattered throughout the collection consists of newspaper clippings, greeting cards, invitations, negatives, and postcards.

The oversize folder includes ten images and photographs removed from glass frames.

Box 3 includes one address book, certificates, correspondence, ephemera, negatives, and photographs. Included is Albert Einstein’s signature on a piece of paper from a conference in France, dated March 20, 1922. The flash drive contains approximately 85 GB of data and includes a detailed Excel guide, high resolution .tiff and .jpg scans of each item in the collection; including fronts and backs where necessary. The scans and information were provided by Tony Chong, Historian Emeritus, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Sector in 2019.

Cataloger’s note: The EC-# was an original numbering system that was retained when the collection arrived. The EC-#s mirror the EC-#s found on the flash drive.

Personal Names
Egger, Daniel Frederic
Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955 -- Signer
Heinemann, Edward H., 1908-1991
Humberstone, Harry
Northrop, John Knudsen, 1895-1981
Vultee, Jerry, 1900-1938

Corporate Names
Douglas Aircraft Corporation
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation
Northrop Aircraft Corporation
Vega Aircraft Corporation

Subjects
Aerospace engineering -- California, Southern -- History
Aerospace engineers -- California, Southern -- History
Aerospace industries -- California, Southern -- History
Airplanes -- Design and construction
Engineers

Geographic Areas
Burbank (Los Angeles County, Calif.)

Genre
Clippings (information artifacts)
Letters (correspondence)
Personnel records
Photographs

Box 1
Folder 1  Blueprints - Printed ephemera
          Blueprints, (1930)

          Northrop Aircraft Corporation [Alpha] wing assembly.
          Relocated to Tube 1.

Folder 2  EC-12 -- Letters (correspondence), (1930-1952)

          Related to Daniel Egger: United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service; and employment at Northrop Aircraft, Inc.

Folder 3  **EC-13 -- Letters (correspondence), (1940-1985)**
Primarily letters from Inez Northrop to Alexander and Daniel Egger
Included: Greeting cards; invitations; and postcards.

Folder 4  **EC-14 -- Letters (correspondence), (1935-1961)**
Miscellaneous.
Included: C.J. Dunn; Cliff Garrett; Igor Sikorsky; Jack Seiter; negative; Northrop Aircraft Corporation; postcards; T.H. Quayle; and W.E. Luff.

Folder 5  **EC-15 -- Letters (correspondence), (1935-1960)**
Included: Invitations; newspaper clippings; photographs; and postcards.

Folder 6  **Letters (correspondence), (1952-1970)**
Emma Nuila: Inez Northrop's companion / helper.

Folder 7  **Personnel records, (1945-1967)**
Daniel Egger
Included: AiResearch Manufacturing Company of Los Angeles (Calif.) agreement; certificates; letters; Northrop Aircraft Corporation receipts, reviews and statements; and resumes.

Folder 8  **EC-16 -- Printed ephemera, (1944-1963)**
Miscellaneous
Included: Business cards; certificates; directories; greeting card; invitations; Los Angeles International Airport plan; newspaper clippings; Northrop Flying Wing [report]; ration books; and sketches.

Box 2  **Photographs**
Folder 1  **EC-01 -- Photographs, (1927-1950)**
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.
Included: Antony Stadelman; Charles A. (Charles Augustus) Lindbergh, 1902-1974; Daniel Egger; Frank Hawks, 1897-1938; Harold Bromley, 1898-1998; Herd Fay; Jerry Vultee, 1900-1938; Lockheed Air Express; [Lockheed Model 8 Sirius]; Lockheed Vega; Oscar Grubb; negatives; Sir George H. (George Hubert) Wilkins, 1888-1958 ship; United States. National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics; Woody Deeds; and Yankee Doodle monoplane.

Folder 2  **EC-02 -- Photographs, (1929)**
Flying Wing "Avion."
Included: Negatives.

Folder 3  **EC-03 -- Photographs, (1929-1930)**
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

Folder 4  **EC-04 -- Photographs, (1932-1933)**
Douglas Aircraft Corporation.
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