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Descriptive Summary

Title: George H. Prudden Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1910-1965
Collection number: 907
Creator: Prudden, George H., 1896-1964
Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.) 1 oversize box 1 oversize folder
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.
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Abstract: George H. Prudden (1896-1964) was a pioneer aviator and aircraft designer. He designed and built (with Bill Stout) the all-metal plane for the U.S. Navy and built the first internally-stressed wing. The collection consists of correspondence, clippings, and photographs related to Prudden's career in aviation.

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Biography
Prudden was born in Minnesota in 1896; attended University of Minnesota; designed and built (with Bill Stout) the all-metal plane for the U.S. Navy; developed his elastic center of inertia formula; built the first internally-stressed wing in the U.S.; organized the Prudden-San Diego Airplane Company, 1927, which later dissolved; designed and built Candler Field, Atlanta, Georgia; began work for the Lockheed Company, 1932; member and Vice President, Early Birds organization; died January 27, 1964.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, clippings, and photographs related to the career of pioneer aviator and aircraft designer George H. Prudden.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Arranged by subject.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Airplanes--Design and construction.

Box 1, Folder 1


Box 1, Folder 2

Photographs (1920-1956), including Stout Air Sedan, Lockheed.

Note
Most identified.

Box 1, Folder 3

Photographs (1920-1956), including Stout Air Sedan, Lockheed.

Note
Identified by Nancy Prudden.
Box 1, Folder 4

**Photograph album (1929-1931).**

**Scope and Content Note**

Early clay & plaster models of planes, Prudden Whitehead Monoplane factory, etc.

Box 1, Folder 5

**Prudden Whitehead Monoplane. 1931.**

**Scope and Content Note**


Box 1, Folder 6

**Photograph albums of Prudden All Metal Planes.**

**Physical Description:** 2 vol.

Box 1, Folder 7

**Photographs of early aviation, including Stout Air Pullman.**

Box 1, Folder 8

**Photographs--George Prudden.**

Box 1, Folder 9

**Photographs--early aviation, Lockheed.**

Box 1, Folder 10

**Letters of recommendation for George Prudden. 1926.**

**Physical Description:** Original and photostat.

**Speeches by George Prudden**

Box 1, Folder 11

- Plastics in aircraft tooling. 1943.

Box 1, Folder 12

- What makes a good airplane. 1949.

Box 1, Folder 13

- Inspection. 1951.

Box 1, Folder 14

- Early aviation. 1951.

Box 1, Folder 15

- Adam couldn’t fly. 1953 and 1954.

Box 3, Folder 1

- Quality control night. 1956.

Box 3, Folder 2

- Early days of flying. 1956.

Box 3, Folder 3

- Lockheed's fortieth anniversary. n.d.

Box 2

**Scrapbook. 1912-1957.**

**Note**
Box 3, Folder 4

**Lockheed--letters and memos.**

Box 3, Folder 5

**Lockheed--press release re George Prudden.**

Box 3, Folder 6

**George Henry Prudden biographical sketch.**

Box 3, Folder 7

**George Henry Prudden by Nancy Prudden [Mrs. George Henry Prudden].**

Box 3, Folder 8

**University of Illinois fraternity certificate, Alpha Rho Chi. 1919.**

Box 3, Folder 9

**Obituaries.**

Box 3, Folder 10

**Prudden scholarship, University of California, Irvine.**

Box 3, Folder 11

**Clippings re George Prudden, Earl Prudden, Lockheed, etc.**

Box 3, Folder 11

**Tanforan Air Field. 1911, photo by Louis Renand(?).**

Physical Description: 16 × 39.5.