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Herrins, Augustus Moore, 1867-1926.
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Summary: Transcripts of Herrins-Curtiss Company vs. Glenn Curtiss et al., briefs, exhibits, correspondence, and other papers pertaining to this lawsuit in which William Maloney was one of the principal trial lawyers, and to relitigation; incorporation papers, minutes, resolutions, stock certificates, legal documents, correspondence, and other items (1909-1031) relating to the business affairs of the company; Augustus Herrins's scrapbook (1896-1909) and notebook (ca. 1903-1910) dealing with his role in airplane and slider development and his correspondence with the United States Patent Office (1913); blueprints, photographs, pamphlets, and clippings relating to general aspects of aviation development.

Indexes: Box list; partial item list.

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- 1. Curtiss, Glenn Hammond, 1878-1930.
- 2. Maloney, William.
- 3. Herrins-Curt Company.
- 4. United States. Patent Office.
- 5. Aeronautics--History.
- 6. Aeronautics--Patents.
- 7. Gliders (Aeronautics)
- 8. Inventions.
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- 10. Blueprints.
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Augustus Moore Herring, 1867-1926. Papers, 1891-1931.
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The Herring Curtiss Company papers contain bound and unbound transcripts of the Herring-Curtiss Company vs. Glenn Curtiss suit, legal briefs, documents; and letters relating to the suit, in which Wm. Maloney was one of the trial lawyers; a transcript of the Wright brother's suit against the Herring-Curtiss Company; letters and documents relating to the financial transactions of the Herring-Curtiss Company; letters from Augustus Herring to the U.S. Patent Office requesting patent rights or the right to amend a patent and the Patent Office replies; airplane blueprints, photographs, magazines, newspaper clippings, and pamphlets relating to the more general aspects of aviation development, 1891-1931.

Card entries:

Herring, Augustus Moore,
1867-1926. Papers,
1891-1931.

Cross References:

Aviation
Curtiss, Glenn Hammond, 1878-1930
Herring-Curtiss Company
Inventions (aeronautical)
Maloney, William J., 1877-1953
Patents (airplane)
Wright, Orville, 1871-1948, and
Wilbur, 1867-1912.

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NOTE: Researchers must use pos. microfilm of scrapbook in Box #3. per KT, 9/12/86

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Box inventory and detailed description of portions:

Box #1 contains letters and manuscripts relating to airplane development, financial transactions of the Herring-Curtiss Company, and the Herring-Curtiss vs Glenn Curtiss suit, 1894-1931.

The following items are of special importance:

1. Carbon copies of letters from August Herring to James Gordon Bennett of the New York Herald requesting financial aid for aviation research and explaining current progress and innovations, October 23, 1897 and December 4, 1897. Also available on mf. (neg. & pos.), 11-30-74.
2. Application to the United States Patent Office of Orville and Wilbur Wright for improvements in flying machines, February 10, 1908.
3. Letter to Augustus Herring from the United States Patent Office concerning Herring's application for patent and pointing out inadequacies in Herring's blueprints, August 16, 1909.
4. Carbon copy of letter from Herring to the United States Patent Office correcting blueprint errors and submitting new papers, August 26, 1909.
5. Standard Audit Company Vs Herring-Curtiss Company, summons, city of New York, November 20, 1909.
6. Carbon copies of letters from Herring to John Hassett concerning financial transactions of the Herring-Curtiss Company and condemning Glenn Curtiss' business policies, December 7, 1909, December 8, 1909, December 16, 1909.
7. Letter to Augustus Herring from the United States Patent Office containing a partial rejection of Herring patent claims, April 21, 1910.
8. Letter to Augustus Herring from the United States Patent Office containing suggestions to Herring on airplane patent, May 23, 1910.
9. Letters from the United States Patent Office replying to Herring's application for patent amendment, May 5, 1910 and June 6, 1910.
10. Preliminary statements of Augustus Herring, Herring vs Bernhard Montgomery Beskow, March 23, 1911.
11. Denial of Herring's petition of Interference, June 29, 1911.
12. Carbon copy of Herring's proposed amendment to June 18, 1910 Patent Application, September 21, 1911.
13. Carbon copy of statements relating to the Herring-Beskow case.
14. Carbon copies of Herring's proposed amendments to his June 18, 1910 patent application, November 12, 30, 1912.
15. Letter to Herring from United States Post Office rejecting his proposed amendment of November 12, 1912; December 16, 1912
16. Carbon copies of Herring's new proposed amendments to his June 18, 1910 patent application, December 15, 19, 1913.

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18. Biographical statement of financial position and character of Glenn Curtiss, November 6, [REDACTED] 1915. No author given.
19. Resolution adopted by stockholders of Herring-Curtiss Company, January 8, 1917.
20. Resolution adopted by Board of Directors of Herring-Curtiss Company, January 8, 1917.
21. Copy of Herring-Martin contract, November 17, 1923.
Also, correspondence of William Maloney, 1919-31. See attached addenda sheet.
22. List of common stock holders in the Herring-Curtiss Company, original issue and changes, undated.
23. An estimate (by Herring) of financial losses due to the Wright brothers injunction, undated.
24. Copy of a Herring-Curtiss agreement, undated.
25. Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Herring-Curtiss Company, undated.
26. Description of an experimental plane, undated.
27. Resolution of the Directors of the Herring-Curtiss Company directed to Monroe Wheeler, Glenn Curtiss, and Thomas Baldwin, undated.

Box #2 contains legal documents, magazine articles, and loose unbound printed material concerning aviation development, 1891-1931.

List of legal documents (those of special importance):

1. Letters patent from U.S.A. to Augustus M. Herring for anti-drip nose for pitchers - August 11, 1891.
2. Warranty deeds:
 1. from John H. Jefferis of Rochester to Abraham L. Brakman and wife Caroline Brakman of Rochester for tract of land in Rochester - received April 26, 1905.
 2. from Abraham L. Brakman and wife Caroline Brakman of Rochester to Alice Elizabeth Lisk of same place for same tract of land in Rochester as that described in deed 2 #1 - received January 30, 1914
3. Bond on Alice Elizabeth Lisk of Rochester to Caroline Brakman of same place for sum of money - January 28, 1914.
4. Mortgage for indebtedness of A. E. Lisk to Caroline Brakman in connection with land conveyed by deed 2 #2 - received January 30, 1914.
5. Bond on A. E. Lisk to the Albany City Savings Institution for sum of money in connection with her indebtedness - June 5, 1914.

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 2. common, to A.M. Herring - March 27, 1909.
 3. common, to Hugh L. Willoughby - July 12, 1909.
 4. preferred, to A.M. H. - July 12, 1909.
 5. preferred, to Hugh L. Willoughby - July 12, 1909
 6. common, to A.M.H. - September 8, 1909.
 7. Common, to A.M.H. - November 8, 1909.
 8. preferred, to A.M.H. - September 22, 1923.
 9. common, to A.M.H. - September 22, 1923.
 10. preferred, to Hilda S. Nessman - July 6, 1931.
 11. common, to Hilda S. Nessman - July 6, 1931.
 12. preferred, to Effie E. Mullen - July 9, 1931.
 13. preferred, to Isabelle Gibb - November 27, 1931.
 14. preferred, to Sarah R. Hendrick - paid December 21, 1931.

7. Sworn statement by Hugh L. Willoughby of Servall's Point, Florida, a stockholder in The Herring-Curtiss Company, concerning stock issued him on July 12, 1909 - September 21, 1931.

Box #3 contains:

1. Fifteen copies of Gaspower magazine for the months July, September, October, 1903; February, ~~March~~, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, 1904; January, February, June, 1905.
2. Broadside containing pictures and article relating to the International Balloon Race, Berlin, Germany, 1908.
3. American Aeronaut magazine, September, 1909.
4. Unbound packet containing the minutes of the first meeting of the Herring-Curtiss Company, drafts of agreements entered into between the various members of the Herring-Curtiss Company, terms of incorporation, 1909.
5. Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, magazine articles, and pictures relating to Herring's role in airplane and glider development, 1896-1910. Marked "ScrapBook I." (fragile condition). Also available on microfilm, 11-30-74. **PLEASE USE MICROFILM REEL 3**
6. Seven notebooks dealing with the Herring-Curtiss Company suit against Curtiss.
 - A. Chronology, 1907-1908. [appears to have been prepared by Herring--see
 - B. Wheeler Questions, 1-92. Undated.
 - C. Proof of Allegations, Herring Vs Curtiss et. al. for \$5,000,000, p.p. 1-71. Undated.
 - D. Ibid, 72-142.
 - E. Ibid, 143-217.
 - F. Ibid, 218-304.
 - G. Datebook containing daily entries for 1910. Also available on microfilm, 8-5-74. **PLEASE USE MICROFILM REEL 1**
7. Office diary dated 1917 containing chronology of agreements, documents, 1892-1909. Mainly 1909.
8. The Mentor, "Conquest of the Air", April 1, 1914.
9. Airplane Stress Analysis, report #82 by A. F. Zahm.

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Augustus Moore Herring Papers.

Box 4 Books and printed items:

"United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Western District of New York, Transcript of Record The Wright Company vs. The Herring Company," 1909-1910. Bound volume.

"Wright vs. Curtiss, Vol I, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Western District of New York," Testimony, Defendant's Exhibits, Stipulations and Agreements, 1909-1911. Bd. Vol. (cover missing), 617 pp.

"Gas Power," June 1904-May 1905 issues, Bd. Vol. (binding broken).

"The Aeronautical Annual," No. 2, 1896, No. 3, 1897.

"He Was Given Up For Dead," an Address on the Occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Babson Organization by Dr. George W. Coleman, Sept. 7, 1929. Story of Roger W. Babson. Pamphlet, 24 pp.

"William Randolph Hearst on The Prosperity Loan." Reprint of editorial columns of the New York American and other Hearst newspapers. Pamphlet.

Box 6 Newspaper clippings, 1901, 1906, 1908-1922.

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Box 5

Number of blueprints - 13

Number of photographs - 29

Blueprints

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- (Folder 1) 1. First Herring Curtiss aeroplane motor, detail of conn. rod, 1909. 8"x12 1/2".
- 2. Interconnected vertical surface and ailerons shown on this BP, June 1, 1908. 10 1/2" x 26".
- 3. Design for aeroplane, Feb. 1909. 28"x30".
- 4. A.M. Herring Gor aeroplane, Jan. 1908. 18"x12". oilcloth type paper.
- 5. Curtiss 8-9 H.P. Magneto Model Wehman frame (motorcycle), Mar. 15, 1910. 13"x24".
- 6. 2 Main connecting rods, W.L.B. Feb. 22, 1907. 10x13 1/2".
- 7. 2 Crankshafts, W.L.B. Jan. 24, 1907. 10"x14".
- 8. Unlabeled blueprint. 13 1/2"x21".
- (Folder 2) 9. Cylinder head pattern, W.L.B., Jan. 30, 1907. 10"x14" oilcloth type paper.
- (Folder 2) 10. Unlabeled (wings). 17"x24" oilcloth-type paper.
- (Folder 1) 11. Copy of blueprint of plane made for government contract, A.M. Herring, Jan. 1908. 9"x13".
- (Folder 2) 12. Stress diagram of aeroplane truss, Mar. 18, 1909. G.H. Curtiss Mfg. Co., Hammondsport, N.Y. 2 copies, 10 1/2"x14".
- (Mapcase Folder 1) 13. Unlabeled drawing of radial engine. 15x22".

Photographs

1. Zeppelin Airship over Potsdam, Germany. Copyright 1914 by Mentor Association. 7"x9 1/2".
2. The aerial scout-French military maneuvers. Copyright 1914 mentor. 7"x9 1/2".
3. Moisant circling the Statue of Liberty, 1910. 7"x9 1/2".

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(The above 3_A photographs are the third, fifth and sixth monographs in

the Mentor Reading Course copyright 1914 by the Mentor Association, Inc.)

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4. Printed postcard photo of monoplane passing over farmers in a field. Attached is a subscription reply postcard for joining Aeronautics magazine, N.Y.C. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
5. French colored picture postcard showing a little girl flying a small French airplane. Sent to A.M. Herring from C.L.S., Rome, Italy, May 24, 1909. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
6. Glossy photo on cloth of Feb. 10, 1910 order for an aeroplane from Haag's Shows, Montgomery, Ala. and Feb. 15, 1910 reply from Curtiss-Hammond Co., Hammondsport, N.Y. 4 3/4" x 6 3/4".
7. Matte photo of Junebug in flight, July 4, 1907. Copyright by H.M. Benner, 1908. 5" x 8".
8. Matte postcard photo of Junebug in flight. Copyright by Benner, 1908. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
9. Matte postcard photo titled "Curtiss Aeroplane Ready For A Flight" from frozen lake. Copyright by H.O. Benner, 1910. 5 1/2" x 3 1/2".
10. Matte unlabelled photo of scene somewhat similar to #9. 4 1/4" x 6 1/4".
11. Matte postcard photo of White-wing biplane on ground with people around it. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
12. Matte postcard photo of probable Silver Dart sitting on ground. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
13. Matte photo of probable Silver Dart being pulled by men across a snowy field. 4" x 6 1/2".
14. Matte photo of Herring-Burgess Flying Fish, 1910. [per E.E. Husting, 6-74]. 4 1/2" x 6 1/2".
15. Matte postcard photo of The Loon at waters edge ready to be tried out by McCurdy, n.d. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
16. Matte postcard photo of the Loon running on the water. First attempts at making a hydroaeroplane by Curtiss and Associates in 1908. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
17. Semi-glossy photo of hydroaeroplane in water. The name Charles Marvin, Elmira, N.Y. written on the reverse. n.d. 3 3/4" x 6".
18. Matte postcard photo of Grahame White's [illegible] machine. Arthur Powell, York Studio, Torquay, Devon, England. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".
19. Glossy photo of biplane inside a large building. 6 1/2" x 8 1/2".
20. Glossy photo of biplane in hanger near water. Large crowd gathered on beach outside. 8" x 10".

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21. Glossy photo of biplane under construction (sign overhead reads, Better dorf Axle Co.). 8" x 10".
22. Glossy photo identified as "The First Herring Curtiss Machine (biplane) at Morris Park, N.Y. July, 1909. Copyright by Underwood and Underwood N.Y., 1909. 3 1/2" x 4 1/2".
23. Semi-glossy photo with Herring biplane suspended from ceiling as part of an exhibit and in left of photo a sign "1897 Herring and Arnot Gliding Machine." 4 3/4" x 6 1/2".
24. Fragment of glossy photo of "Hamilton Aeroplane Motor Summer of 1910 built by Christie." Spooner and Wells, Inc., Photographers, N.Y.C. In 2 pieces: 1 1/2" x 7 1/2" and 4 1/4" x 7 1/2".
25. Matte photo identified as First Herring Curtiss 25 HP Motors which were built in 1907-1908. 7" x 9".
26. Glossy print identified as 8 cylinder motor of Herring Curtiss Rheims machine. 4 1/2" x 6 1/4".
27. Glossy photo of Curtiss motorcycle. 4 1/2" x 9 1/2".
28. Matte photo of the porch and sign on the Mineola Hotel. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2"
29. Printed photocard of Schloss von der Gartenseite. Schnetzinger. The name Judge Stevens typed on reverse side. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2".

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