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Arthur Ransom Aviation Collection

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Content Note

A former Army Air Force lieutenant, Arthur Ransom was involved in aviation beginning with World War I. This collection contains a scrapbook that documents his career through clippings, publications, photographs and promotional literature. Ransom and his company, Seaboard Aircraft Corporation, had business connections with several aircraft corporations including Mohawk, Lockheed, Curtiss, and Doyle among others. One of Mohawk's commercial-use monoplanes, the Pinto, was distributed by Ransom's company.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, publications, photographs, promotional materials and other items regarding aviation pertaining to the career of Arthur Ransom. The first section of the scrapbook includes newspaper clippings mainly about the "Mohawk Pinto," a monoplane manufactured for commercial use. Some of the articles, including those in the *New York Telegram* magazine, describe the creation of the Pinto and its performance in flight. Ransom's company, Seaboard Aircraft Corporation, was chosen as the distributor for the Mohawk Aircraft Corporation and would distribute the "Pinto" and other aircraft. Additional clippings describe Ransom in his role as Army Air Force Lieutenant, promotion of aircraft for commercial use, including larger aircraft, Lockheed and Curtiss airplanes, showings of the Mohawk "Pinto" by the Seaboard Aircraft Corporation, and a visit by Charles Lindbergh. Advertisements for the Seaboard Aircraft Corporation and the Mohawk "Pinto," clipped from newspapers and aviation magazines, are included in the clippings section of the scrapbook. Another section of the scrapbook includes numerous photographs of various airplanes and people.

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