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MS 1019**Gilpin and Greenway Air Lines
(G & G Air Lines, Inc.), 1929-1934****DESCRIPTION**

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Gilpin and Greenway Air Lines Company was a California-based passenger and freight air service owned by Isabella Greenway in the early 1930s. The predecessor firm, Gilpin Air Lines, was headed by Charles Wilfred Gilpin, who purchased Pickwick Airways in 1929. Gilpin Air Lines, based in Glendale, California with an office in San Diego, had routes to Los Angeles, San Diego, Long Beach, Reno (Nevada), and Agua Caliente (Mexico). The airline employed about thirty people. Charles W. Gilpin piloted for Isabella Greenway as early as 1930 when he flew her in his Bache tri-motor airplane to Nogales, Tombstone, Bisbee, El Paso (Texas) and Los Angeles. In January 1932, C.W. Gilpin was in debt to Isabella Greenway for \$40,000, and she was concerned about the airline's debts and effects of the Federal Communication Commission requirements on future costs of running the airlines. To eliminate the financial debt, Gilpin Air Lines was reorganized in January 1932. Gilpin sold his operation, consisting of five airplanes, motors, parts, equipment, materials and supplies, to G & G Air Lines Company on January 20, 1932. C.W. Gilpin died in a plane crash in Mexico City six months later.

G & G Air Lines Company, Inc. was run by Isabella Greenway as president, H.E. Caffrey as secretary, and G.L. Slaybaugh as general manager and operations manager. Mrs. Greenway used the airline in her Congressional campaign in 1933 and political appearances in Arizona. The firm was liquidated in January 1934.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Gilpin and Greenway Air Lines Collection consists of 27 boxes of archival material arranged in four series: (1) Business Correspondence, 1929-1934; (2) Operations and Regulatory Reports, 1929-1934; (3) Financial Reports, Records and Receipts, 1929-1934; (4) Legal Records and Printed Materials, 1907, 1926, 1929-1934.

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Series One: Business Correspondence, 1929-1934,

Contains incoming and outgoing correspondence arranged in alphabetical order by company name. The correspondence relates to Gilpin Air Lines' formation, operations, and aircraft equipment and maintenance; travel agency ticket sales and commissions; job applications; ticket refunds; other airline companies; governmental regulations; aviation associations; financial and legal actions against the airline; company reorganization in 1932; and liquidation in 1934.

The bulk of this series consists of individual ticket refund requests; travel agency ticket consignment correspondence; gas tax correspondence and policy forms; and United States Government memoranda and forms pertaining to customs regulations, aeronautical certifications, and an accident claim against the United States Navy Department.

Chief correspondents include: Gilpin Air Lines owner Charles Wilfred Gilpin, manager Roger L. Fenwick, assistant manager Charles T.M. Echols, auditor Roy L. Snyder, San Diego Gilpin representative J.L. Polk; United States Secretary of Commerce Clarence M. Young; Gilpin legal representatives Knapp, Boyle and Thompson; and attorney Charles Gifford Cunningham. The legal correspondence relates to Gilpin v. Century Pacific Lines collection claims; to Hicks v. Gilpin Air Lines accidental injury suit; to a personal matter (Duboise correspondence); and to tariff and international commerce.

Series Two: Operations and Regulatory Reports, 1929-1934,

Contains daily aircraft inspection records; maintenance reports; Grand Central Air Terminal (Los Angeles) rules; office and aircraft inventories; reports to the United States Department of Commerce; irregular-landing reports; passenger reports; Gilpin Air Lines' policy statement on tariffs, schedules, and passenger regulations; a report on blind flight instruments; and several United States Government publications. The publications consist mainly of United States Department of Commerce Aeronautics Bulletins (1929-1934), monthly Scheduled Air Transport Services Reports (1931-1933), and mimeographed single reports, memoranda and bulletins (1931-1933).

Series Three: Financial Reports, Records and Receipts, 1929-1934,

Consists of general accounting reports; reports of fares sold and ticket commissions paid; express service waybills; material requisition forms; intermittent monthly operating costs and disbursement reports; miscellaneous property, school, franchise, income, and city license tax records; ticket sales records and weekly collection reports; and passenger traffic reports for both the Glendale and San Diego company offices.

Account books consist of company account and disbursement ledger; stock requisition binders; northbound and southbound trip manifest registers; San Diego collection receipt books; and Gilpin Air Lines' ticket outlet account books.

Invoices contained in the series consist of invoices and receipts for equipment purchased or services performed, including: flying equipment, office equipment, automotive repairs and supplies, telephone and magazine advertising space, airplane fuel and oil, hanger rents, stationary, taxes and licenses. The invoices document the equipment and services utilized by Gilpin Air Lines.

Bank statements and checkbooks reflect Charles Wilfred Gilpin's personal bank records and Gilpin Air Lines' Los Angeles and San Diego bank records. The records include bank statements, cancelled checks, deposit slips, passbooks, check stubs, and checkbooks. Materials document company name changes, special accounts, and the airline's financial transactions.

Series Four: Legal Records and Printed Material, 1907, 1926, 1929-1934.

Consists of two folders of legal documents. The first pertains to corporate legal status and authorizations and the second pertains to corporate legal status and authorizations and the second pertains to various contracts and leases for advertising, equipment, fuel, buildings, and telephone service.

Other legal records relating to the airline's operations are part of Series One, Business Correspondence, under "Aircraft Licenses and Records;" and in the folder of attorney's correspondence ("Knapp, Boyle and Thompson," and "Cunningham, Charles Gifford").

Printed materials in the collection consist of equipment catalogs and an aviation atlas; and twelve folders containing advertising brochures; flight schedules; news clippings; photographs; blank pilot's log books; and miscellaneous ticket stubs, receipts and passes. The bulk of the material consists of used tickets collected daily at the Glendale and San Diego offices of Gilpin Air Lines from 1932 to 1934.

Advertisements and publicity materials include business cards, Curtiss-Wright Flying Services passenger identification coupons, Gilpin Air Lines logos, office and aeronautics supplies advertisements, travel service brochures, 1932 Gilpin Air Lines flight schedules, and a Southern California tourist events guidebook (April 9-16, 1932). The two news clippings date from 1932 and relate to proposed flying routes over the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific coastline. Six identical photographs depict an unidentified snow-covered mountain scene taken from an airplane. The unused pilot's log books were provided by Shell Oil Company.

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