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George Douglas Photo Collection
1910

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of 21 images depicting an aviation exhibition. All but three images show the bi-plane on the ground or in the air with Hamilton in control. The last three images show people in cars and a train, which transported visitors who witnessed the event. All photographs were made from the original film negatives produced by George Douglas.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

On February 19th and 20, 1910 Charles K. Hamilton conducted an aviation exhibition in Tucson, AZ with his bi-plane. The demonstration was conducted at the Elysian Grove racetrack with visitors arriving by train and cars. The Tucson band performed on both days for the guests. The bi-plane made three flights and sustained some minor damage twice by running into the wooden fence surrounding the racecourse on Saturday and again on Sunday. After each mishap the damage was repaired allowing Hamilton to fly again.

George Douglas, who took these photographs, was chief engineer at Nacozari from 1900 to 1904, and inspector for Phelps Dodge from 1904 to 1905.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Katherine Hooke, niece of George Douglas, in 1992.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in January 2005.