

Amelia Earhart's Underground Flying Society Records

1986-2000

1 box (.2 linear foot)

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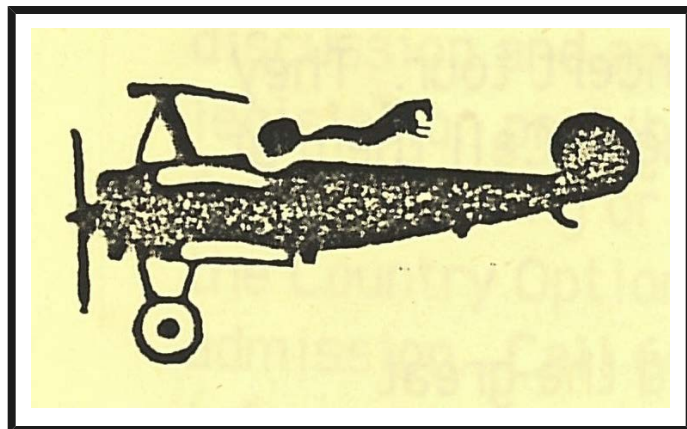
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women and lesbians. Like their famous namesake, the Amelia's did not shy away from risks in supporting women, the

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Collection inventory

Amelia's oral history by Lee McDavid [audiocassette]	1994 Dec	Box 1: 1
Newsletter	1986, 1988	Box 1: 2

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Sundays at Tip Top: History of the Women's Movement in the Upper Valley [VHS]	2003 Sep 21	Box 1: 7

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

Gift of Beth Dingman, September 2016.

Related Material

See also the **New Victoria Publishers Records** (MS 883).

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- Lesbian community--New England
- Lesbian community--New Hampshire
- Lesbian community--Vermont

Genre terms

- Audiocassettes
- Newsletters
- Super-VHS (TM)

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