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Frederick Maurice McGregor fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

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Dates

1928-1993

Extent

0.40 m of textual records, 282 photographs

Biographical sketch

Frederick Maurice McGregor was born on May 11, 1911 in Victoria, B.C. where was educated at St. Michaels School and then Rockland Academy. McGregor was an aviation pioneer who took flying lesson in 1928 with the Aero Club of B.C. at Lulu Island Vancouver and at Lansdowne Field in Saanich, (Victoria B.C). He was a pilot with B.C. Airways Ltd. (Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.) 1928-1933. Early activities included: stunt pilot, bush pilot and flight instructor. He was pilot for Wells Air Transport, 1933, and Canadian Airways Ltd. (Vancouver, B.C.), 1933-1937, and one of two first pilots to join Trans-Canada Airlines Ltd. (later Air Canada), 1937-1940. He was captain of the first Trans-Canada night mail flight March 1, 1937. He had many managerial positions in T.C.A. including: Operations Superintendent, Eastern Division, Toronto, 1946-1952; Operations Manager; Canadian Govt. Trans-Atlantic Air Service and T.C.A. overseas services, 1946-1952. He was Director of Development, Canadian Pacific Air Lines, 1953-1954. With Canadian government approval, McGregor was invited by the Pakistani government to organise the new Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) where he was General Manager, 1954-1955. He was president and co-owner of B.C. Air Lines 1956-1960. McGregor died in 1995

Scope and content

Fonds documents McGregor's career as a pilot.

Notes

Acquired from Joyce McGregor, January 2006.

2. Structure

Series 1. Biographical.

Folders 1.1 – 1.9

Series includes resumes, recommendations, certificates, pilot's licenses, schooling correspondence, interviews, memoirs, articles and portrait photographs

Series 2. Subjects.

Folders 1.10 – 2.12

Series includes correspondence, publications, reports, operational documents (TCA), pilots logs, and photographs relating to: B.C. Airways, ca. 1928-1933; B.C. Air Lines Ltd., 1956-1959; Canadian Airways Ltd., 1933-1938; Trans-Canada Air Lines Ltd. (Air Canada), 1937-1994; Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), 1954-1992, and B.C. Airlines Ltd., 1956-1960.

3. Inventory

Accession 2006-005

Box 1

Biographical

- 1.1 Biographical – Articles and interviews, 1954-1995.
Articles, interviews, clippings, partial drafts and typescripts on F. M. McGregor.
- 1.2 Biographical – Employment applications and references, 1930-1932.
Letters of introduction to persons in Nanking and Shanghai, China, 1931;
reply from Western Canada Airways, 1930;
letters to the Royal Air Force, 1930,1932; letters from Wells Air Transport, 1933;
letters from the CNR to Canadian Airways Limited, 1933;
letter from BC Premier, S. F. Tolmie, 1932.
- 1.3 Biographical – Interview transcripts, BC Provincial Museum, 1980.
Dave Parker interviews F. M. McGregor.
- 1.4 Biographical – Memoirs of career, 1940s.
Partial typescript titled: "McGregor July 1944 / The RAF Sea Blind Landing System;" additional notes.
- 1.5 Biographical – Newspaper clippings, ca. 1930-1945.
Newspaper clippings and photocopies.
- 1.6 Biographical – Pilot's licenses and certificates, 1929-1953.
- 1.7 Biographical –Photographs, mainly portrait, of F.M. McGregor, ca. 1920s-1960s.
22 photographs, 20 x 25 cm and smaller.
- 1.8 Biographical – Résumés and miscellaneous, 1928-1995.
Who's Who, flying CV, Aviation Résumé 1928-1980, business history, honorary certificates, notes; correspondence.
- 1.9 Biographical – Schooling, 1932-1991.
Letters from St Michael's School House, Victoria (1932) and Cranleigh House School, Victoria (1932), regarding McGregor;
4 photographs 10 x 7.5 cm and smaller.

Subjects

- 1.10 Aviation History – Miscellaneous, 1927-1980.
Includes articles on early flying in B.C. and West Coast;
Articles on early aircraft and events;
partial transcript by Peter Corley Smith; notes
- 1.11 B.C. Air Lines Ltd., 1956-1959.
Instructional questionnaires on Beaver and Cessna aircraft; clippings;
19 photographs 20 x 25 cm and smaller

- 1.12 B.C. Airways, ca. 1928-1933.
1 photograph, 19 x 24 cm, of B.C. Airways hanger, Lansdowne, Victoria with McGregor and an Alexander Flyabout, ca. 1930;
2 photographs, 10 x 7 cm, of a B.C. Airways building, n.d;
1 photograph, 10 x 7 cm, of McGregor with bi-plane G-CATN, 1928.
- 1.13 B.C. Air Shows, 1958-1981.
Correspondence;
Clippings
- 1.14 Canadian Airways Limited, ca. 1933-1938.
Correspondence including applications for positions; flight experience on different aircraft; letter of termination, 1933.
Accident report 1935.
19 photographs, 20 x 25 cm and smaller, including:
8 photographs of flying boats and float planes (2 with F. W. Mayhew), including 2 photographs, and 2 negatives of a Canadian Airways Ltd. Sikorsky S-28 flying boat and a Pacemaker 31;
5 photographs of Canadian aircraft at a "Northwest Airways" hanger (Winnipeg?), including a Pitcairn autogyro (CF-ARO), a SARO A19 Cloud flying boat (CF-ARB) and a Canadian Airways mail carrier;
2 photographs of F. M. McGregor with a Canadian Airways aircraft (one with Canadian Postal Service insignia);
1 photograph of a Laird LC-B200 (CF-AQY) with Canadian Airways insignia;
1 photograph (Victoria, B.C.) with inscriptions on back: "The first shipment of mail going by air?" and "Turning the plane at 3 a.m. just before the takeoff".
- 1.15 Canadian Airways Limited – Clippings and articles, ca. 1933-1938; 1983.
- 1.16 Canadian Airways Limited – Publications, 1934-1936.
The Bulletin (5 issues).
- 1.17 Canadian Pacific Airlines—Photographs, South America, ca 1950.
9 photographs, 12 x 18 cm, with F. M. McGregor and including notations:
"Canadian Pacific Spanish interpreter,"
"CP South American agreement/ Jack Gilmer" (group photographs)
- 1.18 Royal Canadian Air Force, Squadron No. 111, 1930s, 1991.
Appointment Dec. 8, 1932 as Provisional Flying Officer;
"Policy Respecting the Development of No.11 (AC) Squadron. RCAF (NP)," (1934); newspaper clipping ca. 1934;
reunion newsletter, 1991;
4 photographs of Squadron personnel, 1930s.
- 1.19 Trans-Canada Air Lines —Administrative and organizational, 1937-1949.
Includes: Breakdown of duties and responsibilities of personnel in the office of the Operations Manager, Atlantic Region, ca. 1940s;
Organization chart with covering memo by F.M McGregor (Operational Superintendent), Nov. 17 [194?] "A preliminary study of company organization and administration" by P.E. Willis, January 1946;

- McGregor speech: "The economics of air transportation," Ontario Air Conference (published March, 1945);
Inter-departmental correspondence, 1943-1949.
- 1.20 Trans-Canada Air Lines – Air Mail, 1938-1939.
Clippings: McGregor and first Trans-Canada mail flights, 1938-1939;
Clippings: Nov. 18, 1938 Lockheed 14H crash;
Air Mail schedules and rates pamphlet, March 1939;
Air Mail Transfer Bill, 1939;
5 "First Day" airmail cover envelopes.
 - 1.21 Trans-Canada Air Lines / Air Canada – Anniversary, 10th, 1947.
4 photographs, 20 x 25 cm.
 - 1.22 Trans-Canada Air Lines / Air Canada – Anniversary, 40th, 1977.
Correspondence, clippings, articles;
8 photographs, 21 x 27 cm and smaller.
 - 1.23 Trans-Canada Air Lines –Dublin 1946-1947.
Inauguration of air service between Canada and Ireland
Clippings;
5 photographs, 20 x 25 cm (1946), including F.M. McGregor with the High Commissioner, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and Éamon de Valera.
 - 1.24 Trans-Canada Air Lines — The Lancastrian Passenger Plane Project, 1945-1994.
Correspondence, history, clippings;
Typed corrected commentary by F. M. McGregor;
2 photographs, 20 x 25 cm and smaller:
CF-CMW at Pat Bay Airport, Victoria BC
 - 1.25 Trans-Canada Air Lines —Lockheed 10A 50th anniversary, 1984-1986.
Air Canada L-10A Electra press release for Expo 86
 - 1.26 Trans-Canada Air Lines –Newspaper articles, 1936-1946
Clippings and magazine articles, many feature F.M. McGregor
 - 1.27 Trans-Canada Air Lines— Photographs, ca. 1930's -1950's
42 photographs, 20 x 25 cm and smaller:
Malton Airport, Toronto (now Pearson);
TCA aircraft including the Lockheed 10-A, and DC 3;
Lockheed 14 delivery, May 1938;
F.M McGregor with C.D. Howe;
F.M. McGregor in cockpit, control tower, and company events;
F.M. McGregor and group in front of aircraft;
Aircraft in flight and aircraft interiors, mechanics and passengers;
Unidentified subjects
 - 1.28 Trans-Canada Air Lines— Photographs, Caribbean and Barbados ca. 1947
44 photographs, 20 x 25 cm and smaller:
F.M. McGregor, Wallace Courtney, Bermuda Governor;
North Star CF-TFF 206
 - 1.29 Trans-Canada Air Lines –Photographs, Montreal, ca. 1940s.

- 6 photographs, 20 x 25 cm:
Unidentified event
- 1.30 Trans-Canada Air Lines –Photographs, Paris Air show, ca. 1950.
7 photographs, 20 x 25 cm including:
Canadair North Star at Orley;
F.M. McGregor with French officials and others
- 1.31 Trans-Canada Air Lines —Photographs, Barbara Ann Scott, 1947.
7 photographs, 20 x 25 cm;
clippings
- 1.32 Trans-Canada Air Lines – Publications, 1945-1947.
Between Ourselves (3 issues, 1945-1947);
To the Employees of Trans Canada Air Lines: A Report on the Company in 1946.
- 1.33 Pakistan International Airlines—Articles, 1954-1992.
Articles and clippings;
Includes Pakistani typescript (English), "Hero as Pilot" comparing McGregor's Canadian flying experiences to flying in Pakistan.
- 1.34 Pakistan International Airlines—Articles by F.M. McGregor, 1954-1955.
Typescript copy of "The Role of PIA in Developing Civil Aviation in Pakistan" along with published version in Airlines, March, 1955;
Aero News: Pakistan's Only Aviation Journal, Nov. 1954, April 1955 (Nov. 1954 issue includes article by "F.M. McGregor, General Manager of P. I. A." titled: "Airline Pilots Training in Pakistan")
- 1.35 Pakistan International Airlines—Photographs, 1950's
37 photographs, 20 x 25 cm and smaller includes:
Karachi-Dacca service inauguration with Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Bogra and Minister Sardar Amir Azam Khan, June 7, 1954
- 1.36 Pakistan International Airlines—Publications, ca. 1955.
Includes: Time table, Meal Service (pre-Inaugural Flight, Karachi-Cairo-London, 1955);
Introduction to Pakistan fact sheets;
Safety and suggestion leaflets.
- 1.37 Pakistan International Airlines—Speech by F.M. McGregor, 1955.
"The Importance of Air Transportation with Special Reference to Pakistan," typescript by F.M. McGregor "founding CEO of Pakistan International Airlines".
- 1.38 Photographs—Unidentified and miscellaneous. 1930s-1980s
21 photographs, 18x13 cm and smaller,
2 negatives on 35 mm strip:
Historical and miscellaneous photographs, including F.M. McGregor with John Howroyd and his CF-AOG Pietenpol Aircamper
- 1.39 Photographs—Unidentified groups, ca. 1940's-1950's.
16 photographs, 20 x 25 cm and smaller:
F.M. McGregor with unidentified management groups and officials

- 1.40 Victoria, B.C.—Aviation history, ca. 1928-1999.
Articles;
Correspondence regarding Lansdowne Field commemoration
Lansdowne Field Plaque Ceremony (Victoria, B.C.)
2 photographs 8 x 12 cm and smaller, 1 negative and 1 slide 35 mm.

Box 2

- 2.1 Pilots Log 1 – Dec. 24, 1928 – Nov. 22, 1931
2.2 Pilots Log 2 – (#2 Squadron "F" Flight) Jan. 8, 1932 – Jan 1, 1935
2.3 Pilots Log 3 – ("Western Canada Airways Ltd.") Jan. 5, 1935 – Aug. 21, 1936
2.4 Pilots Log 4 – ("Canadian Airways Ltd.") Aug. 22, 1936 – Aug. 15, 1937
2.5 Pilots Log 5 – Aug. 16, 1937 – Feb. 7, 1939
2.6 Pilots Log 6 – ("Instrument Flying") Oct. 21, 1937 – Oct. 5, 1938
2.7 Pilots Log 7 – ("Night Flying") Jan 19, 1938 – Mar. 6, 1939
2.8 Pilots Log 8 – [R.C.A.F.] May 5, 1935 – Mar. 31, 1938
2.9 Pilots Log 9 – ("Instrument Flying" cont. from Log 6) Oct. 7, 1938 – Mar. 6, 1939
2.10 Pilots Log 10 – Feb. 9, 1939 – June 11, 1940
2.11 Pilots Log 11 – June 17, 1940 – May 3, 1945
2.12 Publications BC Aviator, July/August 1992; April/May 1993; May/June 1994.
Bush Pilot's Log #2, by Lloyd Jarman, Bellevue Washington, 1982.
Canadian Aviation, March 1938.
The Westcoast Aviator, Fall 1990.
Western Canada Aviation Museum Inc., Aviation Review, Sept. 1983.