

## Amelia Earhart's Underground Flying Society Records

Digital

1986-2000

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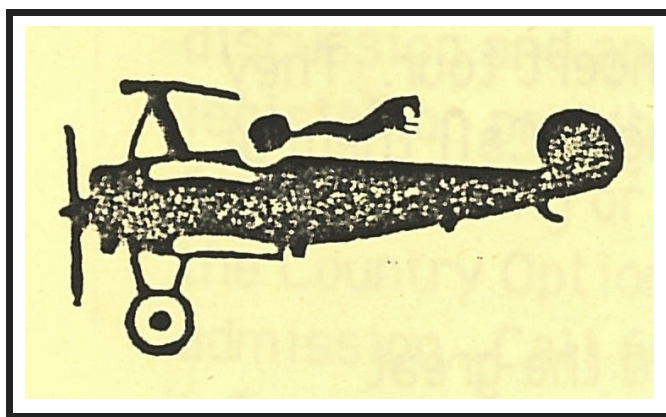
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## Background on Amelia Earhart's Underground Flying Society

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Amelia Earhart's Underground Flying Society logo

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Amelia's oral history by Lee McDavid[audiocassette]

1994 Dec

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Newsletter

1986, 1988

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1992-1995

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News clippings

1985, 1998

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Sundays at Tip Top: History of the Women's Movement in the Upper Valley [VHS]

2003 Sep 21

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## 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).

### Digitized content

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### Genres and formats

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