



Women Airforce Service Pilots

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1910-1980

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| Position: | Director of Women Pilots AP-7, P-35 Seversky, B-24, Lockheed Lodestar, |
| Planes Flown: | Lockheed Jetstar, F-104 Starfighter, F-86 Sabrejet, T-38 Northrop, F-10-K3 Starfighter Mss. 281, Mss. 443c, Artifact 11, Mss. 496c, Mss. 628c |
| Personal Collections: | Eisenhower Library |
| Collections at other Institutions | The Reminiscences of Jacqueline Cochran. Aviation Project. Oral History Research office, Columbia University, 1961. |
| Oral History: | |

Biography:

Jacqueline Cochran was born around 1910 and orphaned soon after. She grew up with a poor family and went to work at about age eight. Jackie is perhaps best known for being the first woman to fly faster than the speed of sound. She was also the first woman to fly a bomber across the Atlantic Ocean. Perhaps her most lasting accomplishment was her work creating and promoting the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) organization during and after WWII.

Archival Collection at Texas Woman's University:

- **Mss. 281**

Jacqueline Cochran

Photographic portrait, 1934.

1 item; 9.5 x 12.5 inches.

Aviatrix, Director of Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during World War II and owner of cosmetic line.

Black and white, full standing pose of Cochran captioned: "Jacqueline Cochran in her early flying days," and signed "To Ethyl and Joe with Love Jackie, 1934."

Gift of Billie Pittman Ayers, 1992.

- **Mss. 443c**

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Letter, 26 February 1976, Cochran to Phyllis Norbatt, Woodside, NY.

1 item; T.L.S.

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Describes briefly why Cochran took up flying and mentions her autobiography.

Purchased, 1996.

- **Artifact 11**

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Jacqueline Cochran Wonda-matic waterproof mascara refill.

1 item; with box.

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Originally part of Mickie Carmichael collection.

Gift of Kathy and John Carmichael, 1996.

- **Mss. 496c**

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Photograph

1 item

Aviatrix, owner of cosmetic line, and Director of Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during World War II.

Photograph (reproduction, original at Eisenhower Library) of Cochran in her British Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) uniform, ca. 1943.

Gift of Geri Lamphere Nyman, 1996.

- **Ms. 628c**

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Letters

3 items

Aviatrix, served as the director of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII.

Letter written from Jacqueline Cochran to Miss Ruth Groves dated March 21, 1946 concerning, The Air Power League.

Originally formed part of the Byrd Granger Collection.