

99 Charter Biography File

Maiden Name: Edith Magalis

Married Name(s): Foltz; Stearns

Date of birth: August 17, 1905

Birthplace: Dallas, Texas

Date of death: June 27, 1956

Death place: unknown

Occupation(s): pilot; Director of Public Relations for Oregon Airways

License(s): 5600; 1928

Known stats:

1. National Women Air Derby 1929
2. First Northwest Section Governor of the 99s
3. Placed 4th in the 1931 Derby
4. Placed 2nd in the 1932 Derby
5. Flew in the 1952 and 1953 AWTARS with Pauline Glasson
6. Served in Great Britain with the air transport auxiliary during WWI

Publications:

1. Buffington, Glenn. "The Five Decade Plea for Northwest Routing." Unknown publisher. May 1979.
2. "Woman flier makes 397 loops at Bowles Airport Circus Event." Springfield Daily News. Sept. 11, 1933
3. "NAS (Naval Air Station) Woman Pilot to Fly Transcontinental Race." Unknown publisher. June 1952
4. "Woman pilot dies in Texas." Oregonian. June 28, 1956
5. "Women flyers aiding the N.R.A. Campaign here." New York Heald Tribune. Sept. 12, 1933
6. "Members of the Northwestern Section." Unknown publisher. June 26, 1932.
7. "Vintage Album: The Flying Life and Times of Edith Foltz Stearns." The Vintage Airplane. June 1978.

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Award(s):

1. King's Medal from the British government

Miscellaneous information:

1. Married Joseph Rathelle Foltz Jr. in 1922; one child
2. Married Harry Stearns 1939
3. In 1932, Edith created and obtained a patent for an outfit she designed called the Foltz-Up. She won a blue ribbon at the California Exhibition of Inventors Congress for the invention. Women wearing pants was frowned upon, so she made an outfit so she could do a conversion change between pants and skirt while flying. It was made of a blouse, knickerbockers, and a skirt. The skirt was designed to be pulled over the shoulders to make a blouse while flying. Upon landing, the overblouse would be put back down into a skirt. U.S. Patent #2080814.
4. Her original pilot's license is signed by Orville Wright

File contents:

1. One 4.5 x 6 black and white photo of Edith
2. One 4.5 x 6 black and white photo of Edith
3. One 4.5 x 6 black and white photo of Edith next to airplane #R705H
4. One 4.5 x 6 black and white photo of Edith showing off her "Foltz-Up"
5. One 4.5 x 6 black and white photo of Edith next to "Bird" airplane
6. One 6 x 8 black and white photo of Edith
7. One 7 x 8 black and white photo of Edith posing by her airplane at the 1929 Derby start
8. One 6.5 x 9 black and white photo of Edith next to propeller
9. One 8 x 10 black and white photo of Edith holding a trophy next to her plane
10. One 8 x 10 black and white photo of Edith and two other men
11. One 8 x 10 black and white photo of Edith next to "Bird" airplane