

## **GUIDE TO THE EDWARD F. HARRINGTON PAPERS**

**Collection Abstract:** The Edward F. Harrington Papers include photographs, documents and artifacts relating to his career as a pilot.

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**Inclusive Dates:** ca. 1930-1995

**Size:** 1 Box (.5 l.f.)

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### **BIOGRAPHY:**

Edward F. Harrington, a long-time resident of Port Washington, was born on June 25, 1915 in Astoria, New York and raised in Springfield Gardens. His early interest in aviation led him to Brooklyn Technical High School where he hoped to train as an aeronautical engineer. However, his love of flying led Harrington to a career as a pilot. He earned his private pilot certificate at 16 and went on to qualify for his transport pilot certificate, his multi-engine rating and his unlimited instrument rating. After four years with City Service Corporation as a pilot, Harrington went to work for Eastern Airlines in 1938. During World War II Harrington was commissioned as lieutenant in the U.S. Navy where he helped to develop the vertical card compass. Harrington went on to deliver supplies during the Viet Nam war, and he continued his career with American Airlines where he served as a pilot until his retirement in 1975.

Edward Harrington was married to Beatrice Hansen Bachmann (b. December 20, 1916) in 1962. He died on March 13, 2002

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The Edward F. Harrington Papers include photographs, documents and artifacts relating to his career as a pilot.

### **RELATED MATERIAL:**

Port Washington Public Library Oral History Collection – Aviation:  
“Ed Harrington Speaks on Flying for the Airlines”, March 12, 1989

### **BOX LIST**

#### **BOX 1**

##### **Folder 1 – Personal Papers (1962-1995)**

Business cards (3) - Edward F. Harrington, Captain, Retired, American Airlines

Marriage certificates (3): 2 from the Town of North Hempstead, 1 from Saint Aloysius Church

Clipping – “Flight of Memory Comes to Town”, *Port Washington News*, 9/21/95

Certificate of Membership: OX5 Aviation Pioneers and *OX5 News*, Oct. 1981.

##### **Folder 2 –Photographs (ca. 1930-1992)**

7 b/w 8 x 10 of Capt. Harrington, Mrs. Harrington and others (1 photo color tinted); some photos by Drennan Photos and James G. La Vake

1 b/w 4 3/4" x 7" of Capt. Harrington in bathing suit steering boat

- 1 b/w 4" x 5" of Capt. Harrington on boat (duplicate of 8 x 10)
- 1 b/w 2 ½" x 2 ½" passport-type photo of Capt. Harrington
- 1 b/w 4 ½" x 2 ¾" snapshot marked "Joe Alta First Solo 1933"
- 3 b/w assorted size snapshots of Capt. Harrington and others
- 3 color 4" x 6" snapshots of Capt. Harrington in American Airlines uniform, receiving an award (?)
- 1 color Polaroid of Testimonial Dinner Dance banner, 10/31/1992
- 2 color snapshots of Capt. and Mrs. Harrington and people working on sailboat

Thirsty Major (Sailboat):

- 1 b/w 5" x 7" of sailboat
  - 3 b/w snapshots of sailboat
  - 1 color 3 ¼" x 5" snapshot of sailboat, 8/1983
- See Also: Items in other locations listed below**

**Folder 3 - Miscellaneous Papers (ca. 1960's)**

Papers include several documents from Trans-Caribbean Airways, Air Force Departure Instructions for Clark Air Base (Philippines), Dover AFB and Phu Cat (Viet Nam) Air Base, instruction booklets, charts and one sheet on Bayport Aerodrome Patterns.

**Folder 4 – Instruments**

Jeppesen Computer  
Cruising Altitudes (MSL) for Magnetic Courses

**Other Material in Box 1**

**Lockheed Jetstar Operating Instructions Binder**

**Awards**

- 1) "The Grey Eagles – Captain E.F. Harrington in Service with American Airlines 1965-1975"
- 2) "In Recognition of Your Excellence in and contribution to Aviation 1986"

**Artifacts (Not foldered)**

Cloth wings with Eastern Airlines button  
2 Tie Clips from American Airlines  
Leather luggage tag – American Airlines Flight Personnel Baggage  
Tail Wind Club Medal – 10/2/32 – E. Harrington

**Items in other locations:**

American Airlines Pilot Cap – Shelved with artifact collection (Bay 12, shelf 7)

Oversized photo (Located in Map Case in Janet West's office, Local History **A-Z**)  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the "Quite Birdmen", The Belmont  
Plaza, March 14, 1941 [Black and white, 10x18 inches]