In order to improve access to more of the existing holdings of Western Archives copies of a number of preliminary finding aids are being made available. These preliminary finding aids, some of which were prepared many years ago, vary in degrees of completeness, detail and accuracy. Some provide only basic box listings of the contents of a fonds or a collection, while others provide additional background material. All are intended to be the starting point for access to the records and they should not be considered a definitive source of information on the full nature and contents of the fonds or collection. Questions about the information provided in the preliminary finding aids should be directed to archives.services@uwo.ca
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FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the gift of The Beatrice Hitchins Memorial Collection of Aviation History to The D.B. Weldon Library of The University of Western Ontario. This notable material was given by the heirs of the late Professor Fred H. Hitchins who himself had requested that it be named in memory of his wife.

Professor Hitchins, the creator of this collection, was a modest man who combined a quiet demeanour and unassuming manner with a keen inquiring mind and a voracious appetite for books, writing, and research. Beloved alike by family, students, and colleagues, he was a familiar figure on the Western campus from 1960 until his retirement in 1970. He pursued the special field of aviation history with great vigour and persistence, ultimately building up the largest private collection on the subject extant in Canada. Professor Hitchins did not, so to speak, "hide the light" of his collection; on the contrary, he was an energetic correspondent who shared freely of his material with serious students of the subject.

The University of Western Ontario is honoured to have been selected by the Hitchins Family as the repository for the material results of Professor Hitchins' life work. It is with pride that we present the following record of the holdings of The Beatrice Hitchins Memorial Collection.

D.C. Williams, President,  
The University of Western Ontario
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Fred Hitchins was a teacher, scholar and senior air force officer, yet he possessed none of the pomposity which so often afflicts teachers and military men and he had no trace of the arrogance that frequently afflicts scholars. He was a quiet and unassuming man whose qualities became more obvious as one knew him longer.

Fred was born and died (10 July 1904 - 13 November 1972) in London, Ontario, where his first and last historical research was done in the library of The University of Western Ontario. As an undergraduate he was taught by the first historian at U.W.O. to achieve an international reputation, Fred Landon. After graduation, in 1923, he returned to Western to write a master's thesis on emigration to Canada 1800-67 under Landon's direction. From 1925 to 1928 he was a doctoral student and assistant instructor at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his PhD in 1930 and his dissertation, "The Colonial Land and Emigration Commission," was published in 1931. Professorial jobs were scarce everywhere in those difficult times and practically non-existent in Canada. Fred Hitchins happily joined the faculty of the Washington Square campus of New York University in 1928 where he was to remain until the Second World War. Although he taught European history, Fred had already developed a love for aeronautical research and began publishing articles on the subject in 1931. His interest grew while he remained in New York.

Scholarly interest was replaced by more active association with aeronautics in 1941 when Fred left the academic world to become an airman. Joining the R.C.A.F. he underwent training at Brandon and Regina. For a short time he was an instructor at Summerside, P.E.I. Shortly, however, Fred's knowledge of history was put to use when he was sent to England in October, 1941, as the first member of the R.C.A.F.'s historical section to be attached to the Air Force's overseas headquarters. For two years Fred worked in Aberystwyth, Wales, with the British Air Ministry's Historical Branch. During this time he began both collecting the material for an official history of the Royal Canadian Air Force and making notes on individual Canadian air aces.
which grew eventually into an extensive file of Canadian airmen in both world wars. In November, 1943, Fred returned to Canada to begin the preparation of the official R.C.A.F. history. He was also pressed into service preparing a number of pamphlets and booklets which were published almost immediately. It had been agreed that the historical section should concentrate for the time being on a "popular" account of the R.C.A.F. which, in the words of the Hon. Mr. C.B. Power, Minister of National Defence for Air, would be "based only on such records as can now be revealed without endangering security." Fred Hitchins did much of the work for all three of the volumes which were produced as The R.C.A.F. Overseas (1944-49). In addition, Wing Commander Hitchins, as he was promoted in 1945, also wrote Among the Few (1948), an account of the Canadian Airmen in the Battle of Britain, and the R.C.A.F. Logbook (1949), a short but useful chronology of the R.C.A.F. overseas. Fred's main work, however, was preparing for the longer official history which was the victim of postwar cutbacks. Though bitterly disappointed at the decision not to proceed with the air history, Fred continued to collect material and prepare narratives, which have enormously benefitted his successors who, thirty years after the war, are about to publish the official history of the R.C.A.F.

In 1960 Fred Hitchins retired from the Air Force and returned to teaching and to his undergraduate university. Fred's wife (Beatrice Lorine Jones) had died in 1958 and he faced a new career without the partner of 27 years. Yet for ten years he taught Canadian and European history and enriched the education of a generation of students and colleagues. Student radicals of the 1960's found Fred Hitchins implacably opposed to their notions of destroying the established order, but sympathetic to their idealism. He did not share the aspirations of young colleagues to produce a new society, but he helped them in innumerable ways. To solve a difficult organizational problem he became Acting Chairman of the history department and was able to break down the intransigence of his senior colleagues with humour and good nature.

In 1970 Fred retired for a second time to devote himself to research and to his magnificent library, which is now fully catalogued. The range of his interests can be gauged, but not fully understood, from the description
of that library which follows. Fred's scholarship, and his library, will
guarantee his remembrance among scholars, but his friends are likely to recall
him for his gentleness, his generosity and his genuine love of the past.
Fred Harvey Hitchins was a sceptic but not a cynic. With his death the
historical profession has lost one of its least assuming, yet most adept
members.
Fred Hitchins came to aviation history by the romantic route. He was an orthodox professional historian, a man vastly learned in languages and disciplined in his use of sources. In his always youthful passion for the air, however, he wandered from the straight and narrow. Consequently the Hitchins collection is an intriguing mixture of historical documentation and antiquarian erudition.

Such a combination has both its advantages and its disadvantages. Students searching for precisely documented notes from which to develop a thesis or research paper will find some material here, but it is limited. Scholars willing to devote time and reflection to the documents and photographs, on the other hand, will discover a rich gathering of aviation lore, particularly with respect to the pioneering days of flight. The collection of secondary sources alone is a priceless tool for those interested in the historiography of aviation. It is doubtful whether there is a better selection of the literature; certainly there is none so convenient to the scholar or buff.

The documentary material described in the finding aid is indispensable to historians of Canadian aviation; useful to air historians of all kinds. Hitchins' strength lay in accumulating massive amounts of data, the accuracy of which withstands normal tests even though the source of information does not always appear. Notes on index cards and in notebooks on pilots and aircraft of the First World War represent perhaps forty years of research. Those concerning European men and machines are probably unique in North America. Those concerning Canadian personnel are duplicated and expanded upon in the Directorate of History, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa.

The care with which Hitchins prepared this material can be seen in his articles on aircraft casualties in Cross and Cockade.

The documents tell their own story with regard to Fred Hitchins service as Air Historian in the R.C.A.F. His papers on the history of the R.C.A.F.
should be used in conjunction with his "Air Board, C.A.F. and R.C.A.F., 1919-39" published as Canadian War Museum Paper No. 2 by the National Museum of Man, 1972, and the three volumes of The R.C.A.F. Overseas 1939-45 (Oxford, 1944-1949). For a complete understanding of Canadian airforce history the scholar must also inspect relevant collections in the Public Archives of Canada and the Directorate of History. Frustrated in his attempts to produce a scholarly official history, deprived of adequate staff, Hitchins' materials on the later period (1920-45) is somewhat discursive. It is nonetheless an essential source for any serious student of Canadian aviation history and historiography.

Finally, although this collection is not self-sufficient, the combination of books and documents gives it a special value. Its importance lies as much in the passionate obsession of Fred Hitchins with his subject as in the utility of his work to others. It is only fair to warn researchers that unless they understand Hitchins' total commitment to aviation, they may not derive much benefit by plunging into the material. If they can do their research on Hitchins' terms, however, and be prepared to innovate in their methods, they may find the proverbial pot of gold at the end of their labours.
NOTES ON THE CATALOGUE

Marvin W. Hopkinson, History Collections Librarian,
The D.B. Weldon Library

This catalogue has been organized into two major divisions. Part One contains manuscript materials which were written or gathered by Dr. Hitchins during his lifetime. Within Part One, the first section brings together materials for which he was the author, joint author, or editor. In most cases, he had indicated on the items the role that he had played in their preparation. However, some of the materials lacked clear identification. For these papers, it was necessary to use other clues, such as words of expression, style of type, and subject content in relation to his other writings. Under such conditions, some errors of placement may have occurred. In addition to his writings, the manuscript collection includes research documents, correspondence, illustrations, card files and rough notes.

Part Two of the catalogue lists the printed works held in the collection. The great majority of these items are monographs on the history of aviation. As far as possible, the books have been entered under the heading that reflects their major subject or time period. Nevertheless, it is useful to check related subjects and time periods for works that contain some information on a topic. In some cases the works cover several subjects or time periods, and these are listed under the general headings. As well as the monographs on aviation, Part Two includes books on related military studies, periodicals, pamphlets, and clippings.

The primary purpose of this catalogue is to facilitate the use of the collection. In accordance with the instructions from the Hitchins family, the materials have been held intact within the Special Collections area of The D.B. Weldon Library. Following the general outline of the catalogue, the items have been placed on shelves according to their form (i.e. manuscripts, books, periodicals, pamphlets, and clippings). The materials are available for use by people with a serious interest in aviation, but they must be studied within the Special Collections area. A secondary function of this catalogue is to inform qualified researchers of the scope and contents of this collection. It should be mentioned also that The D.B. Weldon
Library has other materials on the history of aviation which complement this resource. These other materials are entered in the main catalogue, periodicals catalogue, and government publications printouts of the library.

Words of appreciation must be extended to several groups and individuals. This finding aid was made possible through funds from a grant provided by the Department of National Defence for military studies at The University of Western Ontario. On account of inflationary costs, additional funding was given by The University of Western Ontario Library System to complete the project. Dr. W.A.B. Douglas, Director of the Directorate of History, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, has prepared an assessment of the significance of this collection. It should be noted that Dr. Douglas' office includes Fred Hitchins' former post as Air Force Historian, and that he has worked with the Hitchins materials on several occasions. From the History Department at this university, Dr. F.H. Armstrong contributed important advice at all stages of this task. Professor A.M.J. Hyatt provided encouragement and liaison, especially concerning the D.N.D. grant. Ruth Lemon typed a multitude of cards for the monographs in this collection. Within The D.B. Weldon Library, Edward Phelps and other staff in the Regional Collection gave valuable assistance to this work. Other collections librarians provided special help, especially Ms. Hilary Bates Neary who began the organization of the materials, and Ms. Linda Lutz who assisted with the German-language items. Finally, Mrs. Peggy Gibson typed the catalogue with real expedition and care.
The BEATRICE HITCHINS Memorial Collection

Donated by the Family of FRED H. HITCHINS
PART ONE

MANUSCRIPT MATERIALS

I. WRITINGS BY F.H. HITCHINS

This section consists of writings by Professor Hitchins and works in which he participated. Some of these items were not published, while others later appeared in journals or in book form. The following entries are file numbers and file titles.

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21. Captain R.T.C. Hoidge
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23. Opposite Numbers
24. Historical Research on Canadians in British Air Services
25. Jan Christiaan Smuts, "Father of the R.A.F."
26. Pin-Points in the Past (Robert Leckie)
27. Allied Aircraft in German Hands (Cross and Cockade Journal)
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This section consists of research materials gathered by F.H. Hitchins to assist the preparation of his writings. It includes government documents, other original sources, and articles by various writers.

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1. Believe It Or Not of Aeronautics (By E. Jones)
2. History of Canadian Aviation: Bibliography
3. Aviation in Canada (By J.A. Wilson)
4. Influence of Civil Aviation in the Development of Canada's Air Power (By J.A. Wilson)
5. History of the R.C.A.F. (By R.V. Dodds)
7. Canada Spreads Its Wings (Brief Account of Canadian Aviation)
8. Training Manual for Royal Canadian Air Cadets, 1948 (R.C.A.F. History, and Aero-Engines Only)
9. Biographies of Canadian Airmen
10. Memories of a Canadian Airman (Autobiography by R. Collishaw)
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15. R.A.F. No. 6 Squadron History (By J. Yoxall)
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2. Smithsonian Institution Annual Report for 1900 (Aeronautics Section Only)
3. Journal of the Western Society of Engineers, December 1901 (Extracts)
4. Aeronautics Magazine, 1908-1909 (Extracts)
5. Early Canadian Flying (By G.M. Ross)
6. Early Flights in Canada (Typed Articles from Newspapers)
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3. Canadian Aviation Corps, 1914-1915; E.L. Janney and W.F. Sharpe (By E. Pye)
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13. Canadian Volunteers and the R.N.A.S. (By R. Collishaw)
14. Aviation Department of the Imperial Munitions Board in Canada
15. Privy Council of Canada Reports on Aviation, 1918
16. V.P. Cronyn (Canadian Flyer); Letter and Diary (Extracts)
17. Aerial Combat Reports: Bishop, W.A., 1917-1918
18. Memorial Ceremony for D.A. Shanks, Dec. 18, 1921
19. War in the Air (Jones); Precis on Canadians. File A
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32. Form for Reporting Markings on Hostile Aeroplanes
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34. Royal Naval Air Service (Rosters)
35. History of No. 3 Wing, R.N.A.S. (By R. Collishaw)
36. List of Victors and Casualties to Naval Squadrons Nos. 1, 8, 9, 10 in 1917
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52. Von Richthofen's Victims
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9. Canadian Air Force Station Camp Borden, 1922-1923
10. Royal Canadian Air Force Weekly Orders, April 1, 1924
11. Department of National Defence (Canada) Annual Report, March 1924 (Extracts on R.C.A.F.)
12. Report of Investigation on Aviation in the Arctic Archipelago, 1922
13. Mountain Reconnaissance by Airplane, 1922 (By A.O. Wheeler)
14. Eclipse of the Sun Photographed from Aircraft, 1925
16. Review of the Counter-Revolution in South Russia (By R. Collishaw)
17. R.A.F. Persian Adventure (By R. Collishaw)
18. Role of the Air Force as a Separate Service (R.A.F. Staff College Document)

F. SECOND WORLD WAR
1. Air Forces in Europe, 1939 (By H. Bouche)
2. Reports and Despatches on Military Operations, 1939-1945 (List)
3. Biographies of Airmen
4. Awards to R.C.A.F. Personnel in the Second World War
5. R.C.A.F. Roll of Honour, Sept. 1, 1943 – Aug. 31, 1944
6. Air Transport in Canada (By J.A. Wilson)
7. Lecture on the R.C.A.F. in the Second World War
8. R.C.A.F. in the Second World War to 1943 (By Digby Rivers)
9. R.C.A.F. in Newfoundland (By M.H.M. MacKinnon)
10. Report on All Phases of Reconnaissance By No. 39 Recce Wing, R.C.A.F.
11. R.C.A.F. No. 162 Squadron History
12. R.C.A.F. No. 2 Manning Depot Daily Routine Orders, March 1941
15. Resignation of C.G. Power, November 1944
17. R.C.A.F. Statistical Summary (Newspaper Clipping, May 9, 1945)
18. No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Heavy Bomber Group Monthly Summary, Nov. 1943-June 1944
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23. No. 6 (R.C.A.F.) Heavy Bomber Group Historical Review
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33. Brief History of the Crete Campaign, 1941 (By R. Collishaw)
34. Malta Memories (By J. McElroy)
36. A.M.E.S. 894: the Story of a Mobile Radar Unit in North Africa; Incomplete (By M.S. Killen)
37. Unit Histories of World War II, United States Forces (Bibliography)
38. Thirty Years of Peace and War, 7th Bomb Group, Eighth Air Force (U.S.A.)
39. American and British Aircraft in the Second World War: Summary Booklet of Specifications
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43. Anton Glowacki (Biography)
44. Combatting High Flying Reconnaissance Aircraft (By D. Tatarenko)
45. Japanese Air Service (October 1944)
46. Norden Bombsight II-F-46
47. McGee, John Gillespie (High flight) - II-F-47

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1. Social Customs in the R.C.A.F.
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4. R.C.A.F. Historical Section (Memoranda)
5. On the Theoretical Education of Air Force Officers, 1946 (By O. Nakonechny)

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I. BOOKS ON AVIATION

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A. AVIATION: GENERAL

This section contains works on the general history of aviation in the world and various countries. The last subdivision gathers together materials on the theory of air warfare.

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Gibson, Colin. AIR POWER IN CANADA. Toronto, 1946.
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