

UPDATE: Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, artifact donations to the museum are not being accepted at this time. If you have a donation that you feel is of great significance, please contact archives@albertaaviationmuseum.com to allow for museum curator evaluation. Absolutely no drop-offs will be allowed.

Donating Historical Artifacts & Archival Materials to the AAM

The AAM will no longer accept duplicates or artifacts which are outside of the museum's mandate and/or AAM vision, which is to "To boldly share Blatchford's aviation stories and shine a spotlight on Edmonton as a window to the world." Furthermore, each object accepted to our collection must constitute a representative sample of a previously undocumented or inadequately recorded aspect of Edmonton's or Alberta's aviation heritage, or to be directly relevant to current research, exhibit or interpretation. As a not-for-profit organization, the AAM does not purchase collections or artifacts from collectors.

For details please see information below:

Procedures for donating to the AAM archives/artifact collections

1. Please make sure that you have read and that you understand all the information provided on this page and that your proposed donation is in line with AAM policies, mission, and vision.
2. Please make sure artifacts you propose to donate are not on the list of objects that we do not accept.
3. If your proposed donation fulfills the above basic requirements please send a description and photographs of the proposed donation to the Curatorial Department us by email: curator@albertaaviationmuseum.com / archives@albertaaviationmuseum.com or mail a letter and photos (not the donation) to the Alberta Aviation Museum 11410 Kingsway Avenue Edmonton, AB, T5G 0X4 (please note **we do not** provide estimates or make decisions regarding acceptance of artifacts/collections over the phone).
4. Once the above information is received, AAM will determine if the proposed donation fulfills all the requirements and if yes you will be asked to sign a donation form. (We strive to answer all inquiries within 3 working days, but large donations require approval of the Collections Committee and the Board of Directors and this process may take up to 2 months). Please note that acceptance of an object/collection by the AAMA **does NOT** imply that the artifact/s will be displayed publicly.

The Alberta Aviation Museum does not accept unsolicited donations through the mail or in person. Any unsolicited objects received through the mail or dropped at the front desk without following the above procedures will be considered abandoned, and the museum reserves the right to dispose of such property as it sees fit, with accordance to the Alberta Museum Association best practices/standards.

Vision:

To boldly share Blatchford's aviation stories and shine a spotlight on Edmonton as a window to the world.

Mission:

We are an active community partner and stewards of Edmonton's aviation history, providing a dynamic visitor experience and sharing stories about the role of aviation in building our community.

Acceptable objects/artifacts

Original photographs, slides, negatives relating to Edmonton's or Alberta's aviation heritage
Original documents relating to Edmonton's or Alberta's aviation heritage
Original drawings/sketches relating to Edmonton's or Alberta's aviation heritage
Original artifacts including, but not limited to aircraft relating to Edmonton's or Alberta's aviation heritage
Civilian clothing, airline uniforms, bush flying coats
Civilian or military flight helmets
Military oxygen masks (pre 1982)
Early pre-1960s era parachute harnesses
Aircraft parts for current restoration projects (Bell P-39 Airacobra, Bell 206 JetRanger)

Unacceptable objects/artifacts

Military uniforms (post 1918, unless relating to a specific local historical figure)
Military badges

Lapel pins

Modern memorabilia, commemorative plates, mugs, aircraft models, spoons, etc.

Aviation art, including framed prints (that are duplicates or have no direct local history)

Radioactive materials, including aircraft gauges

Flight calculators/computers (post 1939)

Emergency radios, 'black boxes', beacons

Aircraft compasses

Generic aircraft parts

Active firearms and ammunition

Aircraft sextants

Images/documents which were printed or copied from the internet/published sources

Digital images (relating to local aviation history) which are not the original intellectual property of the donor or are low resolution (below 300 dpi vertical and horizontal resolution 3000px on long edge)

Modern aviation calendars (post 1959)

Navigational charts/maps (post 1945)

Signal lights (post 1939)

Aircraft models (unless they have a specific purpose)

Modern aviation posters (post 1959)

Old TVs, computers, electronic equipment

Film projectors

Large cameras and photographic equipment (post 1939)

Trunks, suitcases, luggage (post 1945)

Tools and toolboxes (including woodworking, metalworking, or aircraft tools)