

Finding Aid - Saunders film collection (F3028)

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Summary information

Repository:**Title:** Saunders film collection**Reference code:** F3028**Date:** 1932-1936 (date of creation)**Physical description:** 27 film reels: 16mm, b&w, acetate**Physical location:** MI 275**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Margaret (Maisie) Helen Inverarity Stickland Saunders, was born in 1898, and died in Ottawa in 1985. In June of 1918, Maisie and Louis Farquhar Strickland married in Edinburgh Scotland. They had one child. Inverarity and Strickland divorced in 1925 after Maisie had returned to Scotland. Maisie then married William Eric Pentland Saunders in 1926. She was a pioneering aviator, having been within the first fifty women to receive a Royal Aero Club certificate in 1929.

Custodial history

These films were donated by Jessie Dutton-Saunders through the good offices of Alexander Scala. Scala held and researched the material for a number of years and created the descriptive documentation that accompanied the material upon donation.

Scope and content

At the end of 1930 William Eric Pentland Saunders, late of the Indian Army, and his wife, Margaret Helen Saunders, née Inverarity, set out westward from England on a trip around the world. Eric and Maisie embarked on the USS Leviathan at Southampton on December 16, 1930 and returned to England, via Ostend, on about June 11, 1935. They were accompanied throughout by Ivy Vanderplank who was in their employ.

Upon arrival in New York City (December 24, 1930) Maisie bought a Kodak 16mm movie camera. The majority of the films were shot by Maisie, though there are brief glimpses of her in a couple of films, when someone else, likely Eric, took the camera. The numbering of the surviving films suggests that in the course of her trip around the world she produced at least one hundred and twenty-nine reels. She

produced another seven 400-foot reels upon her return to the United Kingdom. Most of the films have disappeared, a few have merely not been salvageable. The collection therefore consists of twenty-four 400-foot films, seventeen from the trip around the world and eight from the period after the Saunders' return to the United Kingdom.

The earliest surviving reel shows Peking in January 1932; the latest shows England in the summer of 1936. There are no surviving films from the first year of the Saunders' travels. The majority of the films from the trip around the world refer to the last year of the Saunders' travels -- that is, in the Middle East and Europe in 1934 and 1935.

The Saunders toured Japan until early in January 1932, when they took a ferry to Korea. They made their way overland to Manchuria, freshly occupied by Japan, then down to Peking, where the first of the extant films (24) finds them. The next surviving film (26) begins in Shanghai, where the Saunders party arrived, apparently by ship, during the last phase of the fighting between the Chinese and Japanese (February 1932). The film also shows the group's departure on the USS President Coolidge and its arrival in Hong Kong. Maisie Saunders's films of her party's subsequent travels in French Indochina, the Dutch East Indies and Ceylon and their long sojourn in Australia have all been lost. One film (59) survives from the Saunders's months in New Zealand.

Of stylistic note: many of the films are being shot from inside/on board vehicles. The hood of their various cars is visible in many shots.

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final

Access points

- Moving images (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
F3028-f1	File - 101 [Egypt] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Alexandria, Cairo, Suez Canal and the Sinai Desert. <i>Physical location:</i>	Jun.-Jul. 1934	1 film reel (18 min., 27 sec.): 16 mm, b&w, acetate

	MI 275.1		
F3028-f2	File - 102 [Sinai and Palestine] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Sinai and Palestine including Jerusalem and the coast. <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.2	Jul. 1934	1 film reel (18 min., 34 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f3	File - 106 [Rhodes] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Rhodes, including Rhodes Town and Lindos in Greece. <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.3	Aug. 1934	1 film reel (16 min., 34 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f4	File - 107 [Greece] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Rhodes, as well as footage from Greece, including the Marathon Dam, Athens and Sounion (tip of the Attic Peninsula). <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.4	Aug.-Sep. 1934	1 film reel (18 min., 32 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f5	File - 112 [Athens] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Athens <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.5	[Nov.-Dec. 1934]	1 film reel (13 min., 56 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f6	File - 113 [Istanbul] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of a departure by sea from Piraeus and Istanbul, Sea of Marmora. <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.6	Dec. 1934	1 film reel (11 min., 11 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f7	File - 116 [Romania] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Romania, including Bucharest. Landing from Ruse in Bulgaria at Giurgiu. <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.7	Jan.-Feb. 1935	1 film reel (14 min., 52 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f8	File - 117 [Bulgaria] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film consists of two reels containing footage of Bulgaria, including Sofia. Tsar Boris reviewing troops in Sofia. Crossing the Danube at Ruse.	Jan. 1935	2 film reels (14 min., 42 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate

	<i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.8		
F3028-f8-1	Item - Part one	Jan. 1935	1 film reel (6 min., 46 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.8 (1 of 2)		
F3028-f8-2	Item - Part two	Jan. 1935	1 film reel (7:56 min., 52 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.8 (2 of 2)		
F3028-f9	File - 118 [Jugoslavia]	Feb.-Mar. 1935	1 film reel (18 min., 16 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Jugoslavia, including Belgrade. Hungary, including Budapest.		
	<i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.9		
F3028-f10	File - 119 [Hungary]	Mar. 1935	1 film reel (18 min., 35 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Hungary, including Budapest and Lake Balaton.		
	<i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.10		
F3028-f11	File - 122 [Austria]	Apr.-May 1935	1 film reel (18 min., 36 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Austria (no Vienna). Czechoslovakia, including Prague		
	<i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.11		
F3028-f12	File - 126 [Bavaria]	May 1935	1 film reel (18 min., 28 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Bavaria: Schloss Neuschwanstein and Schloss Hohenschwangau; Munich; Nuremberg.		
	<i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.12		
F3028-f13	File - 128 [End of Around-the-World trip]	Jun.-Jul. 1935	1 film reel (18 min., 31 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Brussels, Ostende, and Dover. Also contains footage of the family back in Scotland as well as Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and the Spithead naval review of July 16, 1935.		
	<i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.13		
F3028-f14	File - 130 [Scotland]	Summer 1935	1 film reel (18 min., 43 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate

	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Golf, riding, Tantallon Castle, North Berwick, Bass Rock, Edinburgh, Edinburgh Castle, trout fishing, Maisie Saunders possibly flying a light biplane.</p> <p><i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.14</p>		
F3028-f15	File - 131 [Eire]	Fall and Winter 1935	1 film reel (14 min., 1 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage from fall and winter of 1935. Dublin.</p> <p><i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.15</p>		
F3028-f16	File - 132 [Eire]	Fall and Winter 1935	1 film reel (13 min., 53 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Fox-hunting, point-to-point, steeplechasing.</p> <p><i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.16</p>		
F3028-f17	File - 133 [Eire]	Fall and Winter 1935	1 film reel (13 min., 56 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Fox-hunting, point-to-point, steeplechasing.</p> <p><i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.17</p>		
F3028-f18	File - 134 [Eire]	[Spring 1936?]	1 film reel (14 min., 4 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Eire.</p> <p><i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.18</p>		
F3028-f19	File - 135 [Wales and England]	Jun. 1936	1 film reel (14 min., 14 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Ascot -- probably the Royal Meeting in June 1936.</p> <p><i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.19</p>		
F3028-f20	File - 136 [United Kingdom]	Jun. 1936	1 film reel (13 min., 29 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Polo, air show at Hendon (June 27, 1936), Stonehenge, wedding. motorboat, aerodrome.</p> <p><i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.20</p>		

F3028-f21	File - 24 [Northern China] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Northern China, including Peking. <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.21	Jan.-Feb. 1932	1 film reel (18 min., 18 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f22	File - 26 [Shanghai and Hong Kong] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film contains footage of Shanghai and Hong Kong <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.22	Feb.-Mar. 1932	2 film reels (17 min., 41 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f22-1	Item - Part one <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.22 (1 of 2)	Feb.-Mar. 1932	1 film reel: 16 mm
F3028-f22-2	Item - Part two <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.22 (2 of 2)	Feb.-Mar. 1932	1 film reel: 16 mm
F3028-f23	File - 59 [New Zealand] <i>Scope and content:</i> Film predominantly contains footage of the Rotorua geothermal district on the North Island. The Saunders arrived at Auckland on December 12, 1932 and left from Auckland on March 21, 1933. The film is most likely from January 1933. <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.23	[Jan. 1933?]	1 film reel (13 min., 23 sec.) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f24	File - 4 [South Africa] <i>Scope and content:</i> The film consists of footage of Capetown and the coast. Apparently headed inland toward Johannesburg toward the end. Film can is marked "Capetown 10-08-33" <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.24	10 Aug. 1933	1 film reel (ca. 100ft) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate
F3028-f25	File - 5 [Scotland] <i>Scope and content:</i> The film consists of footage of North Berwick. <i>Physical location:</i> MI 275.25	29 Sep. 1935	1 film reel (ca. 100ft) : 16 mm, b&w, acetate