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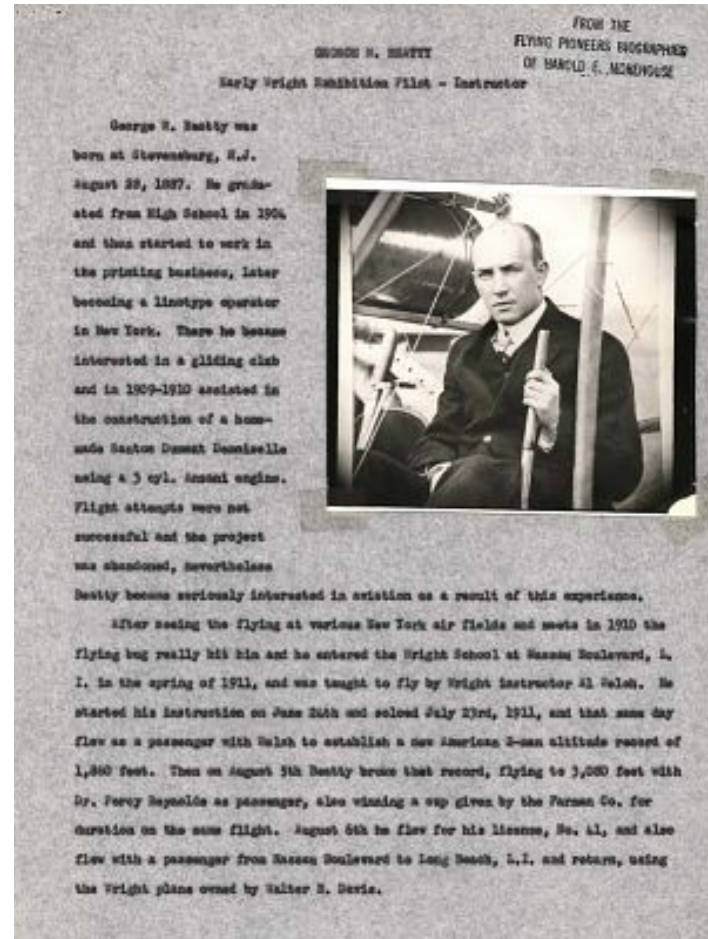
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GEORGE W. BEATTY
Early Wright Exhibition Pilot - Instructor

[[image - photograph of George W. Beatty at the controls of an aircraft]]

George W. Beatty was born at Stevensburg, N.J. August 28, 1887. He graduated from High School in 1904 and then started work in the printing business, later becoming a linotype operator in New York. There he became interested in a gliding club and in 1909-1910 assisted in the construction of a homemade Santos Dumont Demoiselle using a 3 cyl. Ansani engine. Flight attempts were not successful and the project was abandoned, nevertheless Beatty became seriously interested in aviation as a result of this experience.

After seeing the flying at various New York air fields and meets in 1910 the flying bug really bit him and he entered the Wright School at Nassau Boulevard, L.I. in the spring of 1911, and was taught to fly by Wright instructor Al Welsh. He started his instruction on June 24th and soloed July 23rd, 1911, and that same day flew as a passenger with Welsh to establish a new American 2-man altitude record of 1,860 feet. Then on August 5th Beatty broke that record, flying to 3,080 feet with Dr. Percy Reynolds as passenger, also winning a cup given by the Farman Co. for duration on the same flight. August 6th he flew for his license, No. 41, and also flew with a passenger from Nassau Boulevard to Long Beach, L.I. and return, using the Wright plane owned by Walter B. Davis.



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