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From the Flying Pioneers Biographies of Harold E. Morehouse.

Fredrick C. Hild
Early American Bleriot Pilot - Plane Manufacturer

Frederick C. Hild was born in Brooklyn, New York June 11, 1890. He attended schools there and at age 20 was an architectural draftsman.

He apparently became interested in aviation during the first public demonstrations and air meets held in the New York area in 1910. He had an opportunity to take measurements of Karl Ovington's French-built Bleriot Monoplane and made a set of drawings of the famous early plane. Hild then rented a booth at the New York Aero Show, held at Grand Central Palace from December 31, 1910 to January 7, 1911, and offered these drawings for sale at \$10.00 a set, under the name of the American Airplane Supply House, Garden City, Long Island. The response was such that Hild and his brother-in-law, Edward F. Marshonet entered into a partnership to manufacture parts and supplies for those who had purchased drawings, to become one of the very first aeronautical supply houses in the country. They had a similar booth and exhibit at the Boston Aero Show February 20th to 25th, 1911. Advertising of their products was started in various aviation magazines and they began to exhibit them wherever possible, soon receiving general recognition for the use of first class materials and excellent

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