



**Smithsonian Institution**

*Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives*

## **Harold E. Morehouse Flying Pioneers Biographies Collection - Lawson, Alfred W.**

Extracted on Apr-24-2024 01:50:21

**The Smithsonian Institution thanks all digital volunteers that transcribed and reviewed this material. Your work enriches Smithsonian collections, making them available to anyone with an interest in using them.**

The Smithsonian Institution (the "Smithsonian") provides the content on this website ([transcription.si.edu](https://transcription.si.edu)), other Smithsonian websites, and third-party sites on which it maintains a presence ("SI Websites") in support of its mission for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge." The Smithsonian invites visitors to use its online content for personal, educational and other non-commercial purposes. By using this website, you accept and agree to abide by the [following terms](#).

- If sharing the material in personal and educational contexts, please cite the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives as source of the content and the project title as provided at the top of the document. Include the accession number or collection name; when possible, link to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives website.
- If you wish to use this material in a for-profit publication, exhibition, or online project, please contact Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives or [transcribe@si.edu](mailto:transcribe@si.edu)

For more information on this project and related material, contact the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives. [See this project](#) and other collections in the Smithsonian Transcription Center.

[[stamped]] FROM THE FLYING PIONEERS BIOGRAPHIES OF  
HAROLD E. MOREHOUSE [[/stamped]]

ALFRED W. LAWSON  
Aircraft Magazine Publisher - Aviator - Plane Manufacturer

[[image]]

Alfred W. Lawson was born in London, England March 24, 1869. Information is lacking concerning his early life, education, and when he came to America.

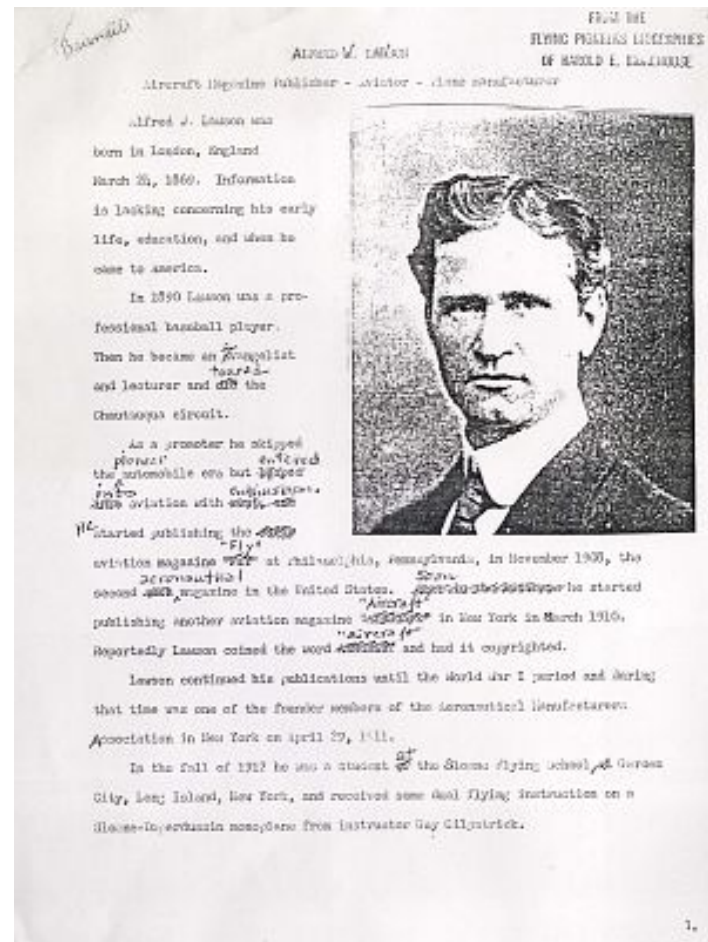
In 1890 Lawson was a professional baseball player. Then he became an Evangelist and lecturer and ~~did~~ toured the Chautauqua circuit.

As a promoter he skipped the pioneer automobile era but ~~leaped into~~ entered into aviation with ~~zest~~ enthusiasm. He started publishing the ~~early~~ aviation magazine ~~"FLY"~~ "Fly" at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in November 1908, the second ~~aeronautical~~ such ~~aeronautical~~ magazine in the United States. ~~Once in the business~~ Soon he started publishing another aviation magazine ~~"AIRCRAFT"~~ "Aircraft" in New York in March 1910. Reportedly Lawson coined the word ~~AIRCRAFT~~ "aircraft" and had it copyrighted.

Lawson continued his publications until the World War I period and during that time was one of the founder members of the Aeronautical Manufacturers Association in New York on April 29, 1911.

In the fall of 1912 he was a student ~~of~~ at the Sloane Flying School ~~at~~ Garden City, Long Island, New York, and received some dual flying instruction on a Sloane-Deperdussin monoplane from instructor Guy Gilpatrick.

1.



Harold E. Morehouse Flying Pioneers Biographies Collection - Lawson, Alfred W.  
Transcribed and Reviewed by Digital Volunteers  
Extracted Apr-24-2024 01:50:21



## Smithsonian Institution

*Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Archives*

The mission of the Smithsonian is the increase and diffusion of knowledge - shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world. Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. Become an active part of our mission through the Transcription Center. Together, we are discovering secrets hidden deep inside our collections that illuminate our history and our world.

Join us!

The Transcription Center: <https://transcription.si.edu>

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SmithsonianTranscriptionCenter>

On Twitter: [@TranscribeSI](https://twitter.com/TranscribeSI)

Connect with the Smithsonian

Smithsonian Institution: [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Smithsonian>

On Twitter: [@smithsonian](https://twitter.com/smithsonian)