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WALDO D. WATERMAN
Pioneer West Coast Aviator - Engineer - Plane Builder

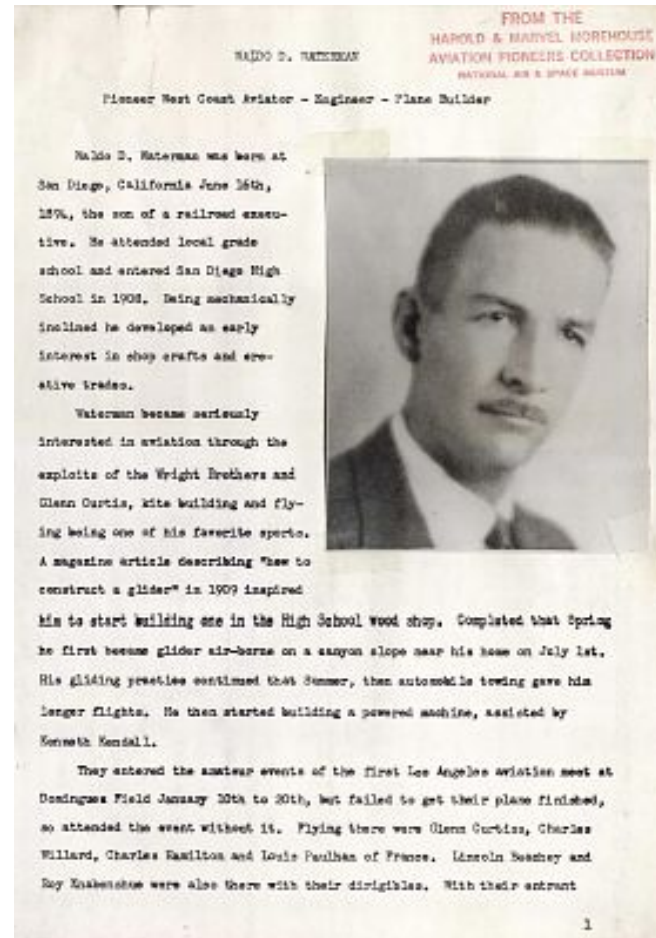
Waldo D. Waterman was born at San Diego, California June 16th, 1894, the son of a railroad executive. He attended local grade school and entered San Diego High School in 1908. Being mechanically inclined he developed an early interest in shop crafts and creative trades.

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Waterman became seriously interested in aviation through the exploits of the Wright Brothers and Glenn Curtis, kite building and flying being one of his favorite sports. A magazine article describing "how to construct a glider" in 1909 inspired him to start building one in the High School wood shop. Completed that Spring he first became glider air-borne on a canyon slope near his home on July 1st. His gliding practice continued that Summer, then automobile towing gave him longer flights. He then started building a powered machine, assisted by Kenneth Kendall.

They entered the amateur events of the first Los Angeles aviation meet at Dominguez Field January 10th to 20th, but failed to get their plane finished, so attended the event without it. Flying there were Glenn Curtiss, Charles Willard, Charles Hamilton and Louis Paulhan of France. Lincoln Beachey and Roy Knabenshue were also there with their dirigibles. With their entrant

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