

EASTERN AIR LINES, INC., FLIGHT 212, ACCIDENT COLLECTION, 1974

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ABSTRACT

On September 11, 1974, Eastern Air Lines, Inc., Flight 212, crashed just short of the runway at Douglas Municipal Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina. On route from Charleston to Charlotte, the flight's concluding destination was supposed to be Chicago. Thick fog reduced visibility, and on approach, the aircraft slammed into the ground, skidded, ran into thick woods, and burst into flames. Of the 82 occupants, thirteen survived the initial crash and fire. Three succumbed to their injuries in the days following the accident.

During the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation, it was determined that the probable cause of the accident was "the flight crew's lack of altitude awareness at critical points during the approach due to poor cockpit discipline in that the crew did not follow prescribed procedures."

This collection contains newspaper articles and notebooks.

ACCESS

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REFERENCES

Eastern Air Lines Inc. "Aircraft Accident Report." <http://libraryonline.erau.edu/online-full-text/ntsb/aircraft-accident-reports/AAR75-09.pdf>

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RELATED MATERIALS

Airplane Crashes—Eastern Flight 212 (September 11, 1974). (CALL NUMBER: NCR VERTICAL FILE)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Eastern Air Lines, Inc., Flight 212, Accident Collection consists of items relating to the September 1974 accident in Charlotte. The collection is from 1974. It includes 3 notebooks documenting the crash. One notebook belonged to Sgt. Stegall of the Mecklenburg County Police.

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

CONTENTS	BOX	FOLDER
Notebooks, 1974		
3 notebooks including photographs and laminated newspapers	1	