

Preface

The main source for this book is a digital copy of the log of activity at the Hyannis Airport from 1928 to 1948. The information contained within these entries is an authentic recording of the actual monthly log of the new airport.

Alton B. Sherman also alluded to the fact that he was a journalist and may have sent paragraphs to the Barnstable Patriot and other newspapers. In a few scattered entries, the 'writer' addresses himself as 'this journalist.'

When Katie Servis, the current airport manager, was approached with the idea for a book, the log was presented from the Barnstable Airport Archives. From the first reading, it was so rich in Cape Cod history that it was a story that needed to be told.

The Log was dated 1928 to 1948. During those forty years, the growth of the Cape, the expansion of the airport, and the introduction of the "Aeroplane" as a means of leisure travel, were amazing. A plane seating two people in 1928 to a passenger plane seating thirty to thirty-five passengers in 1948 is documented in the log.

A diligent search for the Pilot's Logbook still has not located the original volume. The pages contained in this book are scanned from the original typewritten spiral-bound book on permanent loan and property of the Sturgis Library, Barnstable, The growth of the aviation industry is also intertwined in this log, as well as some of the celebrities who used air travel to access the Cape, (James Cagney, Gloria Swanson, from Hollywood) to the visionaries who made that possible (Amelia Earhart, Colonel James Doolittle, Eddie Rickenbacker).