



In the 1920s and '30s Iowa used the top of the hill on North Cottonwood as its airfield. The planes shown here are, left to right: 1) "Laird: Todd Toby, 2) J1 Standard by Gene Miller, 3) and 4) built by Fritz Womack, Duard Murry and "Murry Sport," 5) Duard Murry Curtis "Jenny" JN4D.

There are five airplanes mentioned in the caption, but there are six airplanes in the photograph;

1) A Laird by Todd Toby, which is actually a Laird Model S; the model S was designed in 1918 and was a 2 place, open cockpit airplane with a 50 HP Gnôme rotary engine.

2) A J1 Standard by Gene Miller, which is a JN4D modified by the Lincoln Standard Company;

3) An airplane built by Fritz Womack and Duard Murry; I wonder about this photo because if that's a Murry Sport, then it's a big airplane. Notice the comparison of the airplane to the gentleman standing beside it. This also looks like it has an OX-5 engine.

4) An airplane built by Fritz Womack and Duard Murry;

5) A Curtis JN4D Jenny owned by Duard Murry. Duard and Fritz rebuilt this airplane (see story from March 10, 1930) so the photo had to be after that date?

6) What happened to listing the sixth airplane in the photo? Not sure what it is yet.

There's a man leaning against the gas pump in the left side of the photo. If you watch the video of Ross Arbuckle and Fritz Womack, you'll see this field in a short 3 second segment. An airplane is filming the lineup from right to left, showing the airplanes and the hangar.