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## **Suggested Readings**

*Dictionary of Georgia Biography*, ed. Kenneth Coleman and Charles Stephen Gurr (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1983), s.v. "Epps, Benjamin Thomas."

Additional Resources

*Ben Epps: The Legacy of Georgia's First Aviator*, writ. and prod. William J. Evelyn, narr. Dick Mendenhall (Athens: University of Georgia, 2001), film.

Museum of Aviation: <a href="http://www.museumofaviation.org/">http://www.museumofaviation.org/</a>

Athens-Ben Airport: <a href="http://athensclarkecounty.com/index.aspx?NID=203">http://athensclarkecounty.com/index.aspx?NID=203</a>

Georgia's Pioneer Aviator Ben T. Epps Historical Marker: <a href="http://georgiahistory.com/markers/426">http://georgiahistory.com/markers/426</a>







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"Ben Epps Dies Last Night of Plane Crash Injuries Sustained Here Saturday"

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"Ben Epps Killed in Airplane Crash at Athens Field"

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Ben Epps full length with bowler hat 1









Ben Epps full length with bowler hat 2

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Ben Epps Jr., 1931

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Ben Epps Sr.

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Crashed Plane, 1912

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"Ben Epps... Dreamer"









**Epps Airport** 

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Epps and son in car built in Epp's garage, Athens, GA

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Epps and son in front of plane, 1929

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"Athens Takes to Aviation as Classes at Airport Here Grow"

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Epps family with family, 1930









Epps flying field, 1928

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Flying Advertisement for Epps Flying Field

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Epps next to plane

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Epps kids in plane









Epps monoplane built 1924

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Epps sitting in early plan (with bicycle wheels), 1912

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Epps with Ben Epps Jr. in front of plane

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Epps with crashed plane, 1912

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First Epps-built airplane in 1907, Athens, GA









Harry Epps and Ben T. Epps Jr., 1931

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"Boy, 13, Makes Solo Flight"

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"13 year old flies"

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Rolfe and family in plane, 1919

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Rolfe with plane, 1919



