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Content Note

This collection contains news release photographs dating from 1903 to 1938. They depict events and people of this period: the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, Eddy Rickenbacker, Alys McKey Bryant, Amelia Earhart and others. The collection includes photographs of early aircraft taken during and after World War I. The photographs, for the most part, are not dated or captioned; however, the evolution of aviation design and technology is apparent.

Detailed Description: Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1 FF 1-25	Aviation Photographs, 1903-1938. Arranged chronologically. Contains photographs of early aviation history and people that were recorded by news photographs and put in press
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releases and newspapers.

Series 2	Box 1 FF 26-32	Aviation Photographs, Undated. Contains the same type of photographs as found in the previous series, except they are undated and no description is found on them for the most part. Internal evidence suggests they date from about 1910 to 1930.
Series 3	Box 2-Box 3	Early Aviation Photographs. Contains photographic prints that show such early notable aviators as Amelia Earhart, Earle Ovington, and Harriet Quimby. Also seen in these photographs are such personalities as Theodore Roosevelt and Will Rogers. Contains photographs of various aircraft during and after World War I.
Series 4	Box 4-Box 5	Miscellaneous Aviation Photographs and Documents. Contains several photographs of airplanes, in particular, biplanes. Also includes photographs of aviators and various people who worked with some of these planes. Contains aviation photographs depicting different models of airplanes. Includes pictures of an airplane in the stages of flight. Not dated.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 – Aviation Photographs, 1903-1938

Box 1	FF 1	This file contains a photograph from the original negative: 10:00 a.m., December 17, 1903, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, first flight of Orville and Wilbur Wright: Orville piloting, Wilbur at right.
Box 1	FF 2	This file includes a photograph of Alys McKey Bryant, at Vancouver British Columbia, Canada, July 31, 1913, 3:00 p.m.
Box 1	FF 3	This file includes a photograph of the Kennedy Giant Biplane, No. 3 taken about 1920.
Box 1	FF 4	This file contains the following photograph: Aviator escape at plane plunges in Lake Michigan: Photo show Ernesto Marlanti pilot of the new seaplane that dropped into Lake Michigan showing his cuts and bruises attended by physicians on the U.S.S. Wilmette.
Box 1	FF 5	This file includes a photograph of "The Flying Parson" killed by fall of plane in Vermont: Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, known as "The Flying Parson" was killed while flying at the Portland, Vermont fair on September 7th. Maynard was best known as the winner for the "Aerial Derby" across the continent in 1919. He entered the war in 1917, joined the air service and was sent to France where he was known as one of the best test and ferry pilots in the army. Two of his companions in the same plane - Lieut. L. R. Wood, of Ticonderoga, New York, a passenger; and Charles Mionette of Plattsburg, New York, a mechanic were also killed, September 8, 1922.
Box 1	FF 6	This file includes a photograph of Comrade of the Pyramid Division Met: When Brig. Gen. King who commanded the sixty-fifth infantry brigade

arrived in Chicago, former comrades met him at the station. Left to right, Brig. Gen. Edward L. King, Col. John V. Clinin, Lieut. J. A. Prosser, Lieut. Col. J. Lindsay, and Capt. J. W. Scoot, September 23, 1923.

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| Box 1 | FF 7 | This file consists of a photograph of cutting the curves pretty close. This picture taken yesterday at the big air meet held in Chicago for the benefit of the Army Relief Society shows a De Haviland in action, rounding out one of the curves on its course. The meet was declared a huge success except for the unfortunate death of Lieut. McBride who crashed to his death in a tiny pursuit ship, November 12, 1923. |
| Box 1 | FF 8 | This file contains a photograph of "making helicopter history" a photo shows the famous Piscaria Helicopter undergoing tests in a flying field outside of Paris recently. It was this machine a short time ago that broke the world's record in flying for this type of plane, May 1, 1924. |
| Box 1 | FF 9 | Photo show Lieut. Herbert Julian, Aviator, in Canadian Medical Service in War will attempt flight around North Atlantic Ocean. Lieut. Herbert Julian, an aviator in the Canadian Medical Service during the war expects to "hop off" in New York on July 4 for a flight along the Atlantic coast to Florida, Cuba, West Indies, his birthplace; Venezuela, then across the Atlantic to the Island of St. Paul, then to Liberia, Serre Leone, Spain, Portugal, France, England, Ireland, Finland, then across the North Atlantic to St. Johns, New Finland (or France), Boston and back to New York. Julian (above) is 26 years of age, was wounded in World War, and has been doing stunt flying around New York, May 2, 1924. |
| Box 1 | FF 10 | Wilbur's New Aide Flies to Capital to Interview Chief. The photo shows a giant Navy seaplane that was used by Captain W. R. Gheradi, new aid to Secretary of Navy Wilbur, in which he flew from Hampton Roads to Washington to confer with Sec. Wilbur. The above plant has a record for its Liberty motors. The motors are supposed to be taken down and overhauled after 70 hours of flying, but with proposed flight today Wednesday, May 7, 1924 to Philadelphia the record will be 250 flying hours. |
| Box 1 | FF 11 | Photo shows the fastest transport in the world today, the Keystone twenty passenger "Patrician" which makes 151 miles per hour, 1925. |
| Box 1 | FF 12 | This photograph shows Capt. J. E. Kempf with model of "orniplane" which he invented. "Captain Man Invents Motorless Plane." A flapping motorless airplane has been invented as well as perfected by Capt. James E. Kempf (above) a member of the army reserve corps. According to Capt. Kempf, the "orniplane" was designed principally for aerial sport. The motorless plane, which he said weighs 150 pounds and would cost less than a popular priced car, is operated by the pilot pulling and pushing a lever. The above photo shows the inventor with his model, September 10, 1925. |
| Box 1 | FF 13 | Airplane Sandplanning Newest Sport. "Sandplanning" on an aquaplannology the beach with an airplane as the towing medium is the newest outdoor sport at Coronado Beach, California, which is believed to be the pioneer in this form of sport. It was invented by Frank Sheltz, aviator, and shows Sheltz and his plane furnishing thrills for Miss Pat McConnell, seen on the sandplane behind the ship, 1926. |
| Box 1 | FF 14 | Commerce Department Starts New Air Traffic Control. The above photo shows - left to right - the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Commerce for Aeronautics and Clarence M. Young Chief of the air's |

regulations of the U.S. inspecting the first aircraft officially licenses and registered under the administration of the recent act of Congress for the advancement of civil aviation. Planes now must be tested for air worthiness and must be licensed, January 6, 1927.

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| Box 1 | FF 15-16 | After an airplane crashed into the roof of Y.M.C.A. building in New York City, killing Charles Reid, the pilot, Robert Bailic, his companion, escaped by jumping to the street with a parachute, November 20, 1929. |
| Box 1 | FF 17 | New Mail Plane Under Goes Tests. With its landing gear retracted the new low-wing, all-metal monoplane now undergoing service tests by Boeing System on its Chicago-Oakland-San Francisco route offers for less resistance to the air and gains twenty miles an hour speed. This plane has a 575 h.p. Hornet engine and will carry more than a ton of mail cruising 140 miles an hour, August 22, 1930. |
| Box 1 | FF 18 | Win trip to Europe and \$500 for Model of Plane. Photo shows William Chaffee of Toledo, Ohio who recently sold his model of a Boeing P-12 Wasp-powered Army fighter which won the 1930 contest of the American Model League to a Detroit millionaire for \$500. He also won a trip to Europe, August 22, 1930. |
| Box 1 | FF 19 | Veteran Flier Stages Comeback. Charles S. (Casey) Jones, Veteran of air racing of a decade ago, stages a stirring comeback to racing fame when he sent his plane like a bullet over a 50-miles course, holding 55,000 spectators breathless as he banked around the pylons, the tip of a wing just grazing the earth, to win the feature event of the second day of the National Air Races at Curtiss Field, near Chicago. Photo shows Jones beside his plane, his "Luck Number 13" after winning the fifty mile race, August 24, 1930. |
| Box 1 | FF 20 | Glider Crashes at National Air Races. Cracking to the ground when the tow line of his glider failed to release, Kenneth Carr of Detroit was seriously injured today, August 25; in the first major crack-up of the Tenth Annual National Air Races at Curtiss Field-Chicago. He was rushed to the hospital, where it is feared he may have suffered a fractured skull. Carr was entered in the races from Ypsilanti, Michigan, and was flying a Franklin P52 Glider. Photo shows wrecked glider at Curtiss Field, Chicago, August 25, 1930. |
| Box 1 | FF 21 | French Flyers Pay Respect to the Unknown soldier at Arlington. Photo shows the famous French flyers as they paid homage to the unknown American soldier, at the Arlington National Cemetery. Left to right Capt. Dieudonne Coste, and Mauriel Bellonte. The flyers were guests of President Hoover at the White House, September 8, 1930. |
| Box 1 | FF 22 | Scanning the Skies. This is part of the crowd of 5,000 that waited for hours at Roosevelt Field, New York, August 21, to greet Capt. James A. Mollison on his arrival from St. John, N. B. The daring young Scot, the first flier to make a solo flight westward from the British Isles was given a vociferous welcome, August 21, 1932. |
| Box 1 | FF 23 | Three Hurt in Plane Crash, three persons were injured when the biplane K. R. Challenger made a forced landing at Flushing Airport, Flushing L. I., June 2, and was badly damaged. The victims were removed to Flushing Hospital, where they were identified as Harry Woolf, Frederick Locoganina and Maurie Tanne. Above photo shows the wrecked shop, June 2, 1934. |

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| Box 1 | FF 24 | President Holds Cabinet Meeting. Claudes A. Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, pictured as he arrived at the White House, November 6 to attend a cabinet meeting. Secretary Swanson has been in poor health for several months, November 6, 1936. |
| Box 1 | FF 25 | Photo shows a Fairchild "24" March 1938. To Mrs. Alys McKey Bryant E. B. Bob Anders. |

Series 2 – Aviation Photographs, Undated

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| Box 1 | FF 26 | Photo shows Crown Prince of Romania in Machine. "Perhaps It's Safer Than a Throne. Who can say? But the Crown Prince of Romania seems rather pleased as an aviator when he made a flight in a plane the other day at the Marlesham Aerodrome, England." This photo shows him in the machine ready for the flight, no date. |
| Box 1 | FF 27 | Photo shows an airman beside his fighter. Internal evidence indicates that is could have been taken during WWI and it seems to be Eddy Rickenbacker, no date. |
| Box 1 | FF 28 | Photo shows Mrs. Alys McKey Bryant and unidentified man beside a plane, no date. |
| Box 1 | FF 29 | French flyer Givon, called "Coward" and beaten by brothers for giving up in Atlantic fight. Lion Givon, who started for America in his Farman Bluebird and turned back, when he hit a fog bank, was severely beaten by two brothers, who called him a coward, for turning back. Photo shows Givon, who plans to sue his brothers to protect his reputation, no date. |
| Box 1 | FF 30 | Parachute Falls on Busy Railroad Line. Mme. Germaine Granveaud, noted woman aviator of France, had a narrow escape in Paris recently when she leaped from a plane in a parachute, shown above in air. Although the parachute opened without mishap, wind blew it towards the Paris railway station, and she fell on the railroad bed after just missing the roof of the building and was barely removed as a train rushed by, no date. |
| Box 1 | FF 31 | Photo shows testing the wings of a Gordon Bennett Race, 5,500 pounds of sand piled on wings withstanding a strain of 242 pounds per square inch, no date. |
| Box 1 | FF 32 | U.S. Airmen Turned Back From Iceland. Photo shows left to right Major Davidson, an unidentified man, Lieut. Smith and Lieut. Wade, who is pointing on the map to where the thick fog bank which turned the back lay, no date. |

Series 3 – Early Aviation Photographs

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| Box 2 | FF 1 | Shows Glenn Curtiss in 1910 Albany Flyer (copyright: Pictorial News Col., N. Y. #8331.) |
| Box 2 | FF 2 | Shows Hoxsey and "Teddy" Roosevelt in a 1910 Wright Brothers "A." |
| Box 2 | FF 3 | Shows Earle Ovington, the first airmail pilot, 1911. |
| Box 2 | FF 4 | Shows E. Ely leaving the deck of the U.S.S. Pennsylvania, 1911. |

Box 2	FF 5	Shows Marjorie Stinson being sworn in as an airmail carrier, no date.
Box 2	FF 6	Shows Harriet Quimby, the first American woman martyr to aviation. Show lost her heroic life at he Boston Aviation Meet in 1912. She was the first woman to fly the English Channel. (Inset) show all that was left of her Bleriot Monoplane after the fatal plunge.
Box 2	FF 7	Shows the wreck of Ronald Hoskier and his French gunner, Jean Dressy, who were killed on April 23, 1917, when Hoskier insisted on taking up an outmoded observation plan on an offensive patrol and was show down. The twenty-three yea old Hoskier had been with the squadron for four months, another case of rash inexperience taking its toll.
Box 2	FF 8	Shows some of the members of the Lafayette Escadrille with a French Newport in a beet field (ca. 1916-1917.)
Box 2	FF 9	Shows a German Fokker D-I machine gun tests (ca. 1917-1918.)
Box 2	FF 10	Shows a U.S. Army photograph of an air courier, ca. 1920, in a JN4H Jenny.
Box 2	FF 11	Shows Gene Lavock with a transfer from one JN4D to another, no date.
Box 2	FF 12	Shows an unidentified pilot and Will Rogers standing in front of a biplane, no date.
Box 2	FF 13	Shows Amelia Earhart dining with Wiley Post, no date.
Box 3	FF 1-9	Nine photographs of World War I aircraft, with brief descriptions on each one.
Box 3	FF 10-15	Six photographs of American (?) airmen during or after World War I.
Box 3	FF 16-30	Fifteen photographs of various aircraft that were built after World War I (1920s) and seen in air shows.
Box 3	FF 31-34	Four photographs taken of airplane hangers.
Box 3	FF 35-37	Three photographs taken of a monoplane and a "blimp" at an air show.
Box 3	FF 38-39	Two photographs taken of an airplane that is being built in a hanger.
Box 3	FF 40-42	Three photographs taken of airplanes carried by track and trailer.
Box 3	FF 43-44	Two photographs taken of an airplane that have some sort of cylinders attached to the bottom of the fuselage.
Box 3	FF 45-48	Four photographs taken of a monoplane with an enclosed cockpit.
Box 3	FF 49-51	Three photographs of a wrecked biplane.
Box 3	FF 52-55	Four photographs taken of a Goodyear "Blimp."
Box 3	FF 56-59	Four photographs taken of a plane crash near Uniontown, Pennsylvania in 1934.

Box 3 FF 60-61 Two photographs taken of Burgess Air Field, Uniontown, Pennsylvania in 1934.

Series 4 – Miscellaneous Aviation Photographs and Documents

Box 4 FF 1 Aeronautical Notes. This file contains a notebook from 1915. Photographs of various World War I airplanes. This notebook was submitted by Major James A. Logan. The notebook has a library code listing on the cover page, possibly because it belonged to the Library Army War College.

Box 4 FF 2 Wright Bulletin, No. 17 (2nd Edition). This file contains a bulletin by the Wright Aeronautical Corporation. The format of the bulletin is aimed at private owners to use their airplanes as a form of transportation, much like an automobile or boat. The bulletin includes information photographs and short descriptions of the airplanes.

Box 4 FF 3 Major Logan. This file includes a photocopy of a biographical entry for James Addison Logan, Jr. and an "Aerogram" for the U.S. Army Flying Circus regarding "Victory Liberty Loan."

Box 4 FF 4 Photographs. This file contains ten photographs of aeroplanes and people. Some of the photos are labelled in English and German. Some of the photos are also dated by the photographic company that took the photo.

Box 4 FF 5 Photographs. This file contains six photographs of aeroplanes, most bi-planes, and one aerial shot of a harbor. Two of the photographs are labelled, and two are labeled in German.

Box 4 FF 6 Photographs. This file contains ten photographs of aviators and people who work with aeroplanes, many of the photographs depict the men posing on or next to airplanes. Many of the photographs are labeled in a special written cursive script identifying the photographs, some in French. Included is a photograph of a Wright 6-60 motor and a photograph depicting "England Showing Japan How to Build Huge Fighting Planes."

Box 4 FF 7 Enlarged Photographs. This file contains three photographs. One of "Bud" Mac; a pilot; an unidentified pilot, possibly foreign; and a third identified only as "Adler."

Box 5 FF 1 Glass Slide - The Airship Suchard. This file contains a glass slide of an American Press Association photograph. The slide shows an airship and includes a captain exploring the airship Suchard, in which Joseph Brucker (pictured) "intends to attempt a flight across the Atlantic Ocean, from Europe to this country, is one of the biggest balloons in the world."

Box 5 FF 2 Photograph - Curtiss Biplane in Flight. This file includes two photographs of a Curtiss airplane in flight over London, England, date unknown.

Box 5 FF 3 Curtiss Landing at Governor's Island, May 29, 1910. This file contains a drawing of Curtiss landing his biplane, "Winning the World's \$10,000 prize." The print has been "signed" in the upper left hand corner.

Box 5 FF 4 Photographs - Long Island, New York, 1910. This file contains six mounted photographs depicting an airplane in stages of take off, flight, and landing.

Box 5	FF 5	Mounted Photograph - Biplane. This file contains an undated, unlabeled photograph of an early model airplane, presumably about 1910 by design. The plane is either taking off or landing.
Box 5	FF 6	Photographs - Biplanes. This file contains seven photographs, six of them mounted, of later model biplanes and seaplanes. The mounted photographs show aircraft on ground, two with propellers turning, and the last photograph shows a biplane taking off.
Box 5	FF 7	World War I Photographs. This file contains the following photographs of World War I airplanes or aviation related: An aerial photograph of the U.S. Army Air Service showing nine biplanes flying in formation; a photo of the Fourth First aerosquadron in Germany; a photographic post card of aviator in full uniform labelled "Palue"; a labelled photograph of a crushed German pilot and airplane after biggest air raid in France (no date); and a photograph of "The Ghost," a pure white hospital ship.
Box 5	FF 8	World War I Mounted Photographs. This file contains ten photographs mounted on black construction paper. The photos depict the following: A wreck of a biplane; a biplane in flight (taken from another airplane); two pilots posed in front of an airplane; some pilots in a two-seater biplane; a front view of a crashed airplane; five airplanes in flight; Captain F. E. Kleinschmidt posing with binoculars; an aerial view of Belgrave; Kleinschmidt, an American War Correspondent in a running plane on grounds; and a photograph of Kleinschmidt making pictures of the mine raid in the Adriatic. Also included is a taped manuscript describing Kleinschmidt.
Box 5	FF 9	World War I Mounted Photographs. This file contains the following mounted photographs; a sheet with eleven portraits of World War I airmen; nine photographs of airplanes in flight in and on the ground; six photographs taken from airplanes of other airplanes in flight an air base and an unknown airman with a monkey; the last sheet includes four photographs of a pilot preparing to fly and a family shot by a biplane.
Box 5	FF 10	Photo Album of Aviation Photographs pre 1917-1946. This photographic album contains 54 aviation photographs depicting aviation from balloon aviation through early biplanes to 1946. Several photographs do not include early patrol boats and a photograph of Charles Lindbergh posed next to the plane "Spirit of St. Louis."
Box 5	FF 11	Photographic Postcard - Wiley Post and Will Rogers. This file includes a postcard showing Post and Rogers stepping out of their plane on Chena Slough. Joe Crossan is in the foreground.
Box 5	FF 12	Photograph: Amelia Earhart. This file includes a photograph of Earhart and presumably her navigator inspecting equipment near the wing of her plane.
Box 5	FF 13	World War II Aerial Photographs. This file contains two photographs: One photograph is of a high altitude bombing of a city; the other photographs is of seven American bombers bombing a smaller city surrounded by farmland. This photo is taken at a high altitude than the bombers.
Box 5	FF 14	Photograph - Bombing of Warship. This file includes a photograph of an outmoded warship bombed from the air, presumably as practice for aerial bombing. The date of the photograph is unknown, perhaps between World War I and World War II.

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