

Dayton Homecoming, 1909

Celebrations honoring the Wrights were held in Dayton, May 13 and June 17-18, 1909.

Scenes on May 13, when thousands greeted Wilbur, Orville, and Katharine in Dayton on their return from European trip, including views of crowds, Dayton Union Station scenes, and photograph of Wrights in carriage drawn by four white horses in which they were driven to their home.

Dayton Journal, May 14, 1909



A parade on June 17, 1909, marked the beginning of a two-day celebration staged by the city of Dayton to honor the Wright brothers on their homecoming.

Views of reception for Wrights on their return from Europe, Dayton, May 13.

Dayton Daily News, May 14, 1909

Court of honor for two-day celebration to honor Wright brothers, Dayton, June 17-18.

COCKDH following 168; Dayton Daily News, June 10, 1909: 1; Dayton Herald, June 15: 1; Greater Dayton, July 1909: 11; USAF 22460. Similar, with night illumination: Greater Dayton, July 1909: 12 ; World's Work, v. 20, Aug. 1910: 13308

Dayton Daily News "Wright Brothers Welcome Home Edition," containing numerous photographs.

Dayton Daily News, June 15, 1909

Scenes from the opening morning exercises of the Wright brothers celebration, June 17.

Dayton Herald, June 18, 1909

Photographs of Wright homecoming ceremonies, Dayton, afternoon and evening, June 17.

Dayton Daily News, June 18, 1909: 1

Third Regiment Ohio National Guard and regulars from Fort Thomas in Grand Parade led by Third Regiment Band of Sidney, Ohio.

Greater Dayton, July 1909: 23 ; MCFWP 182



Bishop Milton Wright delivers the invocation at homecoming ceremonies in Dayton on June 18, 1909. National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, photo no. 8677.

Scenes from Wright homecoming celebration, June 18.
Dayton Journal, June 19, 1909

Wilbur and Orville in formal attire with Prince Albert coats and silk hats at homecoming celebration, June 18.
Dayton Journal, June 19, 1909

Bishop Milton Wright delivering invocation at beginning of ceremonies in which gold medals are presented to Wilbur and Orville, Wilbur and Orville standing behind him on platform, June 18.

Aeronautics, v. 5, Aug. 1909: 43; Dayton Journal, June 19, 1909; Harpers, July 3, 1909: SMIN 8677

Front view of Wilbur and Orville in formal attire on reviewing stand.

Aero Club Am Bul, v. 1, July 1912: 21; COCKDH following 168; MOORKH 166-167; SMIN 31,980-F

Gov. Judson Harmon speaking for the State of Ohio as he presents the Wright brothers with the Gold Medal of the State of Ohio. Behind him on the platform sit Wilbur and Orville, Bishop Wright, and elder brothers Reuchlin and Lorin.

MILWA v. 2: 179; SMIN 31,980-B; World's Work, v. 20, Aug. 1910: 13305; YPHA 36

Human flag formed by 2,000 school children to honor Wrights on reviewing platform.

LC-BAIN; Dayton Herald, June 16, 1909: Greater Dayton, July 1909: 18

Nine photographs of Wright celebration by James H. Hare of Collier's, Dayton, June 17-18.

Collier's, v. 43, July 3, 1909: 4

Pictorial account of homecoming celebration honoring Wrights, Dayton.

Harper's, v. 53, July 3, 1909: 7