

Henri Giffard

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Henri Giffard Papers

Span Dates: 1852-1910

ID No.: MSS61819

Creator: Giffard, Henri, 1825-1882

Extent: 65 items; 1 container plus 1 oversize; 0.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in French

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Engineer and aeronaut. Correspondence, notes, design drawings, broadsides, newspapers, printed illustrations, articles about Giffard, and newspaper clippings relating chiefly to Giffard's balloon designs and ascents.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Giffard, Henri, 1825-1882.

Subjects

Balloons.

Hydrogen.

Occupations

Balloonists.

Engineers.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Henri Giffard, engineer and aeronaut, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1985.

Processing History:

The papers of Henri Giffard were arranged and described in 1996. The register was revised in 2008.

Transfers:

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Henri Giffard Papers.

Copyright Status:

It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Henri Giffard Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henri Jacques Giffard (1825-1882) span the years 1852-1910 and contain correspondence, notes, design drawings, broadsides, newspapers, printed illustrations, articles about Giffard, and clippings. Giffard was a pioneer in the

design of airships and is recognized by many as having devised the first steam-powered steerable airship in 1852. This collection of papers focuses primarily on his activities associated with the large captive balloon he exhibited in the courtyard of the Tuileries in Paris in 1878. Also included are Giffard's holograph notes on hydrogen gas and his design drawings for balloons. The material is in French.

Related Materials

The Manuscript Division's Tissandier Collection of early aeronautic material includes other items pertaining to Giffard and his captive balloon exhibition of 1878.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.

Container List

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BOX 1	Broadsides, 1878 <i>See Oversize</i>
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