

Aero Club of America

A Register of Its Records in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Aero Club of America

Span Dates: 1891-1912

ID No.: MSS34124

Creator: Aero Club of America

Extent: 6 items; 6 containers; 1 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Aeronautical organization. Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings relating to the advent of manned flight.

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.

Names:

Aero Club of America

Willoughby, Hugh L. (Hugh Laussat), b. 1856. Scrapbooks of Hugh L. Willoughby (1903-1908 and 1910-1912)

Subjects:

Aeronautics--Societies, etc.

Aeronautics--United States

Airplanes

Airships

Flight

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The records of the Aero Club of America, an organization founded to promote aeronautics, were transferred to the Manuscript Division in 1954 from the Aeronautics Section in the Science Division of the Library of Congress. They were probably acquired for the Library by Albert F. Zahm, chief of the Aeronautical Division (later the Aeronautics Section in the Science Division), sometime between 1929 and 1946.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the records of the Aero Club of America is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation:

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Scope and Content Note

The records of the Aero Club of America span the years 1891-1912. The club, founded in 1905 to promote the cause of aeronautics, was interested in the potential represented by flying machines. The collection consists of scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, some of which predate the club's founding by sixteen years, chronicling the advent of flight by airplane, airship, and other methods.

The records include two sets of scrapbooks, those of the Aero Club of America and those of Hugh L. Willoughby. Willoughby, an aviation pioneer, was a founder of the organization. A collection of his papers is held by the Newport, Rhode Island Historical Society.

Albert F. Zahm, also a founder of the Aero Club of America and chief of the Library of Congress Aeronautical Division from 1929 to 1946, appears to have obtained these records on behalf of the Library.

Related Materials

A collection of the papers of Albert F. Zahm at the University of Notre Dame includes related Aero Club files.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name and thereunder chronologically.

Container List

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