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## Amelia Earhart Photographs [Pittenger]

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Amelia Earhart Photographs [Pittenger]
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1986.0037
<b>Date:</b>	June 2, 1937
<b>Creator:</b>	Pittenger, Samuel B.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 Cubic feet (6 photographs)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>This accession consists of six original photographs of Amelia Earhart, Fred Noonan, and her Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) taken during a refueling stop at Caripito, Venezuela, on June 2, 1937, during Earhart's attempted around-the-world flight.</p> <p>This collection is in English.</p>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Edmund J. Dickinson, Gift, 1986, NASM.1986.0037.

### Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2021.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Amelia Earhart (1897-1937) in 1928 was the first woman to fly (as a passenger) across the Atlantic, and in 1932 the first woman (and second person, after Charles Lindbergh) to fly solo and nonstop across that ocean. She flew many record flights, published several books, and accomplished much for women in aviation before attempting, on June 1, 1937, an around-the-world flight from Miami, Florida, in a twin-engine Lockheed Electra. She and navigator Frederick J. Noonan were flying from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland Island when

they disappeared over the Pacific Ocean on July 2, 1937. An exhaustive sea and air search, ordered by President Franklin Roosevelt, was unsuccessful in locating Earhart and Noonan.

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## Scope and Contents

This accession consists of six original photographs of Amelia Earhart, Fred Noonan, and her Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) taken during a refueling stop at Caripito, Venezuela, on June 2, 1937, during Earhart's attempted around-the-world flight. These candid photographs, which are black and white and measure approximately 2.75 x 4.5 inches apiece, were taken by Samuel B. Pittenger and were signed and dated by him on the reverse of each print.

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## Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft (NR16020)
- Women air pilots

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

- Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937
- Noonan, Frederick

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## Container Listing

SI-86-4872: [Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s; Noonan, Frederick Joseph "Fred"](#)  
Notes: Interior view of hangar in Caripito, Venezuela, Fred Noonan (far left) and Amelia Earhart (in plaid shirt facing camera) visible in background, seated at table.

SI-86-4874: [Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\); Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s](#)  
Notes: Partial three-quarter left front view of Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) on the ground at Caripito, Venezuela surrounded by several unidentified people. Earhart is visible at the top of the aircraft.

SI-86-4875: [Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s; Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\); Noonan, Frederick Joseph "Fred"](#)  
Notes: View of Amelia Earhart (wearing plaid shirt) standing beside her Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) at Caripito, Venezuela talking to several unidentified people. Fred Noonan is visible immediately to the left of Earhart.

SI-86-4876: [Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s; Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\); Noonan, Frederick Joseph "Fred"](#)  
Notes: View of Amelia Earhart (wearing plaid shirt) standing beside her Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) at Caripito, Venezuela talking to several unidentified people. Fred Noonan is visible immediately to the left of Earhart.

SI-86-4878: [Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s; Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\)](#)  
Notes: Partial three-quarter left front view of Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) on the ground at Caripito, Venezuela surrounded by several unidentified people.

SI-86-4879: [Earhart, Amelia Mary, 1930s; Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart Aircraft \(NR16020\)](#)  
Notes: Distant one-half left front view of Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Model 10-E Electra (NR16020) on the ground at Caripito, Venezuela.