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Ralph Stanton Barnaby Papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Ralph Stanton Barnaby Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.1986.0048
<b>Date:</b>	1915-1986
<b>Creator:</b>	Barnaby, Ralph S. (Ralph Stanton), 1893-1986
<b>Extent:</b>	3.15 Cubic feet ((7 legal document boxes)) 2.94 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Ralph Stanton Barnaby, gift, 1987, 1987-0048, Not NASM

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

Ralph Stanton Barnaby (1893-1986) was an aviation pioneer. Barnaby was the first licensed glider pilot in the United States and the first to successfully launch a glider from an airship. He organized and directed the Navy's first school for glider pilots. Barnaby also served as president of the Early Birds and helped organize the Soaring Society of America, as well as authoring a number of books on gliders and paper airplanes.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains newspaper clippings and correspondence documenting Barnaby's gliding career and association with the Early Birds as well as correspondence received late in his life from other aviation pioneers, awards and commendations, and material on numerous aviation celebrations and dedicatory events attended by Barnaby.

## General

Additional Materials: The following materials were transferred to the National Air and Space Museum Aeronautics Division -- one Early Bird cap, one trophy, two plaques, medals, pins, and official Early Bird envelopes.

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## General

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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
- Gliding and soaring
- Periodicals
- Works of art

### Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Manuscripts
- Maps
- Photographs
- Publications

### Names:

- Barnaby, Ralph S. (Ralph Stanton), 1893-1986
- Early Birds of Aviation (Organization).
- Soaring Society of America
- United States. Navy