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Harriet Quimby Cigar Box Proof

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Harriet Quimby Cigar Box Proof
Date:	Circa 1912
Identifier:	NASM.1987.0109
Creator:	Klingenberg Litho Company, Detmold, Germany
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
Summary:	Harriet Quimby (1875-1912) was a writer, photographer, world traveler, and an aviatrix. This collection consists of a cigar box proof showing Quimby in her purple flying outfit.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Harriet Quimby Cigar Box Proof

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Joe Davidson, Gift, 1987, NASM.1987.0109.

Processing Information

Arranged and described by Chris King, 1989. Updated and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2022.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Harriet Quimby (1875-1912) was a writer, photographer, world traveler, and an aviatrix. From 1903-1912, she was employed by *Leslie's Illustrated Weekly* where she wrote theater reviews, and also was a photojournalist. In 1911, Quimby became America's first licensed female pilot, and in 1912 she became the first woman to pilot her own plane across the English Channel. Quimby was killed in July 1912, during a publicity stunt

flight near Quincy, Massachusetts, when Harriet and her passenger fell from her aircraft when it suddenly pitched forward.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a cigar box proof showing Harriet Quimby in her purple flying outfit. This proof is an example of the kind of artwork offered to cigar manufacturers for use on the inside of the lid of the box. This particular proof was produced by Klingenberg Litho Company, Detmold, Germany.

Arrangement

Collection is a single item.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Aeronautics -- Collectibles
Aeronautics in advertising
Cigar boxes
Women air pilots
Women in aeronautics
Works of art
advertising

Types of Materials:

Ephemera

Names:

Quimby, Harriet, 1875-1912