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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
Identifier:	NASM.1987.0109
Date:	[ca. 1920-1930]
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
Creator:	Klingenberg Litho Company, Detmold, Germany
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Joe Davidson, Gift, 1987, 1987-0109, not NASM

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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 accession is a cigar box proof of the famous aviatrix 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.

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

Types of Materials:

- Ephemera

Names:

- Klingenberg Litho Company, Detmold, Germany
- Quimby, Harriet, 1875-1912