



Smithsonian

National Air and Space Museum

Arthur T. Atherholt Collection

2001

National Air and Space Museum Archives
14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151
NASMRefDesk@si.edu
<https://airandspace.si.edu/archives>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Scope and Contents.....	1
Biographical / Historical.....	1
General.....	1
Names and Subjects	2
Container Listing	

Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Arthur T. Atherholt Collection
Date:	1906-1913
Identifier:	NASM.1992.0043
Creator:	Atherholt, Arthur T., 1867-1915
Extent:	0.45 Cubic feet (1 legal document box)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Mary Ellen Tully, gift, 1992, 1992-0043, NASM

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

Conditions Governing Use

Material is subject to Smithsonian Terms of Use. Should you wish to use NASM material in any medium, please submit an Application for Permission to Reproduce NASM Material, available at [Permissions Requests](#)

Biographical / Historical

Arthur T. Atherholt (1867-1915) was an aid to Major Hersey in the American Gordon-Bennett Trophy Race and was also one of the contestants during the 1907-1912 races. During his 1912 racing attempt he and copilot John Watts crashed in Russia and were held prisoners for over a week. Atherholt was one of the first members of the Philadelphia Aero Club, and later the president of this organization. He was also instrumental in organizing the Ben Franklin Aeronautical Society in Philadelphia.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes photographs, newspaper clippings, a speech, flight logs, and maps documenting Atherholt's balloon racing career.

General

NASMrev

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aeronautics -- Exhibitions
- Balloons

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Logs (records)
- Maps
- Photographs

Names:

- Ben Franklin Aeronautical Society
- Gordon Bennett Balloon Race
- Philadelphia Aero Club
- Watts, John