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Salomon A. Andree 1896 Polar Expedition Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Salomon A. Andree 1896 Polar Expedition Collection
Date:	1896
Identifier:	NASM.1994.0007
Creator:	Andrée, Salomon August, 1854-1897
Extent:	0.51 Cubic feet ((2 flatboxes) (1 folder))
Language:	Collection is in Swedish and Russian.
Summary:	This collection consists of material relating to Salomon Andrée's unsuccessful 1896 expedition, including: two oversized prints; a photograph album labeled "Spitsbergen, 1896" which includes images of life on board the ship Virgo and the Örnen balloon; and a scrapbook containing mostly Swedish newspaper article accounts of the journey.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Peter Gustafson, gift, 1993, 1994-0007, NASM

Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Patti Williams, 1993. Digital assets attached by Allan Janus, 2020.

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Biographical / Historical

Salomon August Andrée (1854-1897) was a pupil at the Technical Institute in Stockholm. During the 1870s and 1880s, Andrée became interested in both ballooning and meteorological and physical research in polar regions. In 1893, Andrée bought his first balloon and undertook various ascents, and by 1895 had put forth his plans for a balloon flight over the North Pole. The expedition was planned for the summer of 1896, but after reaching Spitsbergen, unfavorable weather conditions caused the flight to be canceled. Thus, the

expedition commenced the following summer. Three days after takeoff, the balloon was forced to land, and the men - Andr ee, Nils Strindberg, and Knut Fraenkel - spent six weeks trying to return to Spitsbergen before perishing. The remains of their last camp were not found until 1930.

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Arrangement

The Salomon A. Andr ee 1896 Polar Expedition Collection-- is arranged by content type.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Balloons

Types of Materials:

- Photographs
- Publications
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Andr ee, Salomon August, 1854-1897

Places:

- Arctic regions -- Discovery and exploration

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Salomon A. Andrée 1896 Polar Expedition Collection
Box 1, Folder 2	Salomon A. Andrée 1896 Polar Expedition Collection
Box 2, Folder 1	"Spetsbergen 1896" - Album