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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	<i>Shenandoah</i> Crash Site Images
Date:	On or shortly after September 3, 1925.
Identifier:	NASM.1996.0017
Extent:	0.01 Cubic feet (22 negatives)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The first American-built rigid airship to use helium, the USS <i>Shenandoah</i> (ZR-1, commissioned 1923) was destroyed in a squall on September 3, 1925, with the bulk of the airship crashing near Ava, Ohio; this collection consists of 22 negatives taken at the site of crash.
Digital Content:	Image(s): One-half left rear view of wreckage of the stern section of the US Navy Airship ZR-1 "Shenandoah" at the main crash site near Ava, Ohio, circa September 3, 1925. Civilian onlookers in foreground. Image(s): Shenandoah Crash Site Images

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Frank A. Spicher, Sr., Gift, 1996, NASM.1996.0017.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The first American-built rigid airship to use helium, the USS *Shenandoah* (ZR-1, commissioned 1923) was destroyed in a squall on September 3, 1925, with the bulk of the airship crashing near Ava, Ohio; a 125 ft piece of the bow section landed 12 miles away. Fourteen of the crew of 43 men were killed.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 22 original 2.5 x 3.5 inch negatives taken by an unknown photographer at the site of the USS *Shenandoah* crash in 1925, and prints made by the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum from the negatives in 1996.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airships

Types of Materials:

- Negatives
- Photographic prints