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## Aaron A. Sargent 1883 Designs for Aerial Ship

Sargent, Aaron A., 1883 Designs for Aerial Ship

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Aaron A. Sargent 1883 Designs for Aerial Ship
<b>Date:</b>	1883
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2000.0032
<b>Creator:</b>	Sargent, Aaron Augustus, 1827-1887
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of drawings relating to Aaron A. Sargent's designs for an Aerial Ship in 1883
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Aaron A. Sargent 1883 Designs for Aerial Ship</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

David I. and Janice Sargent Lamphier, Gift, 2000, NASM.2000.0032

### Processing Information

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### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Aaron Augustus Sargent (1827-1887) was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts. After working in the printer's trade in Philadelphia, PA, he moved to Washington, DC and became Secretary to a Member of Congress. He later owned a paper in Nevada City, CA and studied law there, subsequently serving as District Attorney and as Representative to the Thirty-seventh Congress. He served as a United States Senator from 1873-1879. In January 1878 he introduced to the Senate a bill that was to be adopted in 1920 as the Nineteenth Amendment

to the United States Constitution, granting suffrage to women. Sargent returned to California in 1880. He was appointed Minister to Germany (1882-1884) and thereafter practiced law in San Francisco, CA.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately eighteen sheets of drawings, descriptions and calculations relating to Aaron A. Sargent's designs for an Aerial Ship. These early dirigible designs are dated June 2, 1883 and are believed to have been drawn during Sargent's tenure as Minister to Germany.

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## Arrangement

No arrangement; just one folder of material.

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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 -- pre-1903
- Airships

Types of Materials:

- Drawings

Names:

- Sargent, Aaron Augustus, 1827-1887