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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Alexander de Seversky Russian Photograph Album
Date:	(bulk 1912-1915)
Identifier:	NASM.2005.0016
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet ((1 box))
Language:	Collection is in Russian.
Summary:	This 12 1/2 by 9 1/2 inch black-paged photograph album, with captions in Russian, comes from the estate of Alexander de Seversky. It contains aerial photographs, images of the Russian officers and sailors, hangars and shipyards, and various float planes, some equipped with pontoons for use on ice. Aircraft seen in the photographs include the Sikorsky S-10 Hydro, Sikorsky S-5A, Sikorsky Il'ya Muromets on floats, Grigorovich pusher seaplane, Franco-British Aviation Co. Ltd. FBA Model C, and Maurice Farman M.F.11.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Alexander de Seversky Russian Photograph Album

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Joshua Stoff, Cradle of Aviation Museum, Gift, 2005

Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Kate Igoe, 2012. Digital assets attached by Allan Janus, 2020.

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Biographical / Historical

Alexander de Seversky (1894-1974) was born in Russian Georgia and graduated from the Imperial Russian Naval Academy. He took a postgraduate course at the Military School of Aeronautics where he learned to fly a Farman 4. Upon the outbreak of World War I, he began service with the Baltic Fleet as a naval combat pilot. Seversky shot down 13 German aircraft during the war and lost his right leg during a bombing mission in 1915. After the Russian revolution he became an American citizen and worked as a test pilot and inspector for the US government. In the 1930s he organized the Seversky Aircraft Corporation. Seversky set numerous speed records during the 1930s and is credited with playing a major role in important aviation technological breakthroughs.

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Arrangement

The Alexander de Seversky Russian Photograph Album Collection is arranged in the collection's original order 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
- Aeronautics -- Russia
- Farman (Maurice) M.F.11
- Sikorsky (Igor) S-10, Hydro
- Sikorsky (Igor) S-22 Il-ya Muromets
- Sikorsky (Igor) S-5A
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums