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John A. Hambleton Pan American Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	John A. Hambleton Pan American Collection
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1929-1939)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2005.0056
<b>Creator:</b>	Hambleton, John Adams, 1898-1929
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 Cubic feet ((1 folder))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

George B. Hambleton, Gift, 2005

### Preferred Citation

John A. Hambleton Pan American Collection, Accession number 2005-0056, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Adams Hambleton (1898?-1929) was a recipient of the Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster for his service in World War I. In 1927, he joined with Juan Trippe and Cornelius Whitney to form a new service which won the first US International Air Mail contract (1927) for service between Florida and Cuba. The company merged with Pan American Airways (PAA) under a holding company called Pan American Airways Corporation (1927). In 1929, Hambleton made a survey flight to Panama to set up the first airmail flight from the US to the Canal Zone, the inaugural flight of which was made by Charles Lindbergh, with Hambleton serving as copilot. John Hambleton was killed later that year in an aircraft accident.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one eight by ten inch photograph of John A. Hambleton; one digital print of a photograph of Charles A. Lindbergh, John A. Hambleton and others on the occasion of the first air mail

from the Canal Zone's arrival in Miami, February 13, 1929; one digital print of Hambleton, Amelia Earhart and others at the opening of the 36th Street Airport in Hialeah, Florida, January 9, 1929; a photocopy of an address by John Hambleton on "Air Transport for Commerce," 1929; a ten page biographical essay entitled, "Who Was John Hambleton?;" and a senior thesis entitled, "The Chosen Instrument and United States Policy in International Air Transportation" by George B. E. Hambleton.

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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, Commercial
- Air mail service

### Types of Materials:

- Biographies
- Photographic prints

### Names:

- Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974
- Pan American World Airways, Inc.