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Baldwin (Thomas) Red Devil Glass Plate Negative

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Baldwin (Thomas) Red Devil Glass Plate Negative
Identifier:	NASM.2010.0031
Date:	circa 1928-1931
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English
Summary:	This collection consists of one damaged glass plate negative of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Baldwin (Thomas) Red Devil when it was part of the collection of the Roosevelt Field Museum, circa 1929-1931. This three-quarter right front view of the Red Devil shows aviator Elinor Smith seated at the controls.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Baldwin (Thomas) Red Devil Glass Plate Negative

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

After making a reputation with lighter-than-air craft, Thomas Scott Baldwin turned to heavier-than-air flying machines in 1909. By 1911 he had built several airplanes and had gained extensive experience as an exhibition pilot. He began testing a new airplane in the spring of 1911. It was similar to the basic Curtiss pusher design that was becoming quite popular with builders by this time, but it was innovative in

that it was constructed of steel tubing. It was powered by a 60-horsepower Hall-Scott V-8. Baldwin called his new machine the Red Devil III, and thereafter each of his airplanes would be known as a Baldwin Red Devil. Baldwin built approximately six Red Devils. Most were powered by the Hall-Scott, but Curtiss engines were also occasionally used. By mid-1911, Baldwin was training pilots, taking up passengers, and performing regularly with Red Devil aircraft at air meets. He advertised Red Devils for sale into 1913.

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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
Baldwin (Thomas) Red Devil

Types of Materials:

Glass plate negatives

Names:

Baldwin, Thomas Scott
Smith, Elinor.