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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Airline Baggage Labels [Wilson]
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.2015.0036
<b>Date:</b>	1942, Circa 1950s
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Creator:</b>	Wilson, Nathaniel Jr.
<b>Language:</b>	Multiple languages
<b>Summary:</b>	Nathaniel "Buddy" Wilson, Jr. (1936-2010) wrote to various airlines as a child asking them to send him examples of baggage labels. He was very successful and collected many from regional, national, and international airlines. This small collection consists of approximately 0.20 cubic feet of baggage labels, airmail labels, etiquettes, and other ephemera from various airlines.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Airline Baggage Labels [Wilson]</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Susan Sproul, Gift, 2015, NASM.2015.0036.

### Processing Information

Arranged and described (2015) updated and encoded (2020) by Jessamyn Lloyd.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical / Historical

Nathaniel "Buddy" Wilson, Jr. (1936-2010) wrote to various airlines as a child asking them to send him examples of baggage labels. He was very successful and collected many from regional, national, and international airlines. Wilson had a lifelong love of aviation and made it his career. Wilson obtained a bachelor of science degree in Air Transportation from Purdue University in 1958 and then joined the US Navy where he served at Naval Air Station Rota in Spain. Wilson then went to work as a Foreign Service officer in El Salvador for the US Department of State. During his time with the State Department, Wilson helped to negotiate foreign air routes. Wilson then went to work for the Air Transport Association, where he remained for 25 years before retiring in 1995 as Vice President of International Affairs.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately 0.20 cubic feet of baggage labels, airmail labels, etiquettes, and other ephemera from various airlines including All American Aviation (USA); American Airlines (USA); American Export Airlines (USA); Bonanza Air Lines (USA); Braniff International (USA); Capital Airlines (USA); Pennsylvania Central Airlines (PCA) (USA); Chicago & Southern Airlines (USA); Continental Airways/Airlines (USA); Delta Air Lines (USA); Eastern Air Lines (Eastern Air Transport) (USA); Frontier Airlines (USA); Hawaiian Airlines (USA); Mid-Continent Airlines (USA); Monarch Airlines (USA); National Airlines (USA); Northwest Airlines (USA); Pan American Airways (Pan Am) (USA); Piedmont Airlines (USA); Southern Airways (USA); Aloha Airlines (Trans-Pacific Airlines) (USA); Trans-Texas Airways (TTA) (USA); Trans World Airlines (TWA) (USA); United Airlines (USA); Western Air Express (Air Lines, Airlines) (USA); West Coast Airlines (USA); Wisconsin Central Airlines (USA); Air France (France); Aer Lingus (Ireland); British Overseas Airways Corp (BOAC) (UK); British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines (BCPA) (UK); British European Airways (BEA) (UK); British West Indies Airways (BWIA) (UK); Canadian Pacific Airlines (CP Air) (Canada); Canadian Colonial Airways (Colonial Airways, Colonial Airlines) (Canada); Central African Airways (UK); CNAC (China National Aviation Corp) Air Lines (China); KLM (Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij) (Netherlands); SABENA (Belgium); Middle East Airlines (MEA) (Air Liban) (Lebanon); Philippine Airlines (PAL) (Philippines); Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS); SwissAir (Switzerland); Transportes Aereos Centro-Americanos (TACA); and Trans-Canada Air-Lines (TCA). The collection also contains a scan made from a photograph loaned by the donor which shows Nathaniel "Buddy" Wilson, Jr. as a child (taken in 1942) along with friends standing beside a Waco UKC (ATC #528) at an airfield in Richmond, Virginia.

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## Arrangement

Material is arranged by source.

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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, Commercial -- Passenger traffic  
Airlines

Types of Materials:

Ephemera  
Labels  
Photographs