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Philatelic Collection [Mensing]

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Charles Augustus Lindbergh Philatelic Collection [Mensing]
Date:	1977
Identifier:	NASM.2016.0027
Extent:	0.05 Cubic feet (1 folder)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection consists of nine postal covers commemorating the 50th anniversary of Charles Augustus Lindbergh's historic flight from New York to Paris in 1927 and the following good will tour.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

In 1927, Charles Augustus Lindbergh obtained backing to compete for the Raymond Orteig prize of \$25,000 offered for the first nonstop flight between New York and Paris. Lindbergh took off on May 20, 1927, flying alone in the *Spirit of St Louis*. Thirty-three hours and thirty minutes later, he landed at Le Bourget Field, near Paris, where over 100,000 people had gathered to give him an enthusiastic welcome. After the flight, Lindbergh flew to various countries as part of a good will tour. In 1977, numerous philatelic items were released to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this historic flight.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of nine postal covers commemorating the 50th anniversary of Charles Augustus Lindbergh's historic flight from New York to Paris in 1927 and the following good will tour. One is a first day cover and the rest are cacheted covers. All are postmarked with various dates between February and May 1977 from various cities including New York, New York; Brookfield, Illinois; Hammond, Indiana; Rockford, Illinois; Grand Island, Nebraska; Milford, Connecticut; Lansing, Michigan; and Cheyenne, Wyoming. Some are associated with philatelic events or groups including the International Philatelic Exhibit; the Calumet Stamp Club; Central Minnesota Philatelic Exhibition; and the Central Michigan Philatelic Exhibition. All feature images of Lindbergh and/or the Ryan NYP *Spirit of St Louis*.

Arrangement

Collection is in chronological order.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Covers (Philately) -- United States
- Transatlantic flights

Names:

- Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974