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Jeannette Piccard Documents and Copy Prints

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | Jeannette Piccard Documents and Copy Prints |
| Date: | 1979 1930s |
| Identifier: | NASM.2019.0045 |
| Creator: | Piccard, Jeanette. |
| Extent: | 0.01 Cubic feet (One legal folder.) |
| Language: | English . |
| Summary: | This collection consists of items sent from Jeannette Piccard to National Air and Space Museum curator Claudia Oakes about her 1934 flight. |
| Digital Content: | Image(s): 9A16400: Jeannette Piccard inside gondola of "Century of Progress." 1934 |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Jeannette Piccard, Gift, 1979, NASM.2019.0045

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Jeannette Piccard (1895 - 1981) was the first women to reach the stratosphere. Piccard earned her balloon license in the summer of 1934, and on October 23rd of that year she, along with her husband Jean Piccard, lifted off in their balloon, A Century of Progress. Jeannette Piccard piloted the balloon to a height of 57,979 feet, while Jean Piccard was the scientific observer. With this flight Jeannette Piccard became the holder

of the women's altitude record; she held this record until Russian cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova's space flight in 1963.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of the following: a 1979 letter from Jeannette Piccard to National Air and Space Museum curator Claudia Oakes, about her flight; a four page description by Piccard about the October 23, 1934 flight; a copy of a page of the flight log; and copy negatives and prints of 13 images, presumably lent by Piccard to the Museum for copying.

Arrangement

No arrangement.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Ballooning

Types of Materials:

Copy prints
Correspondence -- 1960-2000