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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | Zeppelin LZ 129 <i>Hindenburg</i> 1936 Transatlantic Crossing Account (Prescott) |
| Identifier: | NASM.2020.0030 |
| Date: | June 30, 1936 |
| Creator: | Prescott, Gardner Hinckley |
| Extent: | 0.01 Cubic feet (One legal folder) |
| Language: | English . |
| Summary: | <p>This collection consists of a handwritten letter, dated June 30, 1936 and on Hotel Graf Zeppelin stationery, from Gardner Hinckley Prescott to his mother, Evelyn Munroe Prescott, recounting his trip on the Zeppelin LZ 129 <i>Hindenburg</i> departing on June 23, 1936 from New Jersey for Germany</p> <p>This collection is in English.</p> |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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The Zeppelin LZ 129 *Hindenburg* belonged to the longest class of flying machines and the largest airships by envelope volume. It was able to carry 50 passengers plus crew members and made many transatlantic flights which took two to three days. The Zeppelin LZ 129 *Hindenburg* flew from March 1936 until May 6,

1937 when a fire at Lakehurst Naval Air Station in Manchester Township, New Jersey, destroyed the airship and killed 36 people. Gardner Hinckley Prescott traveled on the Zeppelin LZ 129 *Hindenburg* from New Jersey to Germany in June 1936.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a handwritten letter, dated June 30, 1936 and on Hotel Graf Zeppelin stationery, from Gardner Hinckley Prescott to his mother, Evelyn Munroe Prescott, recounting his trip on the Zeppelin LZ 129 *Hindenburg* departing on June 23, 1936 from New Jersey for Germany. In the letter, Gardner Hinckley Prescott provides a detailed description of the interior space and accommodations onboard the airship as well as a list of the other passengers on board, which included the German boxer Max Schmeling. The collection also includes a typed transcript of the letter created by the donor.

Arrangement

This is a single item.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Airships
- Transatlantic flights
- Zeppelin LZ 129 *Hindenburg*

Types of Materials:

- Personal correspondence -- 1880-1970

Container Listing

[\[NASM-9A16698\]](#), June 30, 1936

Notes: Due to tape on page, part of the writing is obscured in the crease on page 6 of the letter [NASM-9A16698-006] and is not visible in the scan. The sentences including this line appear to read, "This was the most interesting thing in the whole trip and you on land can in no way visualize the feeling of cleanliness and safety and comfort. It was far away better than a plane because there was not that continual drummin [sic] in your ears which after two or three hours fatigues one greatly."