



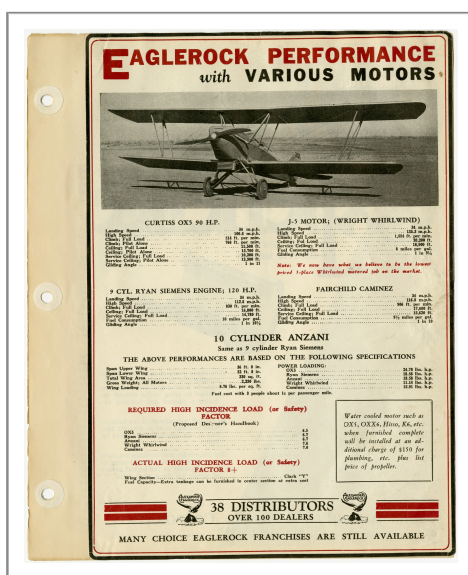
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"Man's Reach for the Sky" Scrapbook Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	"Man's Reach for the Sky" Scrapbook Collection
Date:	1925-1968
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0032
Creator:	Stephenson, Herbert L.
Extent:	8.06 Cubic feet (13 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The "Man's Reach for the Sky" Scrapbook Collection comprises 18 volumes of aeronautical memorabilia collected by Herbert L. Stephenson from 1925 through 1968.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Herbert L. Stephenson, gift, unknown, XXXX-0032, unknown

Separated Materials

In Volume 18, the researcher will find a reference entitled "Books and Pamphlets." These books were part of the collection at the time of donation; but when the Collection was processed, these items were not found with the 18 scrapbooks. It is believed that they were transferred to the National Air and Space Museum Branch of the Smithsonian Libraries, or to the NASM Archives Aircraft Technical Manuals Collection.

Processing Information

Arranged and described by David Schwartz, 2001.

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Preferred Citation

"Man's Reach for the Sky" Scrapbook Collection, Acc. XXXX-0032, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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Biographical / Historical

Herbert L. Stephenson collected aeronautical memorabilia from 1925 through 1968. He compiled the materials in this collection.

Scope and Contents

The "Man's Reach for the Sky" Scrapbook Collection comprises 18 volumes of aeronautical memorabilia collected by Herbert L. Stephenson from 1925 through 1968. The first six volumes consist of photographs, articles and three-view drawings of many domestic and foreign aircraft alphabetized by manufacturer or national origin. Volumes 7-17 contain aviation items of general interest, including news clippings, magazines, and Army Air Forces technical manuals, all arranged in no discernable order. Volume 18 is the master index for the entire collection with an alphabetical listing of aircraft covered in the first six volumes and the subject listing for items covered in the remaining 11 volumes.

Arrangement

The first six volumes of the Collection contain photographs and articles with three-view drawings of domestic and foreign aircraft, alphabetized by manufacturer or national origin. Volumes 7 through 17 contain photographs and articles relating to a wide variety of aviation topics. Original order of materials was maintained along with Mr. Stephenson's volume titles and subject headings.

General

At the time of processing, no attempt was made to photocopy the large number of news clippings or insert interleaving paper into the scrapbooks. Due to the fragile nature of these scrapbooks, photocopying is not recommended.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Aerospace engineering

Types of Materials:

- Photographic prints
- Technical manuals -- 20th century

Container Listing

Box 1	"A Pictorial A to Z index of aircraft from the beginning" - Volume 1: [Introduction], A – B
Box 2	"A Pictorial A to Z index of aircraft from the beginning" - Volume 2: C – E
Box 3	"A Pictorial A to Z index of aircraft from the beginning" - Volume 3: F – H
Box 4	"A Pictorial A to Z index of aircraft from the beginning" - Volume 4: I – N
Box 5	"A Pictorial A to Z index of aircraft from the beginning" - Volume 5: O – S
Box 6	"A Pictorial A to Z index of aircraft from the beginning" - Volume 6: T – Z
Box 7	"Subject Listings" - Volume 7: Dirigibles and Balloons, Aircraft Carriers, Seaplanes, Flying Boats and Amphibians, Aircraft Engines, Propellers, Atmosphere and Forecasting
Box 8	"Subject Listings" - Volume 8: Pioneers, Navigational Aids, Some Famous Flights, Simple Aerodynamics, Maintenance and Inspections, Various Engine and Airplane Components, Gliders and Rocket Ships, Miscellaneous Landplanes, Warplanes and Anti-Aircraft Defenses, Articles Related to Aircraft and Flying
Box 9	"Supplemental Data" - Volume 9: A to N Subjects
Box 9	"Supplemental Data" - Volume 10: O to Z Subjects
Box 9	"Technical Data and Commemorative Magazines"- Volume 11: [Popular Aviation, Volume 3, Number 6, December 1928; Aviation Stories and Mechanics, Volume 1, July 1927; Technical Manuals, 1942–1944]
Box 10	"Technical Data on Specific Aircraft and Engines, Trainee Guides" - Volume 12, 1939–1945
Box 11	"First of the American Jets" - Volume 13: [technical manuals and news clipping], 1945
Box 11	"Air Progress Magazine 1000 Aviation Illustrations" - Volume 14, 1952
Box 12	"Newspaper Clippings of Historical Flights" - Volume 15, 1924–1929
Box 12	"Newspaper Clippings of Historical Flights" - Volume 16, 1929-1930
Box 13	"Newspaper Clippings of Historical Flights" - Volume 17, 1931-1958
Box 13	"Master Index" - Volume 18