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## Wiley Post Scrapbooks

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Wiley Post Scrapbooks
<b>Date:</b>	1933
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0045
<b>Creator:</b>	Post, Wiley, 1898-1935.
<b>Extent:</b>	1.01 Cubic feet (2 flatboxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of three scrapbooks on Wiley Post's U.S. Goodwill Tour made following his 1933 solo round the world flight. Wiley Hardeman Post (1898-1935) was an American aviator famed for his record flights, including his solo round the world flight, and for his work in high-altitude flight.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Gift, 1936, XXXX.0045

### Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Allan Janus, 2018.

### Preferred Citation

Wiley Post Scrapbooks, Acc. XXXX.0045, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

Wiley Hardeman Post (1898-1935) was an American aviator famed for his record flights, including the first solo round the world flight, and for his work in high-altitude flight. Born in Texas, Post worked in the Oklahoma oil fields and performed as a parachute jumper in a barnstorming act, *Burrell Tibbs' and His Texas Topnotch Fliers*. In 1926, blinded in his left eye in an oil field accident, Post used money received in compensation to buy a Canadian-built Curtiss JN-4 "Canuck" biplane. In 1930, while working as the personal pilot for Oklahoma oilman F.C. Hall, Post raced Hall's aircraft, the Lockheed 5C Vega *Winnie Mae*, to victory in the

1930 National Air Race Derby from Los Angeles to Chicago. In the following year, Post, with Harold Gatty (1903-1957) serving as navigator, circumnavigated the globe in the *Winnie Mae*. After the historic flight, Post bought the *Winnie Mae* from Hall, and, in 1933, flew the same course solo in a time of seven days, eighteen hours, and forty-nine minutes. Beginning in 1934, Post began experimenting with high altitude flights, and developed the first practical pressure suit with Russell S. Colley of the B.F. Goodrich Company. In 1935, Post planned a long-distance flight to Alaska and Siberia in a hybrid Lockheed Orion-Sirius float plane (Lockheed Model 9-E Orion-Explorer) with humorist Will Rogers. On August 15, 1935, Post's aircraft crashed shortly after taking off from Walakpa Lagoon near Point Barrow, Alaska, killing both Post and Rogers.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of three scrapbooks on Wiley Post's U.S. Goodwill Tour made following his 1933 solo round the world flight. Two scrapbooks, identified as S-44-A and S-44C, were dismantled from their binders and were put together at an unknown point. They contain newspaper clippings from the cities Post visited. S-44E is a binder folder of clippings arranged by state, city, and date. Also included are daily tour schedules outlining plans, programs and the VIP guests Post would meet in each city.

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## Arrangement

The Wiley Post Scrapbooks Collection consists of three scrapbooks. The scrapbooks were unbound at an unknown date. Original order has been retained.

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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 -- Exhibitions
- Aeronautics -- Records
- Flights around the world
- Lockheed 5C Vega "Winnie Mae" (2nd Post Vega)

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Post, Wiley, 1898-1935.

## Container Listing

Box 1

[\[Dismounted Scrapbooks Marked "S-44A" and "S-44C"\]](#)

Notes: Two scrapbooks, identified as S-44A and S-44E, were dismounted from their binders and were housed together at an unknown point. The end point of the first scrapbook and the beginning of the second cannot be determined.

Box 2

[\[Folder Marked "S-44E"\]](#)