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## Charles F. Walsh Scrapbooks

Walsh, Charles F., Scrapbooks

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Charles F. Walsh Scrapbooks
<b>Date:</b>	1903-1945 (bulk 1909-1912)
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0046
<b>Creator:</b>	Walsh, Charles, 1877-1912
<b>Extent:</b>	0.88 Cubic feet (2 flat boxes and 1 oversized folder)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection chronicles the exploits of Charles F. Walsh during the years 1909-1912. There are five scrapbooks and three packets of information.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Frank E. Martin, Gift, 1968

### Processing Information

Arranged and described by Patricia Williams in 1995, encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd in 2018.

### Preferred Citation

Charles F. Walsh Scrapbooks, NASM.XXXX.0046, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

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## Biographical / Historical

Charles F. Walsh (1877-1912) is credited with being the first man in California to build a practical flyable airplane, the Walsh 1911 *Silver Dart*, and received Pilot's License No. 1 issued by the Aero Club of California. Walsh was taught to fly by Lincoln Beachey in 1909, and he quickly gained fame as an aviator, travelling throughout the US and Cuba from 1910 through 1912. Walsh flew as an exhibition pilot for the Curtiss Company and was killed October 3, 1912 when his plane experienced structural failure at Trenton, New Jersey.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection chronicles the exploits of Charles F. Walsh during the years 1909-1912, including the following: numerous photos of the Walsh 1911 *Silver Dart*, Curtiss biplanes and aircraft engines; photos of personalities such as Lincoln Beachey, Glenn Curtiss, Thomas Sopwith, Eugene Ely, John McCurdy, and Beckwith Havens; an original drawing of the *Silver Dart* dated 1908; miscellaneous memorabilia including a business card, tickets to air shows, benefits, and state fairs during 1911-1912; Walsh's Aero Club of California and Aero Club of America licenses; and a ticket to the Panama-California Exposition of 1915.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged according to type of material; albums are arranged according to size of enclosure required to safely house them.

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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
- Walsh 1911 Silver Dart

Types of Materials:

- Blueprints
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Tickets

Names:

- Aero Club of America
- Beachey, Lincoln
- Curtiss, Glenn Hammond, 1878-1930
- Ely, Eugene.
- Havens, Beckwith.

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## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	<a href="#">[Photo Album Marked "S-74"]</a>
Box 1, Folder 2	[Album of Newspaper Clippings Marked "S-95"] Notes: The scrapbook in this folder was not digitized due to possible copyright restrictions as well as fragile condition of the original.
Box 1, Folder 3	[Unlabeled Album of Newspaper Clippings] Notes: The scrapbook in this folder was not digitized due to possible copyright restrictions as well as fragile condition of the original.
Box 1, Folder 4	<a href="#">[Loose Ephemera]</a> Notes: A selection of material in this folder was digitized.
Box 2, Folder 1	<a href="#">[Small Photo Album]</a>
Box 2, Folder 2	<a href="#">[Large Photo Album]</a>