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Frank Coffyn Scrapbooks and Photo Albums

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Frank Coffyn Scrapbooks and Photo Albums
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0065
Date:	1911-1932
Extent:	1.1 Cubic feet (4 flatboxes)
Creator:	Coffyn, Frank, 1878-1960
Language:	English .
Summary:	Frank Coffyn (1878-1960) was a pioneer flyer and aviation consultant. Coffyn learned to fly from the Wright Brothers in Dayton Ohio, and was a member of the original Wright Flying Team. This collection consists of scrapbooks and photo albums documenting his career.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Frank Coffyn, Gift, unknown, NASM.XXXX.0065

Processing Information

Arranged and described in 2001, updated and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd in 2020.

Preferred Citation

Frank Coffyn Scrapbooks and Photo Albums, NASM.XXXX.0065, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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Biographical / Historical

Frank Coffyn (1878-1960) was a pioneer flyer and aviation consultant. Coffyn learned to fly from the Wright Brothers in Dayton Ohio, and was a member of the original Wright Flying Team.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of five scrapbooks. Scrapbook A contains photographs and newspaper clippings relating to Coffyn's visit to the aviation meet of the Michigan Aero Club on June 19-23, 1911. Scrapbook B is comprised of newspaper clippings pertaining to Coffyn's flights in various parts of the U. S. during the year 1912. Scrapbook C is a photo album covering the years 1910-1932, with photos labeled by subject and date. This scrapbook contains some images of a model B Wright Biplane. Book D includes photographs of Coffyn in New York harbor, images of the Lachapelle Gliding Boat, a photo and letter from portrait artist Lewis Eugene Thompson, and a Halcyon Caravel ship photo. Book E is a photo album containing images of Coffyn and a Burgess Flying Boat in 1913.

Arrangement

Scrapbooks/photo albums have been arranged according to size of enclosure required to safely house each item.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Air pilots
- Burgess Aircraft Family
- Periodicals
- Wright (Co) Model B

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Coffyn, Frank, 1878-1960
- Michigan Aero Club
- Thompson, Lewis Eugene
- Wright Flying Team
- Wright, Orville, 1871-1948
- Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912

Container Listing

- Box 1, Folder 1 [Scrapbook A], 1911
[Image\(s\)](#)
Blank pages in the original have not been digitally reproduced. Any gaps in numbering of the images shown are due to their exclusion.
- Box 2, Folder 1 [Scrapbook B], Circa 1912
This scrapbook contains fragile, brittle newspaper clippings which are affixed to the scrapbook pages in nested layers. These materials were not able to be digitally reproduced due to their current physical condition. Researchers wishing to view this album in person should contact NASM Archives for additional information.
- Box 3, Folder 1 [Scrapbook C], 1910-1932
[Image\(s\)](#)
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- Box 4, Folder 1 [Scrapbook D]
[Image\(s\)](#)
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- Box 4, Folder 2 [Scrapbook E], Circa 1913
[Image\(s\)](#)
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- Box 4, Folder 3 [Loose items]