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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Ernest Jones Aeronautical Collection
Date:	1906-1960
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0096
Creator:	Jones, Ernest La Rue, 1883-1955
Extent:	17.38 Cubic feet (41 letter document boxes; 1 slim legal document box; 2 flatboxes; 2 microfilm cases)
Language:	English and French.
Summary:	The Ernest Jones Aeronautical Collection (NASM.XXXX.0096) contains approximately 17 cubic feet of material comprised of the works of this early aviation historian and materials relating to his career and personal life. The collection includes original correspondence, photographs, published material, and various other media.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Ernest Jones, gift, 1957, NASM.XXXX.0096.

Separated Materials

Other materials: An airspeed computer from this collection was transferred to the National Air and Space Museum Space History Division.

Other materials: A sample of Wright Flyer fabric from this collection was transferred to the National Air and Space Museum Aeronautics Division.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Ernest La Rue Jones (1883-1955) contributed in a myriad of ways during his lifetime to recording and preserving the history of flight. His commitment to organizational and national service is evident in the innovation marking his involvement in each sphere. Jones's most ambitious work, a chronology of American aviation, is contained in this collection and represents the culmination of more than a half-century of research, editing, and authorship in the nascent field of aviation history.

Early glider flights at Morris Park, New York, established Ernest Jones's lifelong association with flight. He would soon become Secretary of the Aero Club of America (1906) and the editor of the first American aviation journal, *Aeronautics* (1907-1915). He was made President of the Aeronautics Manufacturers' Association in 1912 and was General Publicity Manager for the Wright-Martin Company in 1917.

The advent of World War I brought a commission in the Army Air Service that would result in his becoming Chief Information Officer for the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF). With the end of the War, Jones returned to civilian life, becoming editor of *The National Aeronautical Review* (1924-1926). In 1926, he began work for the Commerce Department and would be instrumental in organizing its aeronautical branch which would become the Civil Aeronautics Administration and later the Federal Aviation Administration.

At the 1928 National Air Races, Jones co-founded the Early Birds, an organization of pilots having the distinction of having soloed before 1916. He would act as Secretary for the group for the remainder of his life, also editing the organization's publication, *Chirp*.

The Second World War necessitated Jones's return to national service and he was assigned to the Historical Division of the Army Air Corps in 1943. Jones retired in 1949 and after his death in 1955 was interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Throughout his lifetime, Ernest Jones pursued the completion of a comprehensive history of American aviation. This chronology (see Series III description), which remained unfinished at his death, is comprised of tales of flight in legend and literature followed by a vast number of detailed factual accounts of the history of lighter- and heavier-than-air flight. It is accompanied here by a rare and splendid collection of early aviation photography. Together, these form a fitting memorial to a man whose life was dedicated to the preservation of our nation's heritage of flight.

Scope and Contents

The Ernest Jones Aeronautical Collection (NASM.XXXX.0096) contains approximately 17 cubic feet of material comprised of the works of this early aviation historian and materials relating to his career and personal life. The collection includes original correspondence, photographs, published material, and various other media.

The National Air and Space Museum (NASM) received the bulk of these materials between 1955 and 1960. It should be noted however, that some materials have arrived in the collection with an uncertain provenance, having been found with the collection but possessing an aspect that throws doubt on their origin (such as clippings dated after the death of Jones). Other parts of the collection are believed to have originated with Jones but have arrived in NASM's collections from other sources. A small portion of the photographic materials have been moved into this collection from NASM's videodisc files, where they had been placed after being reproduced.

Note: The digital images in this finding aid were repurposed from scans made by an outside contractor for a commercial product and may show irregular cropping and orientation in addition to color variations resulting from damage to and deterioration of the original objects.

Arrangement

Some preliminary processing work had been done on this collection by 1997, but much of the material remained without obvious order. Original order, where identified, has been maintained.

Series in the collection are as follows::

- Series I: Career of Ernest Jones and Personal Information
 - Series II: Organizations
 - Series III: Notebooks and Files for Chronology
 - Subseries 1: Notebooks
 - Subseries 2: Miscellaneous, Notes and Queries for Chronology
 - Subseries 3: Individual and Subject Files
 - Subseries 4: Bibliographies
 - Series IV: Photographs
 - Subseries 1: Set I
 - Subseries 2: Set II
 - Subseries 3: Miscellaneous Photography Files
 - Series V: Scrapbooks
 - Series VI: Oversized Materials
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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 -- Periodicals

Types of Materials:

Notebooks
Photographs
Publications

Names:

Early Birds of Aviation (Organization).
Jones, Ernest La Rue, 1883-1955

Preferred Titles:

Aeronautics (Serial)
National Aeronautical Review (Serial)

Container Listing

Series 1: Career of Ernest Jones and Personal Information, 1910-1954

Scope and Contents: Materials in this series relate primarily to Jones's tenure with the Air Service/Air Corps and with the Commerce Department (see Biographical Note). Please refer to Series VI for correspondence and Air Service circulars which, because of their size, can not be housed in Box 1.

Box 1, Folder 1	Letters of Recommendation and Congratulatory Letters, 1916-1931
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1910-1950
Box 1, Folder 3	Correspondence, 1951-1954
Box 1, Folder 4	Financial Records, undated
Box 43, Folder 1	[Chronology and History of the U.S. Army Air Service and Air Force (Repatriated from the Paul E. Garber Collection)] Notes: These items were found in the Paul E. Garber Collection (NASM.1991.0063) during its re-processing in 2019.
Box 1, Folder 5	U.S. Army Air Service/Army Air Corps, 1921-1939
Box 1, Folder 6	Hearing before the Select Committee of Inquiry. On Matters Relating to the Operations of the United States Air Services by Ernest L. Jones, 25 October, 1926
Box 2, Folder 1	U.S. Army Air Service/Army Air Corps: Reports and Circulars, 1923-1937
Box 2, Folder 2	Department of Commerce, 1937-1938
Box 2, Folder 3	U.S. Army Air Force/U.S. Air Force, 1941-1949
Box 2, Folder 4	Proposal for South American Air Route by Ernest L. Jones, 10 April, 1942
Box 2, Folder 5	Miscellaneous Personal, undated

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Series 2: Organizations

Scope and Contents: Groups in which Ernest Jones played a particularly vital role (Aeronautical Manufacturers' Association, Early Birds, etc.) are featured within this series. Please refer to Series VI for slightly oversized organizational material.

Box 2, Folder 6	Aero Club of America, undated
Box 2, Folder 7	Aeronautical Manufacturers' Association: Administrative Materials, undated
Box 2, Folder 8	Aeronautical Manufacturers' Association: Correspondence and Records, 1911-1950
Box 2, Folder 9	Aeronautical Society, undated
Box 2, Folder 10	Air Force Association, undated
Box 3, Folder 1	Early Birds of Aviation, Inc.: Applications for Membership, undated
Box 3, Folder 2	Early Birds of Aviation, Inc.: Administrative Materials, undated
Box 3, Folder 3	Early Birds of Aviation, Inc.: Events and Meetings, undated
Box 3, Folder 4	Early Birds of Aviation, Inc.: Correspondence, 1929-1950
Box 3, Folder 5	Early Birds of Aviation, Inc.: Correspondence, 1951-1960
Box 3, Folder 6	Early Birds of Aviation, Inc.: Miscellaneous, undated
Box 4, Folder 1	National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, undated
Box 4, Folder 2	Other Governmental Institutions Engaged in Aeronautical Work, undated
Box 4, Folder 3	Miscellaneous Organizations, undated

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Series 3: Notebooks and Files for Chronology

Scope and Contents: Throughout his life, Ernest Jones sought to maintain and add to a comprehensive chronological encyclopedia of aeronautics. The work begins with the lore and legend of flight through the ages but soon becomes a nearly day-to-day compilation of significant events in aviation history. Since its primary focus is the history of American aviation, worldwide developments in the art are followed only until a technology is adopted in the United States, from which point only American events in that category are detailed.

Over the years that this project was pursued by Jones, several different foci guided the inclusion of entries. For example, correspondence indicates that the work was at one time envisioned as "an annual or yearbook comprising a chronicle of American civil, military and naval aeronautics from the earliest date to 1919, with chapters on present-day status, theory of design, statistics and miscellaneous information; all for ready reference by newspapers, libraries and students of aeronautics generally" (Jones to The Director of Air Service, Washington, D.C., 9 July 1919, Biographical Files on microfilm, NASM Archives). Some 24 years later, Jones sought to form the work into "a chronology of the Army Air Forces from 1890 to Pearl Harbor" (Jones to Chief AFH, 15 May 1943, Biographical Files on microfilm, NASM Archives). Various titles were considered for the work at different times. For the purposes of this finding aid, we will refer to Series III, Subseries I as the "chronology."

At the time of its donation to NASM, this chronology consisted of 52 loose-leaf binders of typewritten pages. The contents of these binders had been rehoused into acid-free folders and the archivist has chosen to maintain the integrity of these folders. The Museum also holds a microfilm copy (M182-M203) which was made of the chronology the early 1960s.

Subseries 3 consists of subject files maintained by Jones for his own research. At some point, Ernest Jones considered appending to his chronology a complete bibliography of flight. Subseries 4 consists of materials related to this undertaking. In fact, a bibliography was later to be published by Jones (*Lists of Best Known Aeronautical Books on Principal Subjects*), but it is not included in this collection.

Please refer to Series VI for Individual, Subject and Biographical files that are of legal size.

Subseries 3.1: Notebooks

Box 4, Folder 4	Index Folder I, undated
Box 4, Folder 5	Index Folder II, undated
Box 4, Folder 6	Notebook: To 1782, undated
Box 5, Folder 1	Notebook: To 1850, undated
Box 5, Folder 2	Notebook: 1851-1863, undated
Box 5, Folder 3	Notebook: 1864-1874, undated
Box 5, Folder 4	Notebook: 1875-1890, undated
Box 5, Folder 5	Notebook: 1890-1894, undated

Box 5, Folder 6	Notebook: 1895-1900, undated
Box 6, Folder 1	Notebook: 1901-1902, undated
Box 6, Folder 2	Notebook: 1903-1904, undated
Box 6, Folder 3	Notebook: 1905-1906, undated
Box 6, Folder 4	Notebook: 1907, undated
Box 6, Folder 5	Notebook: January-June 1908, undated
Box 7, Folder 1	Notebook: July-December 1908, undated
Box 7, Folder 2	Notebook: August-December 1909, undated
Box 7, Folder 3	Notebook: 1909, undated
Box 7, Folder 4	Notebook: 1910, undated
Box 7, Folder 5	Notebook: July-December 1910 Folder I, undated
Box 7, Folder 6	Notebook: July-December 1910 Folder II, undated
Box 8, Folder 1	Notebook: January-April 1911, undated
Box 8, Folder 2	Notebook: May-July 1911, undated
Box 8, Folder 3	Notebook: August-December 1911, undated
Box 8, Folder 4	Notebook: January-June 1912, undated
Box 8, Folder 5	Notebook: July-December 1912 Folder I, undated
Box 8, Folder 6	Notebook: July-December 1912 Folder II, undated
Box 9, Folder 1	Notebook: January-April 1913, undated
Box 9, Folder 2	Notebook: May-June 1913, undated
Box 9, Folder 3	Notebook: July-December 1913 Folder I, undated
Box 9, Folder 4	Notebook: July-December 1913 Folder II, undated
Box 9, Folder 5	Notebook: January-June 1914, undated
Box 9, Folder 6	Notebook: July-December 1914, undated

Box 10, Folder 1	Notebook: January-June 1915 Folder I, undated
Box 10, Folder 2	Notebook: January-June 1915 Folder II, undated
Box 10, Folder 3	Notebook: July-December 1915, undated
Box 10, Folder 4	Notebook: January-April 10 1916, undated
Box 10, Folder 5	Notebook: April 10-June 30 1916, undated
Box 10, Folder 6	Notebook: July-August 1916, undated
Box 11, Folder 1	Notebook: September-December 1916 Folder I, undated
Box 11, Folder 2	Notebook: September-December 1916 Folder II, undated
Box 11, Folder 3	Notebook: January-February 1917, undated
Box 11, Folder 4	Notebook: March-April 1917, undated
Box 11, Folder 5	Notebook: May 1917, undated
Box 11, Folder 6	Notebook: August 1917, undated
Box 12, Folder 1	Notebook: October-December 1917 Folder I, undated
Box 12, Folder 2	Notebook: October-December 1917 Folder II, undated
Box 12, Folder 3	Notebook: January-July 1917 Folder I, undated
Box 12, Folder 4	Notebook: January-July 1917 Folder II, undated
Box 12, Folder 5	Notebook: January-March 1918 Folder I, undated
Box 12, Folder 6	Notebook: January-March 1918 Folder II, undated
Box 12, Folder 7	Notebook: April 1918, undated
Box 13, Folder 1	Notebook: July-September 1918, undated
Box 13, Folder 2	Notebook: October-December 1918, undated
Box 13, Folder 3	Notebook: January-June 1919, undated
Box 13, Folder 4	Notebook: 1919, undated
Box 13, Folder 5	Notebook: 1921, undated

Box 13, Folder 6	Notebook: 1922, undated
Box 14, Folder 1	Notebook: 1923-1924 Folder I, undated
Box 14, Folder 2	Notebook: 1923-1924 Folder II, undated
Box 14, Folder 3	Notebook: 1925 Folder I, undated
Box 14, Folder 4	Notebook: 1925 Folder II, undated
Box 14, Folder 5	Notebook: 1926, undated
Box 14, Folder 6	Notebook: 1927, undated
Box 15, Folder 1	Notebook: 1928, undated
Box 15, Folder 2	Notebook: 1929 Folder I, undated
Box 15, Folder 3	Notebook: 1929 Folder II, undated
Box 15, Folder 4	Notebook: 1929-1930, undated
Box 15, Folder 5	Notebook: 1931-1934 Folder I, undated
Box 15, Folder 6	Notebook: 1931-1934 Folder II, undated
Box 16, Folder 1	Notebook: 1935-1936, undated
Box 16, Folder 2	Notebook: 1937, undated
Box 16, Folder 3	Notebook: History of Military Aeronautics, undated
Box 16, Folder 4	Notebook: Biographical A, undated
Box 16, Folder 5	Notebook: Biographical B, undated
Box 16, Folder 6	Notebook: Biographical C, undated
Box 16, Folder 7	Notebook: Biographical D, undated
Box 16, Folder 8	Notebook: Biographical E, undated
Box 16, Folder 9	Notebook: Biographical F, undated
Box 16, Folder 10	Notebook: Biographical G, undated
Box 16, Folder 11	Notebook: Biographical H, undated

Box 17, Folder 1	Notebook: Biographical J, undated
Box 17, Folder 2	Notebook: Biographical K, undated
Box 17, Folder 3	Notebook: Biographical L, undated
Box 17, Folder 4	Notebook: Biographical M, undated
Box 17, Folder 5	Notebook: Biographical N, undated
Box 17, Folder 6	Notebook: Biographical O, undated
Box 17, Folder 7	Notebook: Biographical P, undated
Box 17, Folder 8	Notebook: Biographical Q, undated
Box 17, Folder 9	Notebook: Biographical R, undated
Box 17, Folder 10	Notebook: Biographical S, undated
Box 17, Folder 11	Notebook: Biographical T, undated
Box 17, Folder 12	Notebook: Biographical V-Z, undated
Box 17, Folder 13	Notebook: Biographical Miscellaneous, undated

Subseries 3.2: Miscellaneous, Notes and Queries for Chronology

Box 17, Folder 14	Miscellaneous Chronology Folder I, undated
Box 17, Folder 15	Miscellaneous Chronology Folder II, undated
Box 18, Folder 1	Notebook: Queries, undated
Box 18, Folder 2	Notes for Chronology Folder I, undated
Box 18, Folder 3	Notes for Chronology Folder II, undated
Box 18, Folder 4	Plans for Chronology and Other Works, undated
Box 18, Folder 5	Miscellaneous Manuscripts, undated
Box 18, Folder 6	Manuscripts Authored by Others, undated

Subseries 3.3: Individual and Subject Files

Box 19, Folder 1	Ausmus, Reinhardt, undated
Box 19, Folder 2	Baldwin, Thomas, undated
Box 19, Folder 3	Bell, F. M., undated
Box 19, Folder 4	Benoist, Tom, undated
Box 19, Folder 5	Cole, Christopher, undated
Box 19, Folder 6	Christmas, William, undated
Box 19, Folder 7	Fowler, Robert, undated
Box 19, Folder 8	Greene, Robert, undated
Box 19, Folder 9	Hartman, Art, undated
Box 19, Folder 10	Jones, Harry, undated
Box 19, Folder 11	Montgomery, John Folder I, undated
Box 19, Folder 12	Montgomery, John Folder II, undated
Box 19, Folder 13	Myers, Mary "Carlotta", undated
Box 19, Folder 14	Vaughn, Stanley, undated
Box 19, Folder 15	Walden, Henry, undated
Box 19, Folder 16	Woodhouse, Henry, undated
Box 20, Folder 1	Wright, Orville and Wilbur, undated
Box 20, Folder 2	Clippings on Wright Brothers, February-December 1908
Box 20, Folder 3	Clippings on Wright Brothers, 1908
Box 20, Folder 4	Clippings on Wright Brothers, January-December 1909
Box 20, Folder 5	Clippings on Wright Brothers, 1909
Box 20, Folder 6	Clippings on Wright Brothers, 1910
Box 20, Folder 7	Clippings on Wright Brothers, 1911

Box 20, Folder 8	Clippings on Wright Brothers, 1912
Box 45, Folder 4	[Wright, Orville and Wilbur (Repatriated from the Paul E. Garber Collection)]
Box 20, Folder 9	Clippings on Wright Brothers, Miscellaneous Dates
Box 20, Folder 10	Clippings on Wright Brothers, undated
Box 20, Folder 11	Miscellaneous Individuals A-L, undated
Box 21, Folder 1	Miscellaneous Individuals M-Z, undated
Box 21, Folder 2	90th Aero Squadron, undated
Box 45, Folder 5	[Aerial Law and Regulation (Repatriated from the Paul E. Garber Collection)]
Box 21, Folder 3	Aerial Photography, undated
Box 21, Folder 4	Aerial Radio and Direction Finders, undated
Box 21, Folder 5	Aerodynamics, undated
Box 21, Folder 6	Air Mail, undated
Box 21, Folder 7	Aircraft Carriers: General Folder I, undated
Box 22, Folder 1	Aircraft Carriers: General Folder II, undated
Box 22, Folder 2	Aircraft Carriers: General Folder III, undated
Box 22, Folder 3	Aircraft Carriers: Submarines, undated
Box 22, Folder 4	Aircraft Carriers: U.S.S. Franklin, undated
Box 22, Folder 5	Aircraft Carriers: U.S.S. Hornet, undated
Box 22, Folder 6	Aircraft Carriers: U.S.S. Monterey, undated
Box 22, Folder 7	Aircraft Carriers: U.S.S. Saratoga, undated
Box 22, Folder 8	Aircraft Carriers: U.S.S. Yorktown, undated
Box 22, Folder 9	Aircraft Characteristics and Performance Forms, undated
Box 22, Folder 10	Airports, undated
Box 22, Folder 11	Airships: General Folder I, undated

Box 23, Folder 1	Airships: General Folder II, undated
Box 23, Folder 2	Airships: Reports and Papers, 1910-1924
Box 23, Folder 3	Airships: Reports and Papers, 1931
Box 23, Folder 4	Airships: Graf Zeppelin, undated
Box 23, Folder 5	Airships: Hindenburg, undated
Box 23, Folder 6	Airships: Italia, undated
Box 23, Folder 7	Airships: U.S.S. Akron, undated
Box 23, Folder 8	Airships: U.S.S. Los Angeles, undated
Box 23, Folder 9	Airships: U.S.S. Macon, undated
Box 23, Folder 10	Airships: Miscellaneous Craft, undated
Box 23, Folder 11	Airship Articles by Ernest Jones, undated
Box 24, Folder 1	Aviation Cartoons, undated
Box 24, Folder 2	Aviation Legislation, undated
Box 24, Folder 3	Burnelli Lifting Body, undated
Box 24, Folder 4	Canada Folder I, undated
Box 24, Folder 5	Canada Folder II, undated
Box 24, Folder 6	Canada Folder III, undated
Box 24, Folder 7	Chile, undated
Box 25, Folder 1	Coast Guard Notebook Folder I, undated
Box 25, Folder 2	Coast Guard Notebook Folder II, undated
Box 25, Folder 3	Coast Guard Clippings, undated
Box 25, Folder 4	Convertible Aircraft, undated
Box 25, Folder 5	Curtiss Aileron Patents, undated
Box 25, Folder 6	Douglas DC-3, undated

Box 25, Folder 7	Education: Flight Instruction Clippings, 1929-1935
Box 26, Folder 1	Education: Flight Instruction Clippings, 1936-1944
Box 26, Folder 2	Education: Schools of Aeronautics Folder I, undated
Box 26, Folder 3	Education: Schools of Aeronautics Folder II, undated
Box 26, Folder 4	Engines, undated
Box 26, Folder 5	France, undated
Box 26, Folder 6	Gas, undated
Box 27, Folder 1	German Aviation, undated
Box 27, Folder 2	Instrument Flying Folder I, undated
Box 27, Folder 3	Instrument Flying Folder II, undated
Box 27, Folder 4	Instrument Flying Folder III, undated
Box 27, Folder 5	Military Aviators, undated
Box 27, Folder 6	Missiles, undated
Box 27, Folder 7	Parachutes, undated
Box 27, Folder 8	Pennsylvania Airlines Folder I, undated
Box 28, Folder 1	Pennsylvania Airlines Folder II, undated
Box 28, Folder 2	Private Flying Notebooks, 1928-1933
Box 28, Folder 3	Private Flying Notebooks, 1937-1938
Box 28, Folder 4	Private Flying Notebooks, January - August 1939
Box 28, Folder 5	Private Flying Clippings Folder I
Box 28, Folder 6	Private Flying Clippings Folder II
Box 29, Folder 1	Seadromes Folder I, undated
Box 29, Folder 2	Seadromes Folder II, undated
Box 29, Folder 3	Seadromes Folder III, undated

Box 29, Folder 4	Stunt Flying, undated
Box 29, Folder 5	Submarines: General, undated
Box 29, Folder 6	Tucker Aircraft, undated
Box 29, Folder 7	Clippings, 1885-1919
Box 29, Folder 8	Clippings, 1925
Box 29, Folder 9	Clippings, 1926
Box 29, Folder 10	Clippings, 1927-1928
Box 29, Folder 11	Clippings, 1929
Box 29, Folder 12	Clippings, 1930
Box 29, Folder 13	Clippings, 1931-1959
Box 30, Folder 1	Clippings, undated
Box 30, Folder 2	Miscellaneous Publications, undated
Box 45, Folder 6	[Miscellaneous Publications (Repatriated from the Paul E. Garber Collection)]
Box 30, Folder 3	Miscellaneous Subjects, undated
Box 30, Folder 4	Foreign Language Material Folder I, undated
Box 30, Folder 5	Foreign Language Material Folder II, undated

Subseries 3.4: Bibliographies

Box 30, Folder 6	Bibliographies: Arranged by Author, undated
Box 30, Folder 7	Bibliographies: Arranged by Bookseller, undated
Box 31, Folder 1	Bibliographies: Arranged by Date of Publication, undated
Box 31, Folder 2	Bibliographies: Arranged by Institution, undated
Box 31, Folder 3	Bibliographies: Miscellaneous, undated

Subseries 3.5: [Notebooks and Files for Chronology (Repatriated from the Paul E. Garber Collection)]

Scope and Contents: This subseries includes notebooks that were found in the Paul E. Garber Collection (NASM.1991.0063) during its re-processing in 2019. Notebook "groupings" appear to have been rifled through (most likely heavily used by Garber in his own research), so it should be assumed that these materials are not in their original order.

Box 43, Folder 2	[Notebook Grouping 1], 1913-1932 and undated
Box 43, Folder 3	[Notebook Grouping 2], 1917-1949 and undated
Box 43, Folder 4	[Notebook Grouping 3], 1917-1948 and undated
Box 43, Folder 5	[Notebook Grouping 4], 1910-1924 and undated
Box 44, Folder 1	[Notebook Grouping 5], 1914-1945 and undated
Box 44, Folder 2	[Notebook Grouping 6] The Year 1916 in Review
Box 44, Folder 3	[Notebook Grouping 7] 15 June 1913 to 31 December 1913, 1912-1913 and undated
Box 44, Folder 4	[Notebook Grouping 8], 1919
Box 44, Folder 5	[Unlabeled Binder, Aerodynamics and Technical Materials]
Box 45, Folder 1	[Unlabeled Binder, Commerce and Air Mail] folder 1 of 3
Box 45, Folder 2	[Unlabeled Binder, Commerce and Air Mail] folder 2 of 3
Box 45, Folder 3	[Unlabeled Binder, Commerce and Air Mail] folder 3 of 3

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Series 4: Photographs

Arrangement: Each set is arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within a subject grouping, with Army or Navy aeronautical subjects to be found under "Army" and "Navy," respectively. The photographs are mounted on approximately 1,200 leaves per set, though Set I, that set kept by Jones, is more complete. Many of these leaves bear typewritten captions describing their content. Most of the images have been given Smithsonian Institution negative numbers and many possess United States Air Force "A.S." negative numbers as well.

A review of the microfiche copy of NASM's biographical files yielded an "Index to Ernest Jones Set of Historical Pictures." A copy of this index forms the appendix to this finding aid.

Please see Series VI for two oversized photographs of the Wright School at Montgomery.

Scope and Contents: The chronology of American flight envisioned by Jones was to consist solely of textual items. However, a separate project gathered a remarkable collection of early aeronautical photographs into two sets originally consisting of over 1,800 images each. These photographs were taken or collected by Jones between 1906 and 1917, many during his tenure as editor of *Aeronautics*.

One set (herein referred to as Set I) remained in the possession of Jones's estate until its donation to NASM. Another set was donated during Jones's lifetime to the Army Air Service. It is believed that the second set (Set II) had been donated to the Museum by Major General Walter H. Frank in 1961 (R-23-62). These sets were partially intermixed before processing. This collection contains both sets but unfortunately, neither set is complete.

Subseries 4.1: Aeronautical Photographs 1906-1917: Set I, 1906-1917

Box 45, Folder 7	Index to Ernest Jones Set of Historical Pictures (Repatriated from the Paul E. Garber Collection)
Box 31, Folder 4	Adams-Andrews, undated
Box 31, Folder 5	Andrews-Atwater, undated
Box 31, Folder 6	Baldwin-Benoist, undated
Box 32, Folder 1	Bergdoll-Bumbaugh, undated
Box 32, Folder 2	Burgess-Cove, undated
Box 32, Folder 3	Curtiss, undated
Box 32, Folder 4	Curtiss-French Airships, undated
Box 33, Folder 1	Frisbie-Hutchinson, undated
Box 33, Folder 2	Indianapolis-L.W.F., undated
Box 33, Folder 3	MacGordon-Myers, undated
Box 33, Folder 4	National-Queen, undated

Box 33, Folder 5 [Raiche-Schneider, undated](#)

Box 34, Folder 1 [Signal-Sturtevant, undated](#)

Box 34, Folder 2 [Tabuteau-Twombly, undated](#)

Subseries 4.2: Aeronautical Photographs 1906-1917: Set II, 1906-1917

Box 34, Folder 3 [Adams-Andrews, undated](#)

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Scope and Contents: Within this legal size box are those documents which, because of their slightly larger dimensions, are unable to be placed in their rightful series.

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Series 7: Microfilm (Negative Copies)

Scope and Contents: In the 1960s, the Smithsonian National Air Museum, later to become the National Air and Space Museum (NASM) microfilmed Series III of the Jones Collection, "Notebooks and Files for Chronology." One positive and one negative copy were made. In July 2002, the positive set of microfilm was deaccessioned to the National Air and Space Museum Branch Library. The negative copies listed below remain with the Ernest Jones Collection. The note "M####" gives the roll identification assigned by the National Air and Space Museum when all microfilm held by NASM was sequentially numbered regardless of collection; these numbers are included for historical purposes.

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Box 40, Item 5	Jones Chronology Roll #5, 1910 JD -- 1913 JD [M194], 1910-1913
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Box 40, Item 7	Jones Chronology Roll #7, April 1, 1916 -- December 2, 1917 [M199], 1916-1917
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Box 41, Item 2	Jones Chronology Roll #9, January 3, 1919 -- May 7, 1924 [M201], 1919-1924
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Series 8: NASM Library Collections Duplicates

Scope and Contents: The following items are duplicates of items held in the NASM Library collections. They were housed on the reference shelves of the NASM Archives before being returned to the collection. Some of the items are in disrepair and need to be handled with care.

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Box 42, Item 2	The Epic of the Chaco: Marshall Estigarribia's Memoirs of the Chaco War 1932-1935
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Box 42, Item 3	Aero Manual by Ch. Faroux Creator: Jones, Ernest La Rue, 1883-1955 Language: French. Creator: Jones, Ernest La Rue, 1883-1955
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