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## Shakir S. Jerwan Scrapbooks

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Shakir S. Jerwan Scrapbooks
<b>Date:</b>	1911-1919
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0231
<b>Creator:</b>	Jerwan, Shakir S., 1881-1942
<b>Extent:</b>	0.87 Cubic feet (2 boxes; 1 folder)
<b>Language:</b>	The collection is mainly in English; some correspondence is in Spanish.
<b>Summary:</b>	The Shakir S. Jerwan Scrapbooks Collection contains material from the period 1911-1919. During this period, Jerwan was Chief Pilot at the Moisant School of Aviation, Garden City, New York, and Director of Military Aviation for the government of Guatemala.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Shakir Jerwan and his dog "Monoplane" (NASM 91-19563). Shakir S. Jerwan Scrapbooks Collection, NASM.XXX.0231</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Shakir S. Jerwan, gift, date unknown, XXXX-0231

### Processing Information

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

### Preferred Citation

Shakir S. Jerwan Scrapbooks Collection, Acc. XXXX.0231, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

Shakir Saliba Jerwan (1881-1942), the son of a Protestant minister, was born in Beirut, Lebanon, then part of the Ottoman Empire. In 1904, Jerwan immigrated to the United States and became a citizen in 1910. In 1911, he learned to fly, earning F.A.I. license number 54. Jerwan was chief pilot for the Moisant School of Aviation, Garden City, New York from 1912 to 1914. From 1915 to 1919 he served as Director of Military

Aviation in Guatemala. Jerwan returned to the United States in 1919. His later career was as a hotelier. He was a member of the Early Birds of Aviation.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection documents events in Shakir S. Jerwan's career during the period of 1911 to 1919. Scrapbook photographs (many signed) feature Jerwan's pupils and pilots at the Moisant School and of the Moisant International Aviators, including Harriet Quimby, Matilde Moisant, Bernetta Adams Miller, Roland Garros, René Barrier, René Simon and Edmond Audemars. Other photographs include John Frisbie and his man-carrying kites, Charles Niles and his Looper, and Monoplane, Jerwan's flying dog. Also included are a brochure and drawings for the Aeromotor Boat, designed by Shakir Jerwan and his brother, Fuad (Fred) Jerwan. Correspondence includes letters between Shakir Jerwan and Manuel Estrada Cabrera, president of Guatemala, and Venustiano Carranza, later president of Mexico.

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## Arrangement

The collection consists of one photographic album and one scrapbook.

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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 -- 1910-1920
- Aeronautics -- Exhibitions
- Aeronautics -- History
- Aeronautics, Military -- Guatemala
- Air pilots -- Correspondence
- Women in aeronautics

### Types of Materials:

- Correspondence -- 1910-1920

### Names:

- Audemars, Edmond
- Barrier, Rene
- Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957
- Cabrera, Manuel Estrada
- Carranza, Venustiano, General
- Frisbie, John J.
- Garros, Roland
- Jerwan, Shakir S., 1881-1942
- Miller, Bernetta Adams
- Moisant Aviation School
- Moisant International Aviators, Inc.
- Moisant, Alfred, 1862-1929
- Moisant, Matilde, 1887-1964
- Niles, Charles
- Quimby, Harriet, 1875-1912

Simon, Rene

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## Container Listing

Box 1	Photographic Album
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Box 2	Scrapbook
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Box 105 (Shared)	Autographed Portrait
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