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## French Balloon Scrapbook

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	French Balloon Scrapbook
<b>Date:</b>	1700s to 1930s
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0254
<b>Extent:</b>	0.35 Cubic feet (1 flat box)
<b>Language:</b>	French , English , German .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection consists of a scrapbook, largely concerned with ballooning in France. Many items in the scrapbook are illustrations of early balloon flights, and there are illustrations of imaginary air vehicles, some of which are quite fanciful. The scrapbook also contains content pertaining to airships and aircraft.
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): French Balloon Scrapbook</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

F. R. Wright, Purchase, 1943, NASM.XXXX.0254.

### Processing Information

Arranged, described, and encoded by Jessamyn Lloyd, 2022.

### Preferred Citation

French Balloon Scrapbook, NASM.XXXX.0254, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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No restrictions on access

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a scrapbook, largely concerned with ballooning in France. Many items in the scrapbook are illustrations of early balloon flights, and there are illustrations of imaginary air vehicles, some of which are quite fanciful. Most of the text in the scrapbook is in French, although some of the text is in English and there is a very small amount in German. The scrapbook also contains some material on early aircraft and aviation up through the early 1930s. The scrapbook features information on balloons and ascensions relating

to Sadler (James), Coutelle (Jean), Garnerin (André), Garnerin (Elisa), Blanchard (Jean-Pierre), Blanchard (Madeleine-Sophie), Blanchard-Jeffries, Nadar (Félix Tournachon), and the Montgolfier Brothers. Content also pertains to airships, including Renard (Charles) & Krebs (Arthur), "La France;" SCA (Stabilimento di Costruzione Aeronautiche), N.1 "Norge;" and the LZ 127 "Graf Zeppelin." Aircraft shown in the scrapbook includes the Dewoitine D.1 C1, Blériot XI, Blériot XII, Curtiss and Wright biplanes, Breguet-Richet Gyroplane, Breguet Bre.280 T, Dornier Do R Superwal (Super Whale), and the Short S.5 Singapore Mk.I. Notable people depicted in the scrapbook, other than those previously listed, include Ernst Udet, Dieudonné Costes, Jacques-Louis Dusmesnil, Richard Evelyn Byrd, Georges Pelletier d'Oisy, and Maurice Bellonte.

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## Arrangement

Collection is in original order.

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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
- Airplanes
- Airships
- Balloons

Types of Materials:

- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Blanchard, Jean-Pierre, 1753-1809
- Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957
- Montgolfier, Joseph-Michel, 1740-1810.
- Udet, Ernst, General