

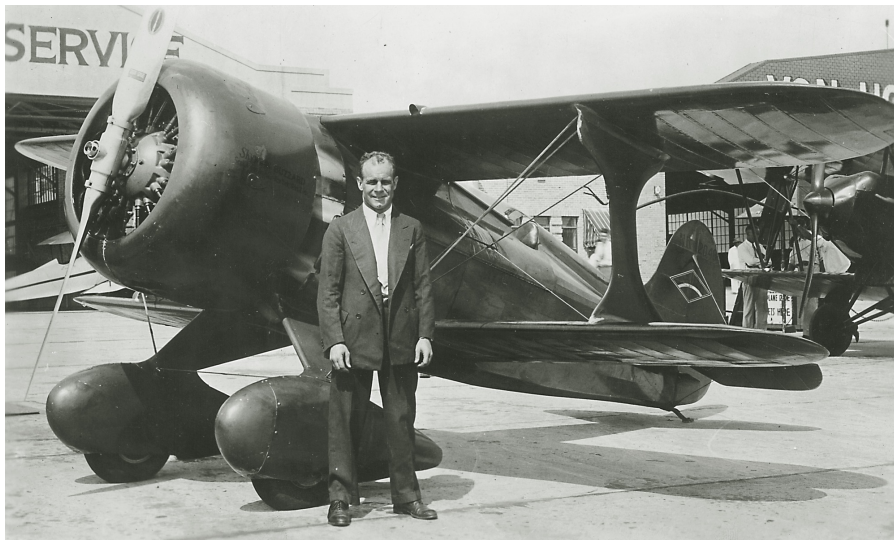


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James H. Doolittle Scrapbooks

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	James H. Doolittle Scrapbooks
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0501
<b>Date:</b>	1903-1969 (bulk 1920-1950)
<b>Extent:</b>	10 Cubic feet (10 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Doolittle, James Harold, 1896-1993
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection includes twelve photograph albums and loose photographs covering Doolittle's varied aviation career.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Transfer from National Air and Space Museum Aeronautics Division, 1973, NASM.XXXX.0501

### Processing Information

The National Air and Space Museum (NASM), Archives Division also holds additional materials about James Doolittle.

Biographical information can be found in the NASM Archives' Biographical Files which contain additional newspaper and journal articles, letters, memorabilia and photographs.

For additional photographs please see the NASM videodisc files. The images can be seen on NASM videodisc 2B, 3B, 4A and 7B; in most cases the original prints are available in the NASM Archives' Videodisc Imagery Collection, NASM.XXXX.1000.

### Preferred Citation

James H. Doolittle Scrapbooks, NASM.XXXX.0501, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical Note

James H. Doolittle's (1896-1993) piloting career spanned military aviation history and his professional contributions to the aviation field, especially in the area of instrument flying, made a lasting impact. Doolittle became an Army aviator in 1917 and received a Doctor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering degree from MIT in 1925. During the 1920s and 1930s, Doolittle won many speed, cross-country and transcontinental records and trophies and is often referred to as the "Father of Instrument Flying," because he demonstrated "instrument only flight" in 1929. He left the military in 1930 to become manager of Shell Oil Company's aviation department, but returned to the Army during World War II. During World War II, Doolittle led the first raid on the Japanese mainland in 1942, and was later promoted to the commander of the 12th, 15th, and 8th Air Forces. He returned to civilian life in 1946 and served as a trustee of aviation and space companies and as a member of numerous organizational and government boards, panels, and committees.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection includes twelve photograph albums and loose photographs covering Doolittle's varied aviation career, including images from Doolittle's trips to South America.

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## Arrangement

There are two Series: Scrapbooks and Loose Photographs. Dates, condition, and a brief description of item-level content are listed below.

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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, Commercial -- United States  
Aeronautics, Military

Types of Materials:

Photographs  
Scrapbooks

Names:

Doolittle, James Harold, 1896-1993  
Shell Oil Company. Aviation Dept.  
United States. Air Force. 12th Air Force  
United States. Air Force. 15th Air Force  
United States. Air Force. 8th Air Force

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Scrapbooks

*11 Cultural artifacts (Scrapbooks)*

*8 Boxes*

*Box 1*

Box 1

NASM-3097-1974-563 / S-I(A)J: Scrapbook #1 , 1903 - 1929

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.

General Topics: Nome--Alaska, Childhood (School Photos), Family/Friends, Domestic and International Travels, especially United States National Parks, Boxing, Flight Training, Military Experiences, Air Races and Aircraft.

Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some of the photos are stained (chemical reactions or external spills), silvering, torn or bent. Some pages are loose.

Box 2

NASM-3097-1974-564 I S-2 (B)J: Scrapbook #2 , 1928 - circa1940

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.

General Topics:

International Travels, Awards (including Thompson Trophy, Shell Intercollegiate Aviation Trophy, Mission Inn), Experiences at Shell Oil, Family/Friends, Unidentified Room Interiors, Baker Committee- -1934, Testifying Before Military Committee, United States House of Representatives, Aircraft.

For some reason only the first half of the album was scanned by an outside contractor.

Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. One post top missing. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are damaged (chemical reactions or external spills or scraps), silvering, torn or bent. Some pages are loose. Pages are torn or bent. Cover worn.

Box 3

NASM-3097-1974-565 I S-3 (C)J: Scrapbook #3 , circa 1920 - 1939

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs, Postcards, Drawings.

General Topics:

Domestic and International Travels, American Airways Experiences, Air Races, Awards, Family/Friends.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn, bent, silvering, damaged (chemical deterioration or external spills and scraps). Some photos are loose.

Box 4

NASM-3097-1974-566 I S-4 (D)J: Scrapbook #4 , 1929 - circa 1930

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs

General Topics:

Portraits of various pilots such as Harry Gilmore and Elinor Smith, most are unidentified.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Some photos are torn or bent. Some photos are loose. Cover in good shape.

Box 5

NASM-3097-1974-567 I 5-5 (E): Scrapbook #5 , 1940s

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs (some color), Drawings.

General Topics: Aircraft, Awards (Congressional Medal of Honor) Family/Friends, Fishing Trips, Son's Wedding (1946), General Activities, Military/Government Related Activities.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn or bent. Some photos are loose. Cover edges beginning to fray.

Box 6

NASM-3097-1974-570 I 5-8 (H): Scrapbook #6 , 1930s

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs.

General Topics: Travels in a Curtiss-Wright, 1930s.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photos in good shape. No visible sign of deterioration. Cover beginning to loosen. Cover corners are torn. Glassine interleaving.

Box 6

NASM-3097-1974-571 I(S-9 (I): Scrapbook #7 , 1920s - 1931

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs, 19th Squadron 1921 Christmas Dinner Program.

General Topics: Domestic Travels, Family/Friends, Aerial Shots (primarily of communities in Indiana and Florida), 19th Squadron Christmas Dinner December 25, 1921 Program. Please note that a photograph was skipped during the scanning process by an outside contractor.

Photos were received from Glen Doolittle.

All photos credited to O. Roach.

Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. Photos bent or torn. Paper cover worn, has a few tears. Program cover worn.

Box 7

NASM-3097-1974-568 I S-6 (F): Scrapbook #8 , 1940s - 1955

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs, Letters, Postcards.

General Topics: Anniversary of Tokyo Raid, Tokyo Raid Shots, International Travels (Asia), Friends/Family, Tokyo Raiders--Some With Names Listed With Portrait.

Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn, bent, silvering, damaged (chemical deterioration or external spills and scraps). Some photos are loose. Black woodpulp paper very brittle. Some of the pages have been interleaved with glassine. Cover is worn. Back side is beginning to break off.

Box 7

NASM-3097-1974-572/574? / Sb (J~): Scrapbook #9 , 1940s - circa 1950

Medium: Photographs (some color), Postcards, 1955 Tokyo Raiders Anniversary Booklet with Photos and Letter Look Magazine Cover, 1942.

General Topics: Tokyo Raiders Reunion Photos (1955), Family Wedding, Family/Friends, Hunting/Fishing Trips, Award Presentations, Look Magazine Cover (1942).

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn, bent, damaged (chemical deterioration or external spills and scraps). Some photos are loose. Color photos are fading. Cardboard back.

Box 8

NASM-3097-1974-569 I S-7 (G): Scrapbook #10 , 1940s - circa 1950

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs (some color).

General Topics: Tokyo Raid Photos, Aircraft, Family/Friends, Socializing.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Please request staff member to remove posts. Some photos are torn or bent. Some photos are loose.

Box 8

NASM-3097-1974-573 / S-ii (K): Scrapbook #11 , 1920s - 1952

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs (some color), Small Booklet of Doolittle Photos, Postcards.

General Topics: International and Domestic (especially to United States National Parks) Travels, Family/Friends, Portrait Photos, Activities while on NACA Advisory Board, Aircraft.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Some photos are torn, bent, damaged (chemical deterioration or external spills and scraps). Some photos are loose. Color photos are fading.

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## Series 2: Loose photographs

2 Boxes

1 Cultural artifact

21 Folders

Box 9-10

- Box 9, Folder 1            1 , undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Painted (oil/acrylic?) cartoon on government board.  
General Topics: Cartoon, Painted--Indian and Bear, signed "Gaska"  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Handle with gloves. Dirty/Smudged. Frame marks.
- Box 9, Folder 2            2, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photograph (color on cardboard)  
General Topics: Aerospace Board of Directors.  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Old tape marks. Glued on cardboard. Color good.
- Box 9, Folder 3            3, 1960-06  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photograph (color on cardboard).  
General Topics: MIT Corporation, Members Names Listed.  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Glued on cardboard. Color fading--turning yellow. Edges of board crumpled. Dirty/smudged.
- Box 9, Folder 4            4, 1965, 1964  
Medium: Paper.  
General Topics: 20 Aviation Hall of Fame Recipients. Has Names, Dates of Receipt, Birth and Death Dates, Brief Biography.  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Paper in great condition.
- Box 9, Folder 5            5, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photograph (black and white).  
General Topics: Elizabeth George Portrait.  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photo in good condition. Glued on cardboard-board is yellowing. Blue folder is torn in several places. Ribbon crinkled.
- Box 9                        Framed photo, undated



[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photograph (black and white).

General Topics: McCook Field Test Pilots.

Condition: HANDLE VERY CAREFULLY. CAUTION--PHOTO AND GLASS COVER ARE NOT ATTACHED TO THE FRAME. Painted wood frame. Cardboard backing. Photograph is damaged and the lower right hand corner is stuck to the glass. Photo is slightly wavy. CONSERVATION TREATMENT REQUIRED.

Box 10, Folder 1

1, undated

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs (black and white).

General Topics: Two photos. 1--Group of Military Flyers with Doolittle. 2--Doolittle with Unidentified Man.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. One photo has spots and some isolated yellowing. Fingerprints. The other photo has no visible problems.

Box 10

NASM 3097-1974-547: 2, undated

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone).

General Topics: Signed Al Williams Portrait.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. No visible conservation problems.

Box 10

NASM 3097-1974-549: 3

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs (black and white).

General Topics: Signed Orville Wright Portrait.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Scraps. Dirty/smudged.

Box 10

NASM 3097-1974-548: 4, 1929

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone).

General Topics: Charles Lindbergh, 1929 with the Spirit of St. Louis. Signed Portrait.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Left edge of board rough,. Signature difficult to read--dark. Grainy image.

Box 10

NASM 3097-1974-551: 5, undated

[Image\(s\)](#)

Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone).

General Topics: Signed Pancho Barnes Portrait.

Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Dirty/smudged. Grainy image.

- Box 10 NASM 3097-1974-550: 6, 1930  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone).  
General Topics: Frank Hawks standing in front of "The Texas?". Signed Portrait.  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Dirty/smudged. Corners bent.
- Box 10, Folder 7 7, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (color on cardboard).  
General Topics: Shell Board of Directors.  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Color photo glued on cardboard. Scratches. Scraps.
- Box 10, Folder 8 8, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (black and white--sepia tone--on cardboard).  
General Topics: Signed General Ernst Udet Portrait.  
Condition:HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photo glued on cardboard at top of photo.Dirty/Smudges. Edges Rough.
- Box 10, Folder 9 folder 9: 9, 1953, 1969, 1945  
*3 Items*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Spiral calendar, Folio of history prints with captions, photograph (black and white).  
General Topics: Three items: 1--Aviation Hall of Fame Appointment Calendar, 2--Folio of historic prints from the National Aerographic Magazine, 1953, 3--Doolittle Photograph, dated approximately 1945, military subject  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. No visible conservation problems.
- Box 10, Folder 10 10, circa 1963, undated  
*2 Items*  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (color).  
General Topics: Two photos--Space Technologies Inc. Board.  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photos glued on cardboard.
- Box 10, Folder 11 11, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (color).  
General Topics: Doolittle in cockpit.  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Photos glued on cardboard.

- Box 10, Folder 12      12, 1967  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (color).  
General Topics: Lyndon Baynes Johnson with three astronauts. Doolittle in background.  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Indentations in photo. Partial fold in middle of photo.
- Box 10, Folder 13      13, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (color).  
Medium: Photographs (color).  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Color photo glued on cardboard back. Edges of board bent. Blurry image
- Box 10                    NASM 3097-1974-536: 14, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (black and white).  
General Topics: Portrait of James Doolittle in Uniform.  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. No visible conservation problems. Covered with a off-white studio folio.
- Box 10                    NASM 3097-1974-546: 15, undated  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Photographs (black and white).  
General Topics: Signed Winston S. Churchill Portrait by Karch, Ottawa.  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. Glued unto cardboard backing. Some foxing on backing.
- Box 10                    NASM 4054-1974-741: 16, 1974  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Medium: Sepia tone certificate.  
General Topics: Presentation Certificate for DAR Medal, 1974.  
  
Condition: HANDLE CAREFULLY. No visible conservation problems.

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