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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Roger B. Whitman Early Aviation Photograph Collection
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0517
Date:	1909-1911
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet ((7 folders))
Creator:	Whitman, Roger B.
Language:	English
	Collection is in English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Herbert S. Whitman, Gift, 1979, XXXX-0517, Public Domain

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Roger B. Whitman was a prominent photographer who maintained a lifetime love of aviation. During World War I he was in the Air Service and established the first school of aerial photography. Whitman was later the Associate Editor of the American 'Country Life.'

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 163 photographs, collected by Whitman, covering early aviation activities in predominantly the United States and France. Aircraft manufacturers represented include: Wright, Curtiss, Bell, Bleriot, Antoinette, Deperdussin, Farman, Voisin, and other American, French, and British designers of the period 1909-1911. The following events are represented: 1909, 1910 Grande Semaines d'Aviation, 1910 Quinzaine de la Baie de la Seine, 1909 meet at Blackpool England and the 1910 meets at Belmont Part Long Island, Nice and other locations. Flights represented include: Bleriot's Channel flight, Latham's flight over San Francisco and flights in and around New York and Paris. Aviators represented include: the Wright Brothers, Henry Farman, Louis Bleriot, Hubert Latham, Glenn Curtiss, Louis Paulhan, and other French and American pilots.

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Arrangement

The Roger B. Whitman Early Aviation Photograph Collection is arranged in its original order.

General

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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 -- 1903-1916
- Aeronautics -- Competitions
- Aeronautics -- Exhibitions
- Aeronautics -- France
- Antoinette Aircraft Family
- Bell Aircraft Family
- Bleriot Aircraft Family
- Curtiss, General, Aircraft
- Deperdussin Aircraft Family
- Voisin Aircraft Family

Types of Materials:

- Photographs

Names:

Blériot, Louis, 1872-1936
Curtiss, Glenn Hammond, 1878-1930
Farman, Henry
Latham, Hubert
Paulhan, Louis
Whitman, Roger B.
Wright, Orville, 1871-1948
Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912

Container Listing

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Roger B. Whitman Photographs 180276 - 180300
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Roger B. Whitman Photographs 180301 - 180325
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Roger B. Whitman Photographs 180326 - 180350
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | Roger B. Whitman Photographs 180351 - 180375
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Roger B. Whitman Photographs 180376 - 180400
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Roger B. Whitman Photographs 180401 - 180425
Image(s) |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Roger B. Whitman Photographs 180426 - 180450
Image(s) |