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Sherman Fairchild Collection  
of Aeronautical Photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Sherman Fairchild Collection of Aeronautical Photographs
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0952
<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1900-1945)
<b>Extent:</b>	10 Cubic feet (( ))
<b>Creator:</b>	Fairchild, Sherman M.
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Gift, 1968

### Preferred Citation

Sherman Fairchild Collection of Aeronautical Photographs, Accession XXXX-0952, National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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## Biographical / Historical

Sherman Fairchild (1896-1971) had a long and varied aviation career; included in his many contributions to the aerospace field was his work with aerial cameras and his aircraft companies, including Fairchild Industries.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consisted of 10 cartons of photographs that were at first loaned, and then donated, from the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences (IAS) in 1968 when they were dissolving their library. After

the photographs arrived at NASM, they were divided and placed in the Technical Files. As of 2009, 817 images have been identified and cataloged as being from the Sherman Fairchild Collection. The images include shots of balloons, gliders, airships, aircraft, aircraft instruments, engines, uniforms, aerial photographs, and early concepts of flight.

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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:

- Aerial photography
- Aeronautical instruments
- Aeronautics
- Airships
- Balloons
- Gliding and soaring

Types of Materials:

- Photographs