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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Samuel King (1828-1914) was a ballooning pioneer in the United States. He made his first balloon ascension in 1851, and over the course of his career he made over 450 flights. His flights generated great interest and balloon ascensions become an element of expositions and traveling shows. King also made several ascensions with United States Signal Service officers for the study of meteorology, leading the way with scientific study of air navigation and aerial photography.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one poster announcing King's gas balloon ascension at the Centennial International Exhibition on August 30, 1876, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The poster is 31 by 44.5 inches, and the overprinted illustration depicts King in flight in his balloon over a large crowd, tent at right background.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Ballooning
Centennial Exposition -- Philadelphia -- 1896

Types of Materials:

Posters

Names:

King, Samuel Archer