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Scrapbook of early aeronautica

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Libraries
Title:	Scrapbook of early aeronautica
Date:	1783-1840
Identifier:	SIL-RR.TL620.A1U65
Creator:	Hollond, Robert (Former owner) Carruthers, John Franklin Bruce, 1889-1960 (Former owner) Upcott, William, 1779-1845 (Collector)
Extent:	3 Volumes (445 pages ; ill. (some col.), ports.; 53 cm.)
Language:	Text mostly in English, with some French language materials.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

Balloons Exhibition, 39088002611069; opened: p. 370-371, p. 13, p.23, p.71; Upcott, W. Scrapbook. 1994/09/01 through 1995/04/15. Diane Shaw. SIL Exh. Gallery. Tom Crouch

General

Binder's title.

General

Collection of prints, newspaper and journal clippings, mss., separately published tracts, and printed ephemera (in various sizes) connected with the early years of aeronautics, primarily ballooning.

General

Arranged in roughly chronological order, e.g., v. 1 has material mostly from circa 1783-1802; v. 2 mostly from 1785-1837; and v. 3 mostly from 1837-1840. However, each v. also includes materials from dates outside of these ranges.

General

Page [423] is signed: "William Upcott of Islington, collector of engravings connected with aerostation."

General

Originally unbound. cf. Cat. of the Library of W. Upcott, London, 1846, p. 65.

General

Includes these published works bound in (each cataloged separately): Lunardi, V. An account of the first aërial voyage in England. London : Printed for the author ..., 1784 -- The Man in the moon. [S.l.? : s.n.?, circa 1830] -- Sadler, J. Balloon, an authentic account of the aërial voyage of Messrs. Sadler and Clayfield. [Bristol] : Printed for the benefit of Mr. Sadler, by A. Brown, [1810] -- High and low. London : Printed by L. Thompson, 1824 -- A full and correct description of this extraordinary machine ... the Eagle. London : Printed and published by J. Thompson, 1835.

General

A short ([4] p.) anonymous handwritten political allegory with an aeronautical theme, entitled: "The Dolphin carried off: a dream," is mounted on p. 7 of v. 1.

General

Some of the balloonists featured in this scrapbook include the Montgolfiers, Lunardi, Blanchard, Garnerin, Robert, Charles, Barrett, Hullin, Sowden, de Moret, MacGwire, Graham, Sadler, Green, Cocking, and Gypson, among others.

General

NASMRB copy has a leaf of viewers' signatures and their brief comments, dating from the mid-20th century, bound in at the front of v. 1.

Local notes

NASMRB copy has been re-bound in 3 v., with each v. bound in full red leather with raised bands and gilt-lettered spine, interleaved throughout with blank sheets of paper; each v. is housed in a separate linen-covered box with printed red paper spine labels.

NASMRB copy has bookplates: 1. (armorial) Robert Hollond, with motto: Vincit qui se vincit; 2. Library of the National Air Museum: a gift from Mrs. John Carruthers ... Pasadena 5, California.

NASMRB copy has p. 129-136 in v. 1 misbound upside-down and in reverse order between p. [128] and 137.

NASMRB copy has some ms. annotations made by the collector and by subsequent owners.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics -- Early works to 1900
Balloon ascensions
Balloonists
Parachuting