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Collection Summary

Title: Piccard Family Papers
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Extent: 204 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: 82 linear feet
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Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
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Summary: Family members represented include Jean Felix Piccard (1884-1963), his wife, Jeannette Ridlon Piccard (1895-1981), and their son, Don Piccard (1926- ). Correspondence, memoranda, diaries, journals, logbooks, drafts of writings and speeches, reports, notes, financial papers, biographical and genealogical material, scrapbooks, blueprints, patent specifications and other papers documenting the careers of Piccard family members in the fields of aeronautics, ballooning, bathyscaphe exploration, chemistry, education, the Episcopal church, and stratospheric exploration.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Carty, Denzil A.--Correspondence.
Corrigan, Daniel, 1897- --Correspondence.
Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955--Correspondence.
Gilruth, Robert R. (Robert Rowe), 1913-2000--Correspondence.
Hiatt, Suzanne R.--Correspondence.
McNairy, Philip F.--Correspondence.
Millikan, Robert Andrews, 1868-1953--Correspondence.
Picard family.
Piccard, Auguste, 1884-1962--Correspondence.
Piccard, Don, 1926- Don Piccard papers.
Piccard, Jacques--Correspondence.
Piccard, Kathryn Ann--Correspondence.
Ridlon family.
Ridlon, John, 1852-1936--Correspondence.
Stevens, A. W. (Albert William), 1886-1949--Correspondence.
Swann, W. F. G. (William Francis Gray), 1884-1962--Correspondence.
Zielinski, Francis--Correspondence.

Organizations
Aéro-Club Suisse.
Balloon Federation of America.
Calco Chemical Company.
Don Piccard Balloons.
Episcopal Church.
Hercules Powder Company.
National Research Council (U.S.)
Piccard, Jules, b. 1840--Correspondence.
Pleiades (Aerostat)
United States. Army Air Forces.
Acquisition Information

The Piccard Family Papers include material of Jean Felix Piccard, chemist, balloonist, and aeronautical engineer; his wife, Jeannette Ridlon Piccard, balloonist, aerospace consultant, and clergywoman; and their son, Don Piccard, balloonist and entrepreneur. Papers given to the Library of Congress in 1969 by Jeannette Piccard constitute Part I of the collection. Additional material given in 1985 by Don Piccard comprises Part II.

Processing History

The Piccard Family Papers were arranged and described in 1971 by Warren Ohrville and Joseph Sullivan. Additional material received in 1985 was processed as Part II by Michael Spangler with the assistance of Sherralyn McCoy and Susie Moody in 1995.

Additional Guides


Transfers

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of members of the Piccard family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

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Biographical Notes
Jean Felix Piccard

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<td>1884, Jan. 28</td>
<td>Born, Basel, Switzerland</td>
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<td>1907</td>
<td>Technical chemist degree, chemical engineering, Swiss Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland</td>
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<td>1909</td>
<td>D.Sc., organic chemistry, Swiss Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland</td>
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<tr>
<td>1910-1914</td>
<td>Private assistant to Adolf von Baeyer and Privatdocent, University of Munich, Munich, Germany</td>
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<tr>
<td>1914-1916</td>
<td>Privatdocent, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1915</td>
<td>Served in Swiss Army lighter-than-air service</td>
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<td>1916-1919</td>
<td>Associate professor, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1919</td>
<td>Married Jeannette Ridlon</td>
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<tr>
<td>1919-1926</td>
<td>Professor of chemistry, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland</td>
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<tr>
<td>1924-1926</td>
<td>Consulting chemist, Calco Chemical Co., Bound Brook, N.J.</td>
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<td>1929-1932</td>
<td>Head, Organic Research Department, Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del.</td>
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<td>1931</td>
<td>Naturalized United States citizen</td>
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<td>1933-1936</td>
<td>Research associate, Bartol Research Foundation, Swarthmore, Pa.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1933</td>
<td>Codesigner with his brother Auguste Piccard, stratospheric gondola Century of Progress, constructed by the Dow Chemical Corp. for the Chicago World's Fair</td>
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<td>1934</td>
<td>Ascended into stratosphere in aerostat piloted by Jeannette Piccard to study cosmic rays, Ford Airport, Dearborn, Mich.</td>
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<td>1934</td>
<td>Developed and patented a plaster cast penetrable by X-rays</td>
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<td>1936-1952</td>
<td>Professor of aeronautical engineering, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.</td>
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<td>1936-1937</td>
<td>Developed and launched unmanned, taped plastic-film balloons Piloted Pleiades, an aerostat held aloft by a cluster of ninety-eight sounding balloons</td>
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<td>1941-1945</td>
<td>Taught United States Navy officers in aeronautical program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.</td>
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<td>1945</td>
<td>Served three months at the German Air Documents Research Center, London, England</td>
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<tr>
<td>1946</td>
<td>Participated in development of the United States Navy's Helios project, a multiple balloon aerostat for stratospheric exploration</td>
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<tr>
<td>1952</td>
<td>Professor emeritus, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.</td>
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<td>1963, Jan. 28</td>
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# Jeannette Ridlon Piccard

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<td>1918</td>
<td>A.B., Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.</td>
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<td>1919</td>
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<td>1919</td>
<td>Married Jean Felix Piccard</td>
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<tr>
<td>1934</td>
<td>Licensed spherical balloon pilot, National Aeronautic Association</td>
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<td>1934</td>
<td>Piloted aerostat into stratosphere with Jean Piccard to study cosmic rays, Ford Airport, Dearborn, Mich.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1942</td>
<td>Ph.D., education, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1943</td>
<td>Executive secretary, housing section, Minnesota Office of Civil Defense</td>
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<td>1947</td>
<td>Aeronautical consultant, General Mills, Inc.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1961-1965</td>
<td>President, board of directors, St. Paul's Episcopal Day School, St. Paul, Minn.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1964-1970</td>
<td>Consultant to director, Manned Spacecraft Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration</td>
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<tr>
<td>1968-1981</td>
<td>Honorary member, board of trustees, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.</td>
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<td>1971</td>
<td>Ordained deacon, Episcopal Church</td>
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<td>1971</td>
<td>Curate, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, St. Paul, Minn.</td>
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<td>1973</td>
<td>Certificate of Study, General Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1974</td>
<td>“Irregular” ordination as priest, Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pa.</td>
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<td>1977</td>
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<td>1981, May 17</td>
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**Genealogy Chart, Piccard Family**
- Jules Piccard, m. Hélène (Haltenhoff)
  - Auguste, m. Marianne (Denis)
    - Denise
    - Jacques, m. Marie-Claude
    - Marianne
    - Hélène
    - Geneviève
  - Jean Felix, m. Jeannette (Ridlon)
    - John A., m. Marilyn, m. Mary Ann
    - Paul J., m. Betty
    - Donald L., m. Joan, m. Wilma
  - Marie, m. Paul Rambert
  - Paul, m. Marguerite

**Genealogy Chart, Ridlon Family**
- John Ridlon, m. Emily (Robinson)
  - Jeannette, m. Jean Felix Piccard
    - John A., m. Marilyn, m. Mary Ann
    - Paul J., m. Betty
    - Donald L., m. Joan, m. Wilma
  - Beatrice (d. 1898)
  - Noel
  - Margaret, m. Dirk Van Ingen
  - Hester, m. J. L. Hempstead
  - Hugh O. T., m. Alice (?)
  - John Robert, m. Edith
Scope and Content Note

Part I

Part I of the papers of the Piccard Family dates from circa 1470 to 1968, with the period of concentration falling between 1926 and 1966. This part of the collection primarily documents the achievements and activities of Jean Felix Piccard (1884-1963) and, to a lesser extent, those of Jeannette Ridlon Piccard (1895-1981), his wife. Trained in Europe as an organic chemist, Jean Piccard gained recognition in the 1930s and 1940s as an aeronautical engineer and an active participant in the exploration of the earth's stratosphere and the study of cosmic rays. Jeannette Piccard, who also studied chemistry, provided valuable assistance to her husband and piloted the balloon for their widely publicized ascent into the stratosphere in 1934. Part I is arranged into the following series: Diaries and Spiritual Meditations, Family Correspondence, Personal Correspondence, Subject File, Speeches and Writings, Financial Papers, Miscellany, Printed Matter and Oversize. Family correspondence comprises almost half of the correspondence, with personal and general correspondence making up the other half. The papers also include notebooks, biographical material, blueprints, patent specifications and descriptions, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings. Part II of the papers contains a few files of Jean Piccard, but focuses more on Jeannette's later activities as an aerospace consultant and her association with the Episcopal Church.

The Diaries and Spiritual Meditations series consists chiefly of writings of Jeannette Piccard and exhibits her early and enduring interest in Christianity and the church. The Family Correspondence includes communications among numerous members of both the Piccard and Ridlon families. Significant among the correspondents is Auguste Piccard, Jean Piccard's twin brother and professor of physics. In the vanguard of stratospheric exploration, Auguste Piccard had made balloon flights into the lower regions of the stratosphere in 1931 and 1932 to study cosmic rays. His correspondence depicts his considerable collaborations with Jean in the design of Jean's balloon gondola and their mutual scientific interests. Another important correspondent is Jacques Piccard, son of Auguste Piccard and acclaimed undersea explorer. Other notable correspondents include Jean Piccard's father, Jules Piccard, professor of chemistry at the University of Basel, and Jeannette Piccard's father, John Ridlon, an eminent orthopedic surgeon. The Family Correspondence also includes letters exchanged with foster children whom the Piccarts took into their home. Many of the letters of members of the Piccard family are in French or German.

The General Correspondence series reflects Jean Piccard's work as a consultant in the natural sciences. Correspondence with the National Research Council in 1918, especially on the subject of trinitrotoleuene (TNT), reflects the scientific aspect of the papers. During the period 1910-1913 and in the late 1930s there is additional scientific correspondence which relates to his inventions. All of the correspondence series in Part I includes material relating to the Piccarts' stratospheric flight in 1934. Personal Correspondence includes letters from family friends and also reflects the management of the Piccard household. Both Jean and Jeannette Piccard corresponded in the 1930s with scientists and mathematicians such as Albert Einstein, Robert Andrews Millikan, W. F.G. Swann, and A. W. Stevens.

The Subject File also includes material relating to the Piccarts' stratospheric flight in 1934 as well as a written account with photographs of Jean Piccard's test flight in his experimental aerostat Pleiades in 1937 and reports by Piccard for the Hercules Powder Company. Other items in the Subject File consist of material related to college classes taught by Jean Piccard, interview scripts, information regarding an experimental radio station on the campus of the University of Minnesota, records of the Aéro-Club Suisse which Jean Piccard served as treasurer, and a transcript of interrogations he conducted for the United States Army Air Corps in July and August 1945. Jeannette Piccard's papers in the Subject File reflect her role in the Episcopal Church and as an educator.

The Speeches and Writings file includes a large body of writings by Jean Piccard consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and printed copies of numerous articles for scientific journals and other publications. Also contained in this file are writings by Jeannette Piccard and other family members.

Miscellany includes biographical material pertaining to several Piccard family members and a number of genealogical and legal documents concerning the family dating from approximately the 1470s to the late eighteenth century. The Printed Matter series contains clippings pertaining to the family and numerous miscellaneous pamphlets and ephemeral printed material.

Part II
Part II of the Piccard Family Papers spans the years circa 1850-1983 with the bulk of the material clustered between 1967 and 1983. This part of the collection focuses primarily on the professional activities and accomplishments of Jeannette Piccard after the death of her husband Jean in 1963. Highlights in the papers relate to her role as consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Manned Spacecraft Center in the 1960s and her efforts in the 1970s to become one of the first women officially admitted into the priesthood of the Episcopal Church. Also included are a few files of Jean Piccard and papers of their son Don Piccard (1926- ). Part II, organized into the following series: Family Correspondence, General Correspondence, Subject File, Speeches and Writings, and Miscellany, includes correspondence, diaries, typescripts, autobiographies, memoranda, reports, notes, newspaper clippings, and printed matter.

The Family Correspondence in Part II supplements Part I and includes significant material relating to Auguste and Jacques Piccard and John Ridlon. Another notable correspondent is Kathryn Ann Piccard, a granddaughter who, sharing Jeannette Piccard's interest in the church, was also ordained an Episcopal priest. The files include correspondence with Jean and Jeannette Piccard's parents, siblings, children and grandchildren, and their relatives in Switzerland.

General Correspondence also complements Part I and includes communications with professional colleagues and family friends. Earlier material relates to the career of Jean Piccard, while later portions reflect Jeannette Piccard's ambitions in the 1970s regarding the priesthood.

The Subject File is composed of the professional files of Jean, Jeannette, and Don Piccard. Jeannette Piccard's files comprise the bulk of the material and exhibit her work as an aerospace consultant with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and, more fully, her ordination as a priest. In 1971 she was ordained as deacon, and in 1973 she completed a course of study at General Theological Seminary in New York City. She was “irregularly” ordained as priest in 1974 in Philadelphia, along with ten other women in a ceremony performed without the official sanction of the church. In 1976, the Episcopal Church officially recognized the ordination of women as priests. Key files relate to her ordinations to the diaconate and the priesthood, deacons and deaconesses, and the denomination in general. Material filed under the Episcopal Church pertains to national general conferences and annual meetings of the diocese of Minnesota. Papers relating to Jeannette Piccard's association with other religious organizations are also located throughout the Subject File. Significant correspondents include Denzil A. Carty, Daniel Corrigan, Robert R. Gilruth, Suzanne R. Hiatt, Philip F. McNairy, and Francis Zielinski.

The files of Jean Piccard in the Subject File include those relating to his research on an oxygen converter and his work with Calco Chemical Company and the Hercules Powder Company Experimental Station. The Subject File also contains Don Piccard's editor's file for the newsletter for the Balloon Federation of America and material relating to his sport balloon manufacturing company, Don Piccard Balloons, Inc.

The Speeches and Writings series augments the file in Part I and comprise material principally by Jeannette Piccard, including essays, sermons, and poetry. Of particular interest is a 1916 college essay entitled “Should Women Be Admitted to the Priesthood of the Anglican Church?” Other writings include those by Jean Piccard and drafts and background material of the memoirs of Jeannette Piccard's father, John Ridlon.

The Miscellany series includes engagement calendars, membership directories, photographs, and printed matter relating to the Piccard family, stratospheric balloon flights, ballooning, and women and the priesthood.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in two parts composed of fifteen series:

Part I:
- Diaries and Spiritual Meditations, 1914-1968
- Family Correspondence, 1875-1967
- Personal Correspondence, 1888-1968
- General Correspondence, 1900-1968
- Subject File, 1916-1968
- Speeches and Writings, 1879-1965
- Financial Papers, 1901-1962
- Miscellany, circa 1470-1968
• Printed Matter, 1893-1969
• Oversize, 1904-1947

Part II:
• Family Correspondence, 1874-1981
• General Correspondence, 1892-1981
• Subject File, 1890-1983
• Speeches and Writings, 1850s-1980
• Miscellany, 1892-1981
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<td>Drawings, blueprints, and scrapbooks, and a photograph.</td>
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Letters received and sent.  
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**Part II: General Correspondence, 1892-1981**  
Letters received and sent.  
Arranged chronologically.

**Part II: Subject File, 1890-1983**  
Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, clippings, and printed and near-print matter.  
Arranged alphabetically by family member and therein by subject. Items are filed chronologically within folders.

**Part II: Speeches and Writings, 1850s-1980**  
Diaries, manuscripts, typescripts, printed writings, notebooks, notes, drafts, jottings, and autobiographies.  
Arranged alphabetically by family member and therein by type of material. Items are filed chronologically or alphabetically within folders.

**Part II: Miscellany, 1892-1981**  
Engagement calendars, financial records, membership directories, photographs and postcards, and printed matter.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein by topic.
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of unbound notations.  
Arranged chronologically. |
| BOX I: 1 | 1914-1949  
(8 folders) |
| BOX I: 2 | 1950-1968, undated  
(6 folders) |
| BOX I: 3-24 | **Part I: Family Correspondence, 1875-1967**  
Letters received and carbons of letters sent.  
Arranged according to Piccard family, Ridlon family, and foster children and filed therein  
by name and familial relationship to Jean and Jeannette and chronologically within these  
groupings. |
| BOX I: 3 | Piccard family  
Jean to Jeannette, 1926-1958, undated  
(9 folders) |
| BOX I: 4 | Jeannette to Jean, 1920-1958, undated  
(11 folders) |
| BOX I: 5 | Children and grandchildren  
John A. (son) and Marilyn and Mary Ann Piccard (daughters-in-law) to Jean and  
Jeannette, 1933-1964, undated  
(6 folders) |
| BOX I: 6 | Jean and Jeannette to John A. and Marilyn and Mary Ann Piccard, 1923-1964, undated  
(5 folders)  
Paul J. (son) and Betty Piccard (daughter-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette  
1933-1949  
(3 folders) |
| BOX I: 7 | 1950-1967, undated  
(4 folders)  
Jean and Jeannette to Paul J. and Betty Piccard  
1935-1956  
(3 folders) |
| BOX I: 8 | 1957-1967, undated  
(2 folders)  
Don (son) and Joan Piccard (daughter-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1933-1967, undated  
(6 folders) |
| BOX I: 9 | Jean and Jeannette to Don and Joan Piccard, 1934-1967, undated  
(4 folders)  
Grandchildren to Jean and Jeannette, 1953-1967  
(3 folders) |
Part I: Family Correspondence, 1875-1967

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Jean and Jeannette to grandchildren, 1949-1967
(3 folders)

BOX I: 10 Parents
Jules and Hélène Piccard to Jean and Jeannette,
1896-1912
(8 folders)

BOX I: 11 1913-1920
(6 folders)

BOX I: 12 1921-1930, undated
(3 folders)
Jean and Jeannette to Jules and Hélène Piccard, 1911-1929, undated
(3 folders)

BOX I: 13 Siblings
Auguste (brother) and Marianne Piccard (sister-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1909-1963, undated
(4 folders)
Jean and Jeannette to Auguste and Marianne Piccard, 1903-1963, undated
(5 folders)

BOX I: 14 Marie (sister) and Paul Rambert (brother-in-law) to Jean and Jeannette, 1902-1963, undated
(6 folders)
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Death of Auguste Piccard, undated
“The Future of Communism,” undated
“How a Free Balloon Is Piloted,” 1933
“The Influence of Stratospheric Research on Tomorrow,” 1957
“The Piloting of the Stratosphere Balloon,” 1933
“Why Do We Go to the Stratosphere?” undated

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“College Education,” undated
Remarks at parish meeting, 1960
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“4.4’ Dinitro-diphenylamin,” undated
“Absorption Colors of the Second Order,” 1926
“Acoustic Plasticity of Talking Films,” 1927
“Aero-Emphysema, A Problem of Colloid Chemistry,” 1941
“Altitude Coordinator of Compalmeter,” undated
“Apparatus for the Measurement of Diffusion and Leakage of Helium and Air through Plastic Films,” undated
“Avoidance of Midair Collisions,” 1959
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“Balloons for High Altitude Research Work,” undated
“The Bees, Individualists or Communists?,” undated
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“Terminal Speed of Spheres Falling through Air,” 1946
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“Determination of Oxides of Nitrogen (Except Nitrous Oxide) in Low Concentration,”
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