

Aero Club of America Scrapbooks
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Collection Summary

Title: Aero Club of America Scrapbooks

Span Dates: 1891-1912

ID No.: MSS34124

Creator: Aero Club of America

Creator: Willoughby, Hugh L. (Hugh Laussat), b. 1856

Extent: 6 items

Extent: 6 containers

Extent: 1 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Aeronautical organization. Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings relating to the advent of manned flight.

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

Willoughby, Hugh L. (Hugh Laussat), 1856- Hugh L. Willoughby scrapbooks. 1903-1912.

Organizations

Aero Club of America.

Subjects

Aeronautics--Societies, etc.

Aeronautics--United States.

Airplanes.

Airships.

Flight.

Titles

Aero Club of America records

Provenance

The scrapbooks of the Aero Club of America, an organization founded to promote aeronautics, were transferred to the Manuscript Division in 1954 from the Aeronautics Section in the Science Division of the Library of Congress. They were probably acquired for the Library by Albert F. Zahm, chief of the Aeronautical Division (later the Aeronautics Section in the Science Division), sometime between 1929 and 1946.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 2005. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Other Repositories

Related collections in other repositories include the papers of Hugh L. Willoughby, who compiled some of the scrapbooks in the Aero Club collection, at the Newport, Rhode Island Historical Society, and the papers of Albert F. Zahm at the University of Notre Dame, which also contains Aero Club material.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Aero Club of America is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Aero Club of America Scrapbooks are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Aero Club of America Scrapbooks, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The scrapbooks of the Aero Club of America span the years 1891-1912. The club, founded in 1905 to promote the cause of aeronautics, was interested in the potential represented by flying machines. The collection consists of scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, some of which predate the club's founding by sixteen years, chronicling the advent of flight by airplane, airship, and other methods.

The collection include two sets of scrapbooks, those of the Aero Club of America and those of Hugh L. Willoughby. Willoughby, an aviation pioneer, was a founder of the organization.

Albert F. Zahm, also a founder of the Aero Club of America and chief of the Library of Congress Aeronautical Division from 1929 to 1946, appears to have obtained these scrapbooks on behalf of the Library.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name and thereunder chronologically.

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