

Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection
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Collection Summary

Title: Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection

Span Dates: 1927-1969

ID No.: MSS30247

Creator: Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974

Extent: 500 items

Extent: 34 containers and 2 oversize

Extent: 14.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in Burmese, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Swedish, and other languages.

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

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Summary: Aviator and air force officer. Chiefly Burmese, Dutch, English and Swedish editions of *The Spirit of St. Louis* by Lindbergh. Also condensations of the work in foreign editions of the *Reader's Digest* as well as biographical material.

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

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974.

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974. Spirit of St. Louis. 1953.

Subjects

Aeronautics--Awards.

Aeronautics.

Daniel Guggenheim Medal.

Spirit of St. Louis (Airplane)

Transatlantic flights.

Occupations

Air Force officers.

Aviators.

Provenance

The Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection was obtained through gift, purchase, and transfer from various sources, 1929-1996. Material deposited by Anne Morrow Lindbergh in 1954 was converted to a gift by her heirs in 2013.

Processing History

The Lindbergh Collection was housed and listed circa 1985. The finding aid was revised in 2011 with the addition of a single item received in 1996.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings in the Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Lindbergh Collection is 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, Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1902, Feb. 4	Born, Detroit, Mich.
1920-1922	Attended University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
1922-1924	Attended Flying School, Lincoln, Nebr.
1923	First solo flight
1924-1925	United States Army Flying School, Brooks Field, San Antonio, Tex., graduated first in his class and commissioned second lieutenant, United States Army Air Service Reserve
1926	Airmail pilot, St. Louis, Mo.-Chicago, Ill.
1927	Purchased The Spirit of St. Louis Flew The Spirit of St. Louis from San Diego, Calif., to New York, N.Y., and established new speed record Flew first transatlantic flight in The Spirit of St. Louis from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, N.Y., to Paris, France
1927	Flew nonstop from Washington, D.C. to Mexico City, Mexico
1929	Married Anne Spencer Morrow
1932	Son, Charles A. Lindbergh III, kidnapped and murdered; resulted in passage of the Lindbergh Act by Congress
1935-1939	Moved to England to avoid publicity
1941-1945	Spoke out against World War II
1949	Awarded Congressional Medal of Honor and other national and international awards
1954	Awarded the Pulitzer Prize for <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i>
1974, Aug. 26	Died, Kipahulu, Maui, Hawaii

Scope and Content Note

The Charles A. Lindbergh (1902-1974) Spirit of St. Louis Collection spans the years 1927-1969 and consists mainly of Burmese, Dutch, English, and Swedish editions of the *Spirit of St. Louis* by Lindbergh. Also in the collection are condensations of the book in foreign editions of the *Reader's Digest*, dated April and May 1954. Miscellaneous material includes files relating to the Daniel Guggenheim Medal Award, other biographical material, and scrapbooks concerning Lindbergh. The collection is organized into the following series: [*The Spirit of St. Louis*](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize Scrapbooks](#). Included in addition to other languages is material in French, German, Japanese and Spanish.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [*The Spirit of St. Louis*](#)
- [Miscellany, 1927-1969](#)
- [Oversize Scrapbooks, 1927-1932](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-31	<p><u><i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i></u></p> <p>Handwritten and typewritten drafts, galleys, publisher's copies, publisher's correspondence, public mail, letters from friends, reviews, illustrations, maps, magazines, reviews, books, and magazines, press notices, and other material relating to the publication of <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i>.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material.</p>
BOX 32-34	<p><u>Miscellany, 1927-1969</u></p> <p>Speeches and writings, printed matter, biographical material, and miscellaneous items, including Lindbergh's address on receiving the Daniel Guggenheim Medal.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material.</p>
BOX OV 1-OV 2	<p><u>Oversize Scrapbooks, 1927-1932</u></p> <p>Oversize scrapbooks compiled by Lois Ryder and the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> focused largely on Lindbergh's transcontinental flight of 1927</p> <p>Arranged chronologically within the volumes.</p>

Container List

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BOX 1-31	<i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i> Handwritten and typewritten drafts, galleys, publisher's copies, publisher's correspondence, public mail, letters from friends, reviews, illustrations, maps, magazines, reviews, books, and magazines, press notices, and other material relating to the publication of <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i> . Arranged by type of material.
BOX 1	Drafts, handwritten and typewritten (9 folders)
BOX 2	(5 folders)
BOX 3	(4 folders)
BOX 4	(7 folders)
BOX 5	(8 folders)
BOX 6	(7 folders)
BOX 7	(10 folders)
BOX 8	(6 folders)
BOX 9	(1 folder)
BOX 9	Galleys, annotated (2 folders)
BOX 10	Drafts, handwritten and typewritten (6 folders)
BOX 11	(6 folders)
BOX 12	(6 folders)
BOX 13	(6 folders)
BOX 14	(6 folders)
BOX 15	(6 folders)
BOX 16	Galleys (2 folders)
BOX 16	Illustrations
BOX 17	Carbon of publisher's copy (3 folders)
BOX 17	Letters from friends (2 folders)
BOX 18	(2 folders)
BOX 18	Reviews (3 folders)
BOX 18	"Wings Over Barriers," television script
BOX 19	General mail (5 folders)
BOX 20	(4 folders)
BOX 21	(4 folders)
BOX 21	Notes and miscellany
BOX 22	Chart and printed matter
BOX 22	Magazines

The Spirit of St. Louis

Container	Contents
BOX 22	Notes, corrections, correspondence, and criticisms (8 folders)
BOX 23	Correspondence and criticisms (8 folders)
BOX 23	Newspaper serialization
BOX 24	Maps and illustrations (3 folders)
BOX 24	Magazines (4 folders)
BOX 25	French newspapers
BOX 25	Books and magazines
BOX 26	Books
BOX 27	Books and magazines
BOX 28	Books and magazines
BOX 29	Publisher's manuscripts (6 folders)
BOX 30	General mail (4 folders)
BOX 30	Letters from friends (5 folders)
BOX 31	Correspondence and criticisms
BOX 31	Press notices and reviews
BOX 31	Correspondence with magazines, newspapers, and others
BOX 31	Correspondence with foreign publishers
BOX 31	German reviews
BOX 32-34	Miscellany, 1927-1969 Speeches and writings, printed matter, biographical material, and miscellaneous items, including Lindbergh's address on receiving the Daniel Guggenheim Medal. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 32	Daniel Guggenheim Medal, 1954
BOX 32	Address by Lindbergh at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences (6 folders)
BOX 32	Press releases and magazine
BOX 33	<i>Reader's Digest</i> , foreign language issues condensing <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i> , 1954
BOX 34	Biographical material, 1927-1969
BOX 34	<i>The Last Hero</i> , by Walter Sanford Ross (1968)
BOX 34	Comments on biographies of Lindbergh
BOX 34	Davis, Lucille
BOX 34	Ross, Walter Sanford
BOX 34	Speeches and writings (3 folders)

Miscellany, 1927-1969

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BOX 34	Facsimile of autographed endorsement by Lindbergh of the Playground and Recreation Association, 1927
BOX OV 1-OV 2	Oversize Scrapbooks, 1927-1932 Oversize scrapbooks compiled by Lois Ryder and the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> focused largely on Lindbergh's transcontinental flight of 1927 Arranged chronologically within the volumes.
BOX OV 1	"We," compiled by Lois Ryder, 1927-1932
BOX OV 2	"Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's Flight as Written into the History of Our Day" by the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> ," 1927