

MS-454 Early Aviation Scrapbook

Collection Number: MS-454

Title: Early Aviation Scrapbook

Dates: ca. 1925-1931

Creator: Chapley, George M., 1911-1997

Summary/Abstract:

Photographs in the scrapbook highlight a number of aviation events between 1925 and 1931, including the crash of the airship Shenandoah and the National Air Races in Cleveland of 1929 and, especially, 1931. The photographs were taken by George Chapley, of Warren, Ohio.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

This early aviation scrapbook was purchased at auction at the Apple Tree Auction Center, Newark, Ohio, in April 2012.

Custodial History:

The scrapbook was provided for sale via the auction house directly from the family of George Chapley.

Revisions:

December 2012-added two photographs sent in by Mr. Chapley's daughter, Sarah Jackson. Biographical sketch added by Lisa Rickey, May 2016.

Related Material:

MS-227, Glenn Curtiss Photographs
MS-418, Glenn Curtiss Collection of Early Aviation Photographs
MS-359, K.S. "Slim" Lindsay "Quiet Birdmen" Photograph Album
MS-378, Cleveland Air Races Collection
SC-114, National Air Race Photographs
SC-125, R.H.R. Atcherly 1932 Cleveland Air Races Photographs

Processed by: Patricia A. McEldowney, June 2012
Additions processed by Gino Pasi, December 2012

Arrangement:

This collection contains one photographic scrapbook.

Biographical/Historical Note:

George M. Chapley was born October 5, 1911, in Monessen, Pennsylvania, to Teofil and Olga Chapley. The family moved to Warren, Ohio, sometime prior to 1930, where George lived much of his life and worked in a steel mill. George died December 21, 1997, in Warren, Ohio.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains one item, a photographic scrapbook documenting early aviation. The photographer was George Chapley (1911-1997) of Warren, Ohio.

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Subject Terms**Persons/Families**

Chapley, George, 1911-1997
Post, Wiley, 1898-1935

Places

Akron (Ohio)
Cincinnati (Ohio)
Cleveland (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

National Air Races of Cleveland
Shenandoah (Airship)

Material Types

News clippings

Photographs

*Collection Inventory

<u>Page</u>	<u>Photo</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	“Granddaddy of them all” Ernie Hall Flying School Conneaut, PA	Undated
2	2	“Curtiss Fledging Training Ship”	Undated
3	3	“Curtiss Helicopter”	
	4	“Navy Wings”	
4		“Shenandoah Crash Pictures”	1925
	5	“Only Motor Car Not Wrecked”	
		Wreck of the Shenandoah Sep. 1925 Sharon, Ohio	
	6	“General Wreckage”	
5		“Shenandoah Crash”	1925
	7	“Nose End”	
	8	“Center Section”	
	9	“Tail Group”	
6		1929 Nat. Air Races	1929
	10	“Davis Monoplane”	
	11	“Navy Planes”	
7		A Sunday Afternoon at Lansdowne Airport Youngstown, Ohio 1929	1929
	12	“Agro Biplane”	
	13	“Monocoupe taking off”	
	14	“Monocoupe”	
	15	“Standard Mail Plane”	
8	16	“Ford Tri Motor”	1930
	17	Unidentified photograph (probably Ford Tri Motor)	
	18	“A Day at the Cleveland Airport” 1930 with unidentified man	
9		A Day at the Cleveland Airport 1930	1930
	19	Unidentified photograph	
	20	Unidentified photograph	
	21	Unidentified photograph	
	22	Unidentified photograph	
	23	Unidentified photograph	
10	24	Unidentified photograph	Undated
	25	Unidentified photograph	
	26	“Goodyear Zeppelin Dock Akron, Ohio”	
11	27	“Model Curtis Hawk”	Undated
	28	“Model Silkorsky Seaplane”	
	29	“Model Curtis Hawk”	

12	30	“‘Ike’ Beny Howard Racer”	Undated
	31	“Hugo Eckner Waving to Crowd Captain of Graf Zeplin”	
	32	“Stinson Tri Motor Airliner”	
13	33	“Menasco Powered Racer with Retract Landing Gear”	Undated
	34	“Harold Gatty and Wiley Post Around the World Flyers”	
	35	“Weddel Williams Racer”	
14	36	“1900 Oldsmobile”	Undated
	37	“1900 Oldsmobile”	
	38	“1900 Oldsmobile”	
15	39	“Jimmy Dolittle Racer Gee Bee” Won 1932 Thompson	Undated
	40	“Weddell Williams Racer”	
	41	“Hall Springfield Bulldog Racer” Raced 1932 Thompson	
	42	“Al Williams Navy Stunt Plane”	
16	43	“Stunt Flying”	Undated
	44	“Early Biplane Transport”	
	45	“Ernie Halls Monoplane”	
17	46	“Drinco The Flying Cop Crashed at a picnic While Showing off”	Undated
	47	“Drinco The Flying Cop Crashed at a picnic While Showing off”	
18	48	“Steve Whitmans Bosco Racer (Bonzo)”	Undated
	49	“Sky Writing Plane”	
19	50	“Benny Howard Race Plane Designer/Ben Howard and Al Williams” (also, Ben Howard autograph)	Undated
	51	“Rosco Turner Famous Flyer”	
	52	“Cinn. Body Shop Owner That Made a Stream Lined Car”	
20	53	“Miss Los Angeles”	Undated
		Thompson Trophy Racing Planes National Air Races 1931	
	54	“Roscoe Turner’s Wendell/Williams”	1931
	55	“Mr. Mulligan Thompson Winner 1935 Pilot Harold Neuman”	1935
21		Air Race Planes – Cleveland, Ohio National Air Races 1931	1931
	56	Unidentified photograph	
	57	Unidentified photograph	
	58	“One of the First Retractable Landing Gear Planes – Keith Ryder”	
22		Cleveland, Ohio National Air Races 1931	1931
	59	Unidentified photograph	
	60	Unidentified photograph	
	61	Unidentified photograph	
23		Cleveland, Ohio National Air Races 1931	1931
	62	Unidentified photograph	
	63	Unidentified photograph	
	64	Unidentified photograph	

24		Cleveland, Ohio National Air Races 1931	1931
	65	Unidentified photograph	
	66	Unidentified photograph	
	67	“Sikorskie Amphibian Plane”	
25	68	“Early United Airline Transport Plane, Cleveland, Ohio”	Undated
	69	“Early United Airline Transport Plane, Cleveland, Ohio”	
	70	“Early United Airline Transport Plane, Cleveland, Ohio”	
26		National Air Races Cleveland, Ohio	1931
	71	“All Williams Stunt Plane”	
	72	“All Williams Stunt Plane”	
27		National Air Races Cleveland, Ohio 1931	1931
	73	“French Stunt Plane”	
	74	Unidentified photograph	
	75	Unidentified photograph	
	76	“Flying Keys Endurance Plane Worlds Records of 653 Hours 34 Minutes Refueled in the Air Non Stop Flying”	
28		National Air Races Cleveland, Ohio 1931	1931
	77	Unidentified photograph	
	78	Unidentified photograph	
	79	Unidentified photograph	
29		National Air Races Cleveland, Ohio 1931	1931
	80	Unidentified photograph	
	81	Unidentified photograph	
	82	Unidentified photograph	
	83	Unidentified photograph	
	84	Unidentified photograph	
30	85	“Benny Howard Air Racer Designer”	Undated
	86	“Geo. Chapley Early Oldsmobile”	
31		National Air Races Cleveland, Ohio 1931	1931
	87	Unidentified photograph	
	88	Unidentified photograph	
	89	Unidentified photograph	
32	90	“Race Plane on Way Home”	Undated
	91	“Plane Model of Sikorsky Amphibian Plane I Built”	
33	92	“Mr. Hill of Cinnc. Ohio Built this Experimental Car”	Undated
	93	“Mr. Hill of Cinnc. Ohio Built this Experimental Car”	
34	94	“DC-3 Main Liner”	Undated
	95	“DC-3 Main Liner”	
	96	“DC-3 Main Liner”	
35	97	Unidentified photograph	Undated
	98	Unidentified photograph	
	99	Unidentified photograph	
36	100	Unidentified photograph	Undated
	101	Unidentified photograph	
	102	Unidentified photograph	

37	103	Unidentified photograph	Undated
	104	Unidentified photograph	
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38	106	Unidentified photograph	Undated
	107	Unidentified photograph	
	108	Unidentified photograph	
39	109	Unidentified photograph	Undated
40	110	Unidentified photograph (Pacusan, Boeing B-29 Superfortress)	Undated
41	111	“Up and Away” newspaper clipping	Undated
File		Description	Date
1		George Chapley Photographs	Undated