

MS-71: Henry Stout, Wright Brothers Collection

Collection Number: MS-71

Title: Henry Stout, Wright Brothers Collection

Dates: 1903-1973 (bulk 1948-1971)

Creator: Stout, Henry S., 1892-1976

Summary/Abstract: This collection includes clippings, articles, pamphlets, photographs, postcards, and correspondence pertaining to Orville and Wilbur Wright.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.25 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition: Mrs. Henry Stout donated the materials in this collection in January 1979.

Separated Material:

In 1979, the following items were relocated to MS-1 Wright Brothers Collection:

- A NCR Weekly broadside commemorating the death of Wilbur Wright, June 1, 1912.(WB-1, File 4)
- Photograph of the 1903 flight made from the original negative. The photograph was given to Henry Stout by Harold and Ivonette Miller (MS-1, Box 31, item 106).
- Two photographs (once framed) of Wilbur and Orville Wright (MS-1, Box 31, item 107 and 108)

The following books were separated from the collection, and cataloged for the reading room:

Boyd, Thomas A. *Professional Amateur: The Biography of Charles Franklin Kettering.* , 1957. Print. (TL140 .K4 B6)

Charnley, Mitchell V. *The Boys Life of the Wright Brothers.* New York: Harper, 1928. Print. (TL540 .W7 C4)

Flight, Fantasy, Faith, Fact: A Loan Exhibition Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Powered Flight, 1903-1953. Dayton: Printing Service, Inc., 1953. Print. (N8217 .F6 D3)

Kelly, Fred C. (Fred Charters). *The Wright Brothers: a biography authorized by Orville Wright.* New York: Harcourt, Brace and company, 1943. Print. Autographed by Orville Wright, Fred Kelly, Benjamin Foulois, Frank P. Lahm, Grover Loening, James M. Cox, Walter Brookins and others; p. [1] has authenticated piece of wing fabric flown at Kitty Hawk, N.C., Dec. 17, 1903. (Aviation - TL 539 .W7 K4)

Villard, Henry S. *Contact!: The Story of the Early Birds.* New York: Crowell, 1968. Print. (TL670 .V5)

Wright, Orville. *How We Invented the Airplane.* New York: McKay, 1953. Print. (TL540 .W7 .A215)

Wright, Wilbur, and Orville Wright. *Miracle at Kitty Hawk: The Letters of Wilbur and Orville Wright.* New York: Farrar, Straus and Young, 1951. Print. (TL540 .W7 A23)

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms71.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Related Material:

MS-1 Wright Brothers Collection (<https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/wrightbrothers/>)

MS-216 Ivonette Wright Miller Papers
(<https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms216.pdf>)

Stout, Henry, "Interview with Henry Stout" (1967). *Wright Brothers - Charles F. Kettering Oral History Project.* 4. https://ecommons.udayton.edu/archives_wrightkett_oh/4

Revisions:

Finding aid revised according to DACS by Alyssa Stark and Toni Vanden Bos, March 2019.

Processed by: 2019, January 23, 1979.

Arrangement: The collection is in its original order.

Biographical/Historical Note:

Henry Sanford Stout (1892-1976) was a life-long resident of Dayton, Ohio. As a teenager, he recalled bicycling to Huffman Prairie with friends to catch a glimpse of Wilbur and Orville Wright flying. Wilbur and Orville's sister, Katharine Wright, was Henry Stout's high school Latin teacher, and their nephew, Milton Wright, was a classmate of Henry's. Given his history with the Wright family, Henry was an avid researcher of Wright history. He knew Orville Wright, Mabel Beck (Wright's secretary), Carrie Grumbach (Wright's housekeeper), and numerous members of the Wright Family.

Henry graduated from Denison University and followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a successful insurance agent. He celebrated 50 years as an underwriter in Dayton for John Hancock Mutual Life. From 1954-1958, Henry Stout served as Mayor of Dayton. He also served on the Dayton City Commission and the Dayton City Planning Board. Henry Stout was a member of First Baptist Church of Dayton.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection is focused on the Wright brothers and their invention of powered flight. It contains Stout's handwritten notes highlighting dates and notable events in Wright brothers history. The collection also consists of Stout's collected newspaper clippings, magazine articles, pamphlets on aviation and Wright brothers history, as well as scattered correspondence, and programs from events commemorating the Wright's place in aviation history.

The collection is arranged into eight folders, with no apparent order. However, the collection is small and easily navigated. Of note is a piece of original fabric from the 1903 Flyer in folder 5; the program and a copy of Milton Wright's remarks from the 1948 presentation ceremony of the 1903 Flyer at the Smithsonian in folder 6; and a 1950 letter from Mabel Beck to Henry Stout regarding her opinion of an advertisement featuring the Wright brothers in folder 4. Stout also included programs from special events, such as the 1954 Early Birds banquet program, and the 3rd Annual Aviation Hall of Fame Awards Program from 1964. The last folder contains Stout's notes on the history of his church, the First Regular Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Wright, Orville, 1871-1948

Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912

Stout, Henry S., 1892-1976

Places

Dayton (Ohio) – History

Subjects (General)

Aeronautics -- History

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	1	Qantas Airways postcard of "one of Qantas' first offices at Duck Street, Longreach, Queensland"	1970
1	1	2	Henry S. Stout, Mayor, calling card with handwritten notes crossed out	circa 1954
1	1	3	The United States Air Force Central Museum – "History of Military Flight" Pamphlet	1956
1	1	4	60 th Anniversary Powered Flight Second Enshrinement National Aviation Hall of Fame postcard	1963
1	1	5	Letter to Henry Stout from Thomas A. Boyd (formerly worked for Charles F. Kettering)	1963 November 22
1	1	6	Letter to Henry Stout from Thomas A. Boyd	1972 August 14
1	1	7	Newspaper clipping - "Former Housekeeper for Wright Dies," Dayton Journal	1966 November 28
1	1	8	Newspaper Clipping "Wright Brothers 'Struck' by Lone Worker," Dayton News	1970 March 22
<u>Box</u> <u>File</u> <u>Item</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Date</u>				
1	2		Handwritten notes on Wright Brothers by Henry Stout – includes clippings and Dayton Gem Saver (Fall 1973)	1971, 1973
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1	3		Wright Brothers Material – Pamphlets, handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, broadsides, postcards, banquet and event programs	1909, 1948-1966
<u>Box</u> <u>File</u> <u>Item</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Date</u>				
1	4	1	Letter to Mr. Stout from Mabel Beck cornering Orville Wright	1950 January 12
1	4	2	Letter written from Mr. Robert E. Fellers, Deputy Assistant Postmaster General from Frank E. Strobhar concerning wood design approved by Orville Wright for a 50 th Anniversary stamp	1953 April 2
1	4	3	Postcard to Mr. Henry Stout from Frank P. Lahm	1948 June 17
1	4	4	Clipping about Jim Doolittle at an Air Show	1953
1	4	5	Photograph of Captain Billy Tate	1953 May 22
<u>Box</u> <u>File</u> <u>Item</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Date</u>				
1	5	1	Article on unpublished Wright Brothers photos by Bill Mayfield in <i>Dayton USA</i> magazine	1970 December
1	5	2	Letter to Henry Stout from Bernard Whelan	1970 November 11
1	5	3	Photocopied will notes written by Wilbur Wright 1912 May 30	circa 1970
1	5	4	List References on Wright Brothers	1970 July 27

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1	5	5	Fabric and Certification Letter from Ivonette Wright Miller	1903
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	6	1	Program from Smithsonian Institution presentation of the Wright Brothers Aeroplane of 1903	1948 December 17
1	6	2	Copy of Remarks by Milton Wright at Smithsonian presentation of 1903 aeroplane	1948 December 27
1	6	3	Clipping on Wright Brothers plane at Smithsonian	1948 December 17
1	6	4	<i>Wingspread</i> publication by WPAFB	1957
1	6	5	Article "Orville and Wilbur Wright's School for Early Birds" by Bernard Whelan	1960 January
1	6	6	<i>The Wright Brothers</i> by C. H. Gibbs-Smith	1963
1	6	7	61 st Anniversary of Powered Flight / 3 rd Annual Aviation Hall of Fame Awards Program	1964 December 17
1	6	8	Article "Ice Cream for Dinner" by Bernard L. Whelan	1970
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	7		Wright Brothers Newspaper Clippings	1970-1971; undated
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	8	1	Notes written on a John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company	1943
1	8	2	The Wright Brothers Booklet by Carillon Park	
1	8	3	Letter from James Jacobs to Mr. Henry Stout	1970 July 9
1	8	4	Handwritten notes on small notecard	1943
1	8	5-6	Newspaper Clippings	1970-1971
1	8	7	NCR World magazine	1970 September-October
1	8	8	Article "Aviation Hall of Fame" in Airline Passengers Association News	1973 October
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	9		Notes on history of the First Regular Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio	circa 1970