

SC-314: Leach “Heritage of the Air” Aviation Prints and Harold R. Harris Photograph

Collection Number: SC-314

Title: Leach “Heritage of the Air” Aviation Prints and Harold R. Harris Photograph

Dates: 1959-1968, 1981

Creator: Leach International

Scope and Content:

The collection consists primarily of 28 aviation prints from Leach International’s advertising art series “Heritage of the Air,” commemorating WWI era planes, pilots, and events. The full series included 45 images, all painted by Merv Corning. One of the included prints, “The First Bail-Out,” depicts the first use of a parachute to save the pilot’s life, that of Harold R. Harris in 1922; the print is autographed by Harris. Also included is a 1981 snapshot of Harris standing near the Old North Dayton location of his famous parachute landing.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet (30 items)

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

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Other Finding Aid:

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http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/sc314.pdf.

Related Material:

MS-214: Harold R. Harris Papers

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Corning, Merv, 1926-2006

Harris, Harold R., 1897-1989

Organizations/Corporate Names

Leach International

Places

Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Aeronautics -- History

Aeronautics in art

Airplanes in art

Air warfare in art

Art -- Aviation

World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations

Material Types

Advertisements

Prints (visual works)

Collection Inventory

<u>Loc</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
OS 62	7	1-17	Leach Aviation Prints (unmounted)	1961-1968
OS 62	7	18	Leach "Heritage of the Air" Series Description	Circa 1959
OS 62	8	1-10	Leach Aviation Prints (mounted)	1959-1963
OS 62	8	11	Leach Aviation Print: "The First Bail-Out" (depicting Harold R. Harris use of parachute in 1922), autographed by Harold R. Harris	1967
OS 62	8	12	Photograph of Harold R. Harris at the site of his 1922 parachute landing near Troy Street, Old North Dayton	1981