PART IV
ALBUMS

Series 1  Fort Myer, Virginia: 1908-1909

Box    Description

33  C.H. Claudy’s Fort Myer Album 1908 - 1909

To Orville Wright from his Friend C.H. Claudy, 1908-1909. Scrapbook album, 10 x 12 inches, bound in full brown leather. The album contains photographs by Claudy, a journalist writing for the New York Herald. Also in the album are a collection of Claudy’s news articles. The news clippings and photographs are an excellent record of Orville Wright’s activities and flights at Fort Myer, near Washington D.C. in both 1908 and 1909. There is also a first hand account of Orville’s accident September 17, 1908, together with photographs of the damaged plane and the critical broken propeller. See Box 17, files 7 through 10 for additional photographs by Claudy taken at Fort Myer.

Series 2  AERO CLUB OF AMERICA

34  Aero Club of America Medals and Memorial Album 1909

A magnificent blue leather album with gold embossed edges. The cover supports the actual Aero Club of America gold medals presented to Wilbur and Orville Wright on June 10th by President William H. Taft. The album contains autographed letters and speeches given on the occasion, from President Taft, Augustus Post, Herbert Parsons, Brigadier General James Allen, head of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Gutzon Borglum, and letters of tribute from ten state governors including Charles E. Hughes. Also included are detailed accounts of the qualifying flights of both Wilbur and Orville at Fort Myer and Le Mans, and newspaper editorials and cartoons from major cities on the occasion. Photographs including several not seen elsewhere in the collection, show the Wrights in flight at Fort Myer and Le Mans. Also among the photographs is a silver print of the Wrights with Taft and other dignitaries at the White House, autographed by those present including all of the Wrights, Taft, and others.

Series 3  KITTY HAWK: 1911

35  Kill Devil Camp Album 1911

Kill Devil Camp 1911. Photograph album, 9 x 6 inches, consisting of 34 images taken by Alexander Ogilvie and presented to Horace Wright. The album is bound with gray cloth boards secured with silk strings. Views include the Outer Banks, sand dunes, Big Kill Devil Hill, the 1911 camp building, Horace, Orville, and Lorin Wright, news reporters, Orville Wright’s 1911 glider, and Orville and Ogilvie
piloting the 1911 glider from the Big Hill at Kill Devil Hills. Ogilvie attaches captions written for Horace, to many of the photographs.

Series 4  BOLLEE: 1920

Box  Description

36  A L’Aéro Club d’Amèrique (Bollée Album) 1920

A L’Aéro Club d’Amèrique. En Souvenir de l’Inauguration du Monument levé au Mans a la Mémoire de Wilbur Wright. Fine red leather album with gold embossed tooling and lettering, assembled by A. Normand, Paris. Presented by Madame Léon Bollée to Orville Wright at the time of the dedication of the memorial to Wilbur Wright at Le Mans, July 17, 1920. The album contains 128 photographs of Wilbur and Orville Wright, Léon Bollée, Bollée’s automobile factory, the Wright Flyer, spectators, the city of Le Mans, and the flying fields at Hunaudières and d’Auvoirs. Images in the album date primarily from June 1908 to early 1909, however the last images show a telegram received by Bollée from Orville Wright announcing Wilbur’s death in 1912, and a series of four images of the Le Mans memorial to Wilbur Wright taken in 1920. The majority of the images are unique to the album and are not duplicated in Series 7, Aeronautical Photographs, Box 17, files 2 through 5.

Series 5  WRIGHT BROTHERS HILL, DAYTON, OHIO

37  Wright Brothers Hill Photograph Album 1938 - 1940

Wright Brothers Hill. Photograph album, 16 x 20 inches, bound in black leather containing photographs taken during the construction and dedication of the Wright Brothers memorial on hill overlooking Huffman Prairie, now part of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, 1938-1940. 47 pp. The album contains 200 photographs recording the Civilian Conservation Corps work crew, foremen, memorial committee members, the monument itself, Huffman Prairie, Orville Wright, Edward Deeds, and other dignitaries at the dedication in 1940. See also Box 23, File 12.

Series 6  GREENFIELD VILLAGE DEDICATION

38  Wright Home and Cycle Shop Dedication at Dearborn Album 1938

In Honor of Wilbur and Orville Wright. Autograph album, 14 x 18 inches in full blue calf leather with silver tooling. The album contains hand drawn images of the 1903 Flyer, the Wright Cycle Shop and the Wright home. Autographs include those present for the dedication of the Wright shop and home at Greenfield Village. Autographs include Henry and Edsel Ford, Vilhjalmar Stefansson, Charles F. Kettering, Wright family members, Griffith Brewer, Benjamin Foulois,

Series 7 KATHARINE WRIGHT PRESSED FLOWER COLLECTION

Box Description

39 Katharine Wright Pressed Flower Collection

1-39. Numbered leaves from an album containing dried, pressed flower specimens, glued to the page, and accompanied by biological information about each specimen. A manuscript index lists each plant. The album was completed and signed by Katharine Wright, June 1891.

Series 8 WRIGHT FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

40 Wright Family Photograph Album

Original brown leather photograph album with gold embossed edges, about 9 by 12 inches, designed to hold cabinet card and carte de visite photographs. The album was begun circa 1880. It includes tintypes, cabinet cards and cartes des visites of Wright family members and friends. Portraits include John Gottlieb Koerner; Catherine Koerner; Bishop Milton Wright; Susan Koerner Wright; Katharine Wright aged about 18; Wilbur Wright aged about 13 and at age 17; Reuchlin and Lulu Billheimer Wright; their first daughter, Catharine Louise Wright as an infant and at age 4; Katharine Wright aged about 6; Orville Wright as an infant and aged about 10; Viola Oberlender; Ella Maude Nevertell; Pepka Elkader; E.E. Esterley; Emma Teller Dennis; Joseph Boyd; Dr. Lewis Davis; the Ten Dayton Boys; John Feight; Charles and Sarah Wright Harris; Wilbur Landis; William and Lottie Andrews; Irvin Koogle; Frank Gilbert; and M.L. Rinehart. The majority of the photographs are in excellent condition however the album itself is in fragile condition.

The Wright Family Photograph Album has been digitized and can be viewed online in Wright State University’s Campus Online Repository (CORE Scholar): [http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/special_ms1_albums/1/](http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/special_ms1_albums/1/). In addition to the album as a whole, the individual photographs contained therein may be found in CORE Scholar by searching for ms1_40*.

Series 9 CALLIZO: 1909

40A Callizo Photograph Album at Pau, France, March 1909
A Gift to Monsieur W. Wright in March 1909 by Monsieur Callizo photographs at Pau (France). Original dark green photograph album, about 7 ½ by 12 ¼ inches, containing 45 original photographs taken by Callizo during Wilbur Wright’s flights at Pau, France in 1909. Callizo prints of Wilbur Wright’s flights at Pau can also be found in Box 18.