



**INVENTORY TO
THE WILMER STULTZ PAPERS, 1927-1928**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator	Stultz, Wilmer, 1899-1929
Title	Wilmer Stultz Papers
Date Span	1927-1928
Abstract	Flight plan, photograph, contract, letter, and pilot's license documenting Wilmer Stultz's role as pilot in the 1928 transatlantic flight aboard the Friendship airplane
Quantity	0.5 cubic feet
Language	English
Repository	Archives and Special Collections, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Access	Collection is stored offsite; 24 hours notice is required to access the collection.
Preferred Citation	Wilmer Stultz Papers, Archives and Special Collections, Purdue University Libraries
Acquisition	Purchased in 2006
Provenance	Papers were property of Wilmer Stultz's family and were acquired by the Purdue Libraries through Heritage Auction House, 2006
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Subject Headings

Persons

Stultz, Wilmer--Archives
Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957
Earhart, Amelia, 1897-1937
Gordon, Lou

Organizations

Byrd Antarctic Expedition
Mechanical Science Corporation
International Aeronautic Federation
National Aeronautic Association (U.S.)
Friendship (Airplane)

Topics

Aeronautics--History
Transatlantic flights
Air pilots—United States

Form and Genre Types

Photographic prints
Maps
Certificates

Biography of Wilmer Stultz

Wilmer Stultz is believed to have been born in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania on April 11, 1899. Stultz worked for a time as a stunt pilot for The Gates Flying Circus, but is primarily remembered today for his role as the pilot in the 1928 transatlantic flight aboard the “Friendship” airplane. During this flight, Stultz piloted the Fokker F7 (nicknamed the “Friendship”) that carried Amelia Earhart across the Atlantic Ocean. Although she was only a passenger on the flight, Earhart became instantly famous for being the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. Tragically, Stultz died the following year during a test flight. He was thirty years old.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The Wilmer Stultz Papers (1927-1928; 0.5 cubic feet) document Wilmer Stultz’s role as pilot in the 1928 transatlantic flight aboard the “Friendship” Fokker airplane. Types of materials in the papers include a flight plan, photograph, contract, letter, and Stultz’s pilot’s license.

Preservation Note

All materials have been housed in polyester sleeves and acid-free, lignin-free folders and boxes.

Separations or Transfers of Materials

The oversized flight plan has been stored separately for preservation purposes (VT Map Case).

Related Materials

George Palmer Putnam Collection of Amelia Earhart Papers

Includes documents, photographs, and related materials documenting to the 1928 transatlantic flight aboard the Friendship plane.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Location	Box	Contents
VT	1	<p>Wilmer Stultz's pilot's license, Federation Aeronautique Internationale, National Aeronautic Association of U.S.A., aviator's certificate number 6802, October 11, 1927 (signed by Orville Wright)</p> <p>Letter from Richard E. Byrd to Wilmer Stultz regarding payment and contract between Stultz and Mechanical Science Corporation for the flight, May 19, 1928</p> <p>Contract between Mechanical Science Corporation and Wilmer Stultz for the proposed transatlantic flight, May 18, 1928</p> <p>Photograph of Amelia Earhart, Wilmer Stultz, Lou Gordon and officers aboard the <i>U.S.S. President Roosevelt</i> ship, circa 1928</p>
VT	Map Case	Map of North Atlantic with notations showing Stultz's proposed flight path, circa 1928 (oversized)