

Fulton Flight

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Introduction

This collection contains an individual's scrapbook containing clippings and other memorabilia regarding the Fulton Flight Contest of 1909.

The pages have been separated from the deteriorating scrapbook and are stored in two portfolio boxes. Provenance is unknown.

There are no restrictions on the collection.

Scope and Content

The Fulton Flight Contest was sponsored by the New York World and the Aero Club of America. The World offered a \$10,000 prize to the first person making the flight between New York City and Albany, New York in a mechanically propelled airship. All the material is from the year of the contest, 1909.

The first box contains four folders of material describing the announcement of the contest and the dirigible balloon attempts by Capt. Thomas Scott Baldwin and George B. Tomlinson, as well as that of John Roeder's aeroplane dirigible; promotional material; ephemera related to the celebration; newspaper clippings of advertisements and entries.

The second box comprises four folders, the contents of which describe: preparation of aviators (mostly regarding Curtiss); the Fulton Flight itself (Curtiss won the \$10,000 by flying the 137 miles in two hours at an average speed of 54.07 mph at 1000 feet.); other proposed flights (e.g. St. Louis, Philadelphia); and miscellaneous.

Container Listing

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1		Announcement of contest; preliminary attempts
		1-2)	Description of New York World offer and list of publicity efforts
		3-11)	Dirigibles; attempts and failures
	2		Promotions
		1-2)	Agreement; World and Aero Club of America
		3)	Entry form
		4-8)	Newspaper editorials, cartoons
		9-11)	Publicity
	3		Celebration
		1)	Stamps
		2-3)	Commemorative Postcards
		4-8)	Responses from notable visitors
	4		Newspaper clippings (Clip Service)
		1-43)	Re: Advertisement and Entries
2	1		Preparation of aviators; arrivals to begin flights – 14 items
	2		Fulton Flight (Curtiss) – 14 items
	3		Proposed other flights – 16 items
	4		Miscellaneous – 2 items