

# **Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection

**Span Dates:** 1927-1969

**ID No.:** MSS30247

**Creator:** Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974

**Extent:** 500 items ; 34 containers and 2 oversize ; 14.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in Burmese, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Swedish, and other languages.

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Aviator and air force officer. Chiefly Burmese, Dutch, English and Swedish editions of *The Spirit of St. Louis* by Lindbergh. Also condensations of the work in foreign editions of the *Reader's Digest* as well as biographical material.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974.

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974. Spirit of St. Louis. 1953.

### Subjects

Aeronautics--Awards.

Aeronautics.

Daniel Guggenheim Medal.

Spirit of St. Louis (Airplane)

Transatlantic flights.

### Occupations

Air Force officers.

Aviators.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection was obtained through gift, purchase, and transfer from various sources, 1929-1996. Material deposited by Anne Morrow Lindbergh in 1954 was converted to a gift by her heirs in 2013.

### Processing History

The Lindbergh Collection was housed and listed circa 1985. The finding aid was revised in 2011 with the addition of a single item received in 1996.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings in the Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions

The Lindbergh Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

### Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Charles A. Lindbergh Spirit of St. Louis Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i>   | <i>Event</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1902, Feb. 4  | Born, Detroit, Mich.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1920-1922     | Attended University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1922-1924     | Attended Flying School, Lincoln, Nebr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1923          | First solo flight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1924-1925     | United States Army Flying School, Brooks Field, San Antonio, Tex., graduated first in his class and commissioned second lieutenant, United States Army Air Service Reserve                                                                                            |
| 1926          | Airmail pilot, St. Louis, Mo.-Chicago, Ill.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1927          | Purchased The Spirit of St. Louis<br>Flew The Spirit of St. Louis from San Diego, Calif., to New York, N.Y., and established new speed record<br>Flew first transatlantic flight in The Spirit of St. Louis from Roosevelt Field, Long Island, N.Y., to Paris, France |
| 1927          | Flew nonstop from Washington, D.C. to Mexico City, Mexico                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1929          | Married Anne Spencer Morrow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1932          | Son, Charles A. Lindbergh III, kidnapped and murdered; resulted in passage of the Lindbergh Act by Congress                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1935-1939     | Moved to England to avoid publicity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1941-1945     | Spoke out against World War II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1949          | Awarded Congressional Medal of Honor and other national and international awards                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1954          | Awarded the Pulitzer Prize for <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1974, Aug. 26 | Died, Kipahulu, Maui, Hawaii                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Scope and Content Note

The Charles A. Lindbergh (1902-1974) Spirit of St. Louis Collection spans the years 1927-1969 and consists mainly of Burmese, Dutch, English, and Swedish editions of the *Spirit of St. Louis* by Lindbergh. Also in the collection are condensations of the book in foreign editions of the *Reader's Digest*, dated April and May 1954. Miscellaneous material includes files relating to the Daniel Guggenheim Medal Award, other biographical material, and scrapbooks concerning Lindbergh. The collection is organized into the following series: [\*The Spirit of St. Louis\*](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize Scrapbooks](#). Included in addition to other languages is material in French, German, Japanese and Spanish.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- *The Spirit of St. Louis*
- Miscellany, 1927-1969
- Oversize Scrapbooks, 1927-1932

## Description of Series

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Series</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| BOX 1-31         | <p><u><i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i></u></p> <p>Handwritten and typewritten drafts, galleys, publisher's copies, publisher's correspondence, public mail, letters from friends, reviews, illustrations, maps, magazines, reviews, books, and magazines, press notices, and other material relating to the publication of <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i>.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material.</p> |
| BOX 32-34        | <p><u>Miscellany, 1927-1969</u></p> <p>Speeches and writings, printed matter, biographical material, and miscellaneous items, including Lindbergh's address on receiving the Daniel Guggenheim Medal.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material.</p>                                                                                                                                                    |
| BOX OV 1-OV 2    | <p><u>Oversize Scrapbooks, 1927-1932</u></p> <p>Oversize scrapbooks compiled by Lois Ryder and the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> focused largely on Lindbergh's transcontinental flight of 1927</p> <p>Arranged chronologically within the volumes.</p>                                                                                                                                          |

# Container List

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| BOX 1-31         | <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i><br>Handwritten and typewritten drafts, galleys, publisher's copies, publisher's correspondence, public mail, letters from friends, reviews, illustrations, maps, magazines, reviews, books, and magazines, press notices, and other material relating to the publication of <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i> .<br>Arranged by type of material. |
| BOX 1            | Drafts, handwritten and typewritten<br>(9 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| BOX 2            | (5 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 3            | (4 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 4            | (7 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 5            | (8 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 6            | (7 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 7            | (10 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| BOX 8            | (6 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 9            | (1 folder)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BOX 9            | Galleys, annotated<br>(2 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| BOX 10           | Drafts, handwritten and typewritten<br>(6 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| BOX 11           | (6 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 12           | (6 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 13           | (6 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 14           | (6 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 15           | (6 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 16           | Galleys<br>(2 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| BOX 16           | Illustrations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| BOX 17           | Carbon of publisher's copy<br>(3 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| BOX 17           | Letters from friends<br>(2 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| BOX 18           | (2 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 18           | Reviews<br>(3 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| BOX 18           | "Wings Over Barriers," television script                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| BOX 19           | General mail<br>(5 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 20           | (4 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 21           | (4 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 21           | Notes and miscellany                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| BOX 22           | Chart and printed matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| BOX 22           | Magazines                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## *The Spirit of St. Louis*

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| BOX 22    | Notes, corrections, correspondence, and criticisms<br>(8 folders)                                                                                                                                                               |
| BOX 23    | Correspondence and criticisms<br>(8 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| BOX 23    | Newspaper serialization                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| BOX 24    | Maps and illustrations<br>(3 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| BOX 24    | Magazines<br>(4 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| BOX 25    | French newspapers                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| BOX 25    | Books and magazines                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| BOX 26    | Books                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| BOX 27    | Books and magazines                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| BOX 28    | Books and magazines                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| BOX 29    | Publisher's manuscripts<br>(6 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| BOX 30    | General mail<br>(4 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| BOX 30    | Letters from friends<br>(5 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| BOX 31    | Correspondence and criticisms                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BOX 31    | Press notices and reviews                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| BOX 31    | Correspondence with magazines, newspapers, and others                                                                                                                                                                           |
| BOX 31    | Correspondence with foreign publishers                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| BOX 31    | German reviews                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 32-34 | <b>Miscellany, 1927-1969</b><br>Speeches and writings, printed matter, biographical material, and miscellaneous items, including Lindbergh's address on receiving the Daniel Guggenheim Medal.<br>Arranged by type of material. |
| BOX 32    | Daniel Guggenheim Medal, 1954                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BOX 32    | Address by Lindbergh at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences<br>(6 folders)                                                                                                                                                   |
| BOX 32    | Press releases and magazine                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| BOX 33    | <i>Reader's Digest</i> , foreign language issues condensing <i>The Spirit of St. Louis</i> , 1954                                                                                                                               |
| BOX 34    | Biographical material, 1927-1969                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| BOX 34    | <i>The Last Hero</i> , by Walter Sanford Ross (1968)                                                                                                                                                                            |
| BOX 34    | Comments on biographies of Lindbergh                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| BOX 34    | Davis, Lucille                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| BOX 34    | Ross, Walter Sanford                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| BOX 34    | Speeches and writings<br>(3 folders)                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Miscellany, 1927-1969

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| BOX 34        | Facsimile of autographed endorsement by Lindbergh of the Playground and Recreation Association, 1927                                                                                                                                      |
| BOX OV 1-OV 2 | <b>Oversize Scrapbooks, 1927-1932</b><br>Oversize scrapbooks compiled by Lois Ryder and the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> focused largely on Lindbergh's transcontinental flight of 1927<br>Arranged chronologically within the volumes. |
| BOX OV 1      | "We," compiled by Lois Ryder, 1927-1932                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BOX OV 2      | "Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's Flight as Written into the History of Our Day" by the <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> ," 1927                                                                                                                 |