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Collection Summary
Title: Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright Papers
Span Dates: 1809-1979
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1900-1948)
ID No.: MSS46706
Creator: Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912
Creator: Wright, Orville, 1871-1948
Extent: 32,250 items ; 120 containers plus 14 oversize ; 61 linear feet ; 15 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English, French, and German
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Aviation pioneers and inventors. Correspondence, diaries, notebooks, business accounts, legal papers, minutes, reports, printed matter, photographs, blueprints, and scrapbooks relating primarily to the invention of the airplane and the development of aviation.

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
Arnold, Henry Harley, 1886-1950--Correspondence.
Berg, Hart O., 1865-1941--Correspondence.
Brewer, Griffith, 1867-1948--Correspondence.
Chanute, Octave, 1832-1910--Correspondence.
Collier, Robert J.--Correspondence.
Findley, Earl N. (Earl Nelson), 1878-1956--Correspondence.
Foulois, Benjamin Delahauf, 1879-1967--Correspondence.
Haskell, Katharine Wright, 1874-1929--Correspondence.
Kelly, Fred C. (Fred Charters), 1882-1959--Correspondence.
Knabenshue, Roy, -1960--Correspondence.
Lahm, Frank Purdy, 1877-1963--Correspondence.
Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974--Correspondence.
Loening, Grover, 1888-1976--Correspondence.
Martin, Glenn L. (Glenn Luther), 1886-1955--Correspondence.
McFarland, Marvin Wilks, 1919- ed. Papers of Wilbur and Orville Wright, including the Chanute-Wright letters and other papers of Octave Chanute. 1953.
Rolls, Charles Stewart, 1877-1910--Correspondence.
Spratt, G. A. (George Alexander), 1880-1934--Correspondence.
Tissandier, Paul, 1881--Correspondence.
Toullmin, Harry A. (Harry Aubrey), -1942--Correspondence.
Williamson, Pliny W., -1958--Correspondence.
Wright family--Correspondence.
Wright family.
Wright, Lorin--Correspondence.
Wright, Milton, 1828-1917--Correspondence.
Wright, Reuchlin--Correspondence.
Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912. Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright papers. 1809-1979.

Organizations
Brewer and Son.
Flint and Company.
Subjects
Aeronautics.
Aircraft industry--France.
Aircraft industry--Germany.
Aircraft industry--Great Britain.
Aircraft industry--United States.
Airplanes.
Bicycle industry--Ohio--Dayton.
Flight.
Patents.
Printing--Ohio--Dayton.
Wright Flyer (Airplane)

Places
College Park (Md.)--History.
Kitty Hawk (N.C.)--History.
Montgomery (Ala.)--History.

Titles
Wilbur and Orville Wright Papers at the Library of Congress.

Occupations
Aviators.
Inventors.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright, aviation pioneers and inventors, were given to the Library of Congress by executors of Orville Wright's estate in 1949. The Library received additional Wright material by gift, transfer, and purchase from various sources between 1949 and 2002.

Processing History
The papers of Wilbur and Orville Wright were arranged and described in 1972. Additional material received between 1972 and 1997 was incorporated into the collection in 1997. The collection was reprocessed and additional material was added in 2001 and 2002.

Additional Guides

Transfers
Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.
Copyright Status
Copyright in the unpublished writings of Wilbur and Orville Wright in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Microfilm
A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on fifteen reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Online Content
Selected items from the papers of Wilbur and Orville Wright are available on the Library of Congress Web site at http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000022.

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Biographical Notes

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<td>1889</td>
<td>Editor, West Side News (weekly newspaper), Dayton, Ohio</td>
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<td>1892</td>
<td>Opened bicycle shop, Wright Cycle Co., Dayton, Ohio</td>
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<td>1899</td>
<td>Built and flew biplane kite to test &quot;wing-warping&quot; method of controlling a flying machine, Dayton, Ohio</td>
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<td>1900</td>
<td>Tested first Wright glider near Kitty Hawk, N. C., and nearby Kill Devil Hills, N. C.</td>
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<td>1901</td>
<td>Addressed Western Society of Engineers in Chicago, Ill., regarding aeronautical experiments</td>
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<td>Built wind tunnel and experimented with wing designs in the Wright Cycle Co., Dayton, Ohio</td>
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<td>Participated with Orville Wright in the first successful flight in a motor-powered airplane and flew longest of the four flights made that day near Kitty Hawk, N. C.</td>
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<td>1907</td>
<td>Traveled to Europe to begin negotiations for sale of Wright airplane abroad</td>
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<td>1908</td>
<td>Sold Wright airplane to U.S. War Department</td>
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<td>1908</td>
<td>Made first public flight near Le Mans, France</td>
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<td>1888</td>
<td>Designed and built a professional printing press</td>
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<td>1889-1890</td>
<td>Published <em>West Side News</em> (weekly newspaper), Dayton, Ohio</td>
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<td>Joined Wilbur Wright in Europe to negotiate sale of Wright airplane abroad</td>
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<td>Sold Wright airplane to U. S. War Department</td>
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<td>Conducted U. S. Army flight trials, Fort Myer, Va.; seriously injured in a crash on Sept. 17</td>
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<td>1909</td>
<td>Flew demonstration flights in Germany</td>
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<td>Wright Co. incorporated; served as vice president</td>
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<td>1915</td>
<td>Sold his interest in Wright Co.</td>
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<td>1917</td>
<td>Established Wright Aeronautical Laboratory, Dayton, Ohio</td>
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<td>1920-1948</td>
<td>Member of National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics</td>
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<td>1928</td>
<td>Lent 1903 airplane to Science Museum, London, England</td>
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Orville Wright

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<td>1908-1909</td>
<td>Flew demonstration flights in France and Italy</td>
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<td>1909</td>
<td>As part of Hudson-Fulton Celebration, flew demonstration flights from Governors Island, N. Y., to the Statue of Liberty and Grant’s Tomb, New York, N. Y. Instructed first U. S. Army pilots, College Park, Md. Wright Co. incorporated; served as president</td>
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<tr>
<td>1909-1912</td>
<td>Involved in patent infringement lawsuits</td>
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<td>1912, May 20</td>
<td>Died, Dayton, Ohio</td>
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Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright Papers 5
1932 Attended dedication of Kill Devil Hill National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills, N. C., honoring Wright brothers

1948, Jan. 30 Died, Dayton, Ohio

1948 1903 airplane presented to Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., by his estate

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Wilbur Wright (1867-1912) and Orville Wright (1871-1948) span the years 1809 through 1979, with the bulk of the material dating from 1900 to 1948. The papers document the lives and work of the brothers who designed, built, and piloted the first machine to achieve powered, sustained flight in 1903 and the first practical airplane in 1905. The papers are primarily in English but include material in French and German as well. They are organized in the following series: Diaries and Notebooks, Family Papers, General Correspondence, Subject File, Scrapbooks, Marvin W. McFarland File, and Oversize.

The Diaries and Notebooks are among the most significant of the Wright material. Orville Wright's entry for 17 December 1903 gives an account of the first successful powered flights. The diaries describe the brothers' flights at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and their scientific experiments and include entries and financial notes on their 1907 trip to Europe, Wilbur Wright's trip abroad in 1908, and Orville Wright's European tour of 1913. Another group of entries refers to their flights at College Park, Maryland, in 1909 and at Montgomery, Alabama, in 1910, where the Wrights conducted flight training. Apart from the biographical information which they contain, the logs are also significant for the scientific data, formulas, and computations related to the aerodynamic and design factors which enabled the Wright brothers to produce a successful airplane where others had failed.

The Family Papers series consists primarily of correspondence between Wright family members. Most of the letters are from Orville and Wilbur Wright, their only sister, Katharine, and their father, Milton Wright, a bishop of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. Other letters are written by two older brothers, Lorin and Reuchlin. Letters from Wilbur and Orville Wright to their sister and father provide details of their thoughts and activities while they were conducting aeronautical experiments at Kitty Hawk or making flight demonstrations in Europe. The letters and coded cables exchanged between Orville and Wilbur while one was in Europe and the other in the United States document their concerns as they conducted contract negotiations for the sale of the Wright flyer. Letters from Katharine Wright in the fall of 1908 describe the aftermath of Orville's accident in Fort Myer, Virginia, and his recovery from serious injuries. The correspondence between the siblings possesses a light and humorous element that is usually less evident in their correspondence with others. Additional items in this series include the wills of Orville and Wilbur Wright, printed matter relating to Milton Wright and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, notes made by Lorin Wright on a trip to Hammondsport, New York, in 1915, and genealogical notes.

The largest series is the General Correspondence comprising letters exchanged with the general public, pioneer aviators, business associates, and many world notables. A group of correspondence relating to the Wrights' aeronautical experimentation includes letters from the American engineer and aeronautical pioneer Octave Chanute. Replies to Chanute's letters, mainly written by Wilbur Wright, are located in the Manuscript Division's collection of Chanute Papers. This exchange of letters begins with Wilbur Wright's prophetic statement of 13 May 1900, "for some years I have been afflicted with the belief that flight is possible to man." The letters, with their discussions of the unresolved scientific and philosophic problems posed by manned flight, indicate a shared dedication to a common goal.

The largest group of correspondence in the series is with Griffith Brewer, a lifelong friend and supporter and the first Englishman to fly. Further correspondence with Brewer is located in the foreign business section of the Subject File. Among the Wrights' business contacts was Hart O. Berg, an agent with Flint & Company who helped promote and sell the Wright flyer in Europe. Berg also figures prominently in the foreign business section of the Subject File. Attorneys who assisted the Wrights include Harry A. Toulmin, who procured the basic patent for the Wright brothers' invention of the airplane, and Pliny W. Williamson. Individuals involved in the American Wright Company include aeronautical engineer Grover Loening and Roy Knabenshue, who managed the Wrights' exhibition department. Other correspondents include Henry Harley Arnold, Robert J. Collier, Earl N. Findley, Benjamin Delahauf Foulois, Fred C. Kelly, Frank Purdy Lahm,
Charles A. Lindbergh, Glenn L. Martin, Charles Stewart Rolls, George A. Spratt, and Paul Tissandier. Correspondence with the Smithsonian Institution begins with the Wrights' initial request for information on aeronautics in 1899 and extends through Orville's lengthy dispute with the Smithsonian over whether Samuel P. Langley had created an aircraft capable of flight prior to the Wright brothers' flight in December 1903. As a result of this dispute Orville Wright lent the 1903 Wright flying machine to the Science Museum in London in 1928, and it was not installed in the Smithsonian Institution until after his death in 1948. Additional information on the controversy appears in the Subject File.

Among the topics in the extensive Subject File are the Wrights' business ventures and patent negotiations in the United States and such nations as France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Austria, Russia, and Japan. Foreign business files pertain to the work done by the Wrights' European business representatives at Flint and Company as well as their overseas patent agents, Brewer and Son and Thierry Brothers. Other folders in this section focus on the companies established in Great Britain, France, and Germany to produce and sell Wright aircraft. Files on the Wright Company, established in the United States in late 1909, include contracts for appearances at air shows by the Wright exhibition team and promotional brochures for the Wright Flyer and the Wright Company School of Aviation. United States War Department files cover the sale of the Wright's airplane to the United States Army and their work with the Signal Corps.

A patents section contains files relating to patents obtained by the Wrights in the United States and abroad as well as airplane patents by others. As the airplane came into more general use, numerous instances of unauthorized application of features the Wrights had patented came to their attention. The Subject File includes legal papers relating to their lawsuits and patent claims. Of the various cases in which the Wrights were involved, both in Europe and the United States, the records of the Wright Co. v. Curtiss Aeroplane Co. and Wright Co. v. Herring-Curtiss Co. are the most extensive.

Other subject files include journals and ledgers from the Wright & Wright printing shop and the Wright Cycle Company; records of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, on which Orville Wright served for over twenty years; printed matter relating to the Wright brothers and aviation in general; and writings by Wilbur and Orville Wright.

A series of scrapbooks contains newspaper and magazine articles relating to flights and other activities of the Wrights beginning in 1902 when they were conducting glider experiments at Kitty Hawk. Printed matter concerning other members of the family and many of their prominent friends is included. The scrapbooks also contain memorabilia such as cartoons, guest badges, posters, telegrams, and autographed testimonial dinner programs. The subject most fully documented is the Wright's controversy with the Smithsonian Institution. There are also a number of rare aero-philatelic items and mementos pertaining to honorary degrees and other tributes.

The Marvin W. McFarland File was not part of the original gift of papers but was generated by the publication of Wright material. It consists of typescripts, research material, and photographs collected for The Papers of Wilbur and Orville Wright, edited by McFarland and published in two volumes by McGraw-Hill Book Co. in 1953. The book includes correspondence and extracts from the diaries and notebooks contained in the Wright brothers' papers. Transcripts record Bishop Milton Wright's diaries, 1901-1907, which are not included in the Wright papers.

**Organization of the Papers**

The collection is arranged in seven series:

- Diaries and Notebooks, 1900-1919
- Family Papers, 1881-1973
- General Correspondence, 1888-1951
- Subject File, 1809-1964
- Scrapbooks, 1902-1948
- Marvin W. McFarland File, 1880-1979
- Oversize, 1889-1950
Description of Series

**Container**  
**Series**  
**BOX 1-3**  
**Diaries and Notebooks, 1900-1919**  
Diaries and notebooks of Orville and Wilbur Wright.  
Arranged chronologically.  
Available on microfilm (shelf no. 17, 424).

**BOX 4-8**  
**Family Papers, 1881-1973**  
Letters exchanged by family members, genealogical material, notes, printed matter, wills, and a photograph.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material or name of correspondent and chronologically therein.

**BOX 8-68**  
**General Correspondence, 1888-1951**  
Letters sent and received.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, institution, or topic and chronologically therein.

**BOX 69-109**  
**Subject File, 1809-1964**  
Correspondence, business papers, legal papers, printed matter, patents, blueprints, and writings.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of topic, institution, person, or type of material and chronologically therein.

**BOX 109**  
**Scrapbooks, 1902-1948**  
See Oversize.

**BOX 109-120**  
**Marvin W. McFarland File, 1880-1979**  
Typescripts, photographs, and research material for *The Papers of Wilbur and Orville Wright* as well as correspondence between McFarland and the Wright family.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

**BOX OV 1-OV 13**  
**Oversize, 1889-1950**  
Blueprints, charts, graphs, newspapers, and scrapbooks including clippings, other printed matter, and memorabilia.  
Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.  
Scrapbooks available on microfilm (shelf no. 17, 705).
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Diaries and notebooks of Orville and Wilbur Wright.  
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Available on microfilm (shelf no. 17, 424). |
| **BOX 1** | 1900-1901, Wilbur Wright (pp. 70-72 not filmed)  
1901, "Huffaker's Diary," kept for Orville Wright  
1902, Orville Wright  
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1902-1905, Wilbur Wright  
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  Wilbur Wright  
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1908-1912, Orville and Wilbur Wright  
1909  
  Orville Wright  
  Wilbur Wright |
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**BOX 4-8**

**Family Papers, 1881-1973**

- Digital content available

Letters exchanged by family members, genealogical material, notes, printed matter, wills, and a photograph.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material or name of correspondent and chronologically therein.

**BOX 4**

Correspondence
- Wright, Ellis, 1928-1929, 1939-1944
- Wright, Katharine, 1900-1924
  (20 folders)

**BOX 5**

- Wright, Lorin, 1882-1915
  (5 folders)
- Wright, Milton, 1881, 1887-1914, undated
  (10 folders)
- Wright, Orville
  1881, 1888-1907
  (7 folders)

**BOX 6**

- 1908-1924
  (8 folders)
- Wright, Reuchlin, 1901-1902, 1911-1912
- Wright, Wilbur
  1888-1907
  (11 folders)

**BOX 7**

- 1908-1912
  (10 folders)
- Exchange of cables between Wilbur and Orville Wright, 1907-1908
  (4 folders)
- Genealogical material
  - Correspondence, 1929, 1938-1939, 1945-1946
  - Miscellany, 1913, circa 1930, 1973 See also Oversize
  - Notebooks, undated
    (2 folders)

**BOX 8**

- Notes by Lorin Wright, 1915, undated
- Photograph, Milton Wright, undated
- Printed matter regarding Milton Wright and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, 1898-1905, undated
  (6 folders)
- Wills and estate matters
  - Wright, Milton, 1920
  - Wright, Orville, 1947-1948
  - Wright, Wilbur, 1912

**BOX 8-68**

**General Correspondence, 1888-1951**

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Letters sent and received.
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, institution, or topic and chronologically therein.

| BOX 8 | Abbe, Cleveland, 1903-1908  
|       | Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1911-1917  
|       | Achard, Lucien, 1928-1929  
|       | Ackerman, Carl W., 1937  
|       | Adams, Heinrich, 1908-1914  
|       | Adams, Porter, 1926-1930, 1938, 1944  
|       | Ade, George, 1911, 1925  
|       | Aero Club of America, 1905-1922, undated  
|       | 4 folders  
|       | Aero Club of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, 1919  
|       | Aero Club of France, 1908-1912, undated  

| BOX 9 | Aero Club of Illinois, 1912, 1923  
|       | Aero Club of Pennsylvania, 1921-1944  
|       | Aero Club of Texas, 1919  
|       | Aero Digest, 1924-1932, 1938  
|       | Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, 1921-1936, 1943-1944  
|       | 3 folders  
|       | Aeronautical Society of America, 1912-1916  
|       | L'Aerophile, 1905-1914  
|       | Aerosphere, 1939-1944  
|       | Ahlers, John F., 1927-1933, 1939-1940, 1946, undated  
|       | Aircraft, 1910-1912  
|       | Aircraft Industries Association, 1945-1946  
|       | Airlanes, 1937-1940  
|       | Air Line Pilots Association, 1940  
|       | Air Youth of America, 1940-1941  
|       | Airplane Model League of America, 1929-1930  
|       | Akeley, Carl E., 1920  
|       | Akeley, Mary L. J., 1928-1929, 1939-1945  
|       | Aldrin, E. E., 1924-1926, 1935-1937  
|       | Alexander, Patrick Y., 1904-1911, undated  
|       | Alfonso XIII, King of Spain, 1908  
|       | Alger, Frederick M., 1908-1916, 1930, undated  

| BOX 10 | Alger, Russell A., 1908-1917, 1925-1928, undated  
|        | 7 folders  
|        | All-American Aircraft Show, Detroit, Mich., 1928-1929  
|        | Allen, Edmund T., 1922-1925, 1943  
|        | Allen, Henry T., 1923  
|        | Allen, James A., 1908-1912  
|        | Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., 1922-1923, 1932, 1943  
|        | Aluminum Co. of America, 1939-1945  
|        | American Automobile Association, 1916-1917  
|        | American Boy, 1928-1930  

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           | Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1921  
           | Antrim, George Doyle, 1941-1947  
           | Archdeacon, Ernest, 1905  
           | Armstrong, DeWitt, and Crossin, 1937  
           | Arnold, Henry Harley, 1911-1913, 1919-1931, 1938-1947  
           | Arnold, Irving P., 1933-1934  
           | Artz, Frederick B., 1917-1918  
           | Associated Press, 1908-1911, 1921-1928, 1940  
           | Association of Men with Wings, 1938-1940  
           | Automobile Club of America, 1906-1912, 1926  
           | Automotive Industries, 1918-1919  
           | Aviation, 1918-1926, 1941  
           | Aykroyd, George, 1935-1936  
           | "A" miscellaneous, 1904-1947  
           | (11 folders) |
| BOX 12    | Bacon, Leonard, 1919  
           | Baden-Powell, Baden Fletcher Smyth, 1904-1910  
           | Baekeland, Leo Hendrick, 1915-1921, 1928-1936  
           | Bain, George Grantham, 1902-1909  
           | Baker, Harry F., 1917, 1932  
           | Baker, Newton Diehl, 1930  
           | Baldwin, Thomas S., 1906-1914  
           | Ball, Fred S., 1910, 1918-1920, 1928-1937  
           | Bank of Toronto, Penetanguishene, Ontario, Canada, 1935-1947  
           | Barcus, John William, 1916-1917  
           | Bariquand and Marre, 1907-1908  
           | Barnum and Bailey, 1907  
           | Barrett, John, 1908-1915  
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### Container 15

1915-1928 *See also Oversize*  
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**BOX 15**

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