

**Stella Randolph/Gustave Whitehead Collection  
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**Box 1**

- 1 Manuscript-“Before the Wrights Flew” and Proofs from G. Putnam’s Sons, Publishers 1965
- 2 Manuscript-“Before the Wrights Flew”
- 3 Gustave Whitehead’s copies of designs for his #21 aircraft  
Drawing and description of plane #21
- 4 Newspaper articles regarding Whitehead’s 1<sup>st</sup> Flight
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- 6 Scientific American – Whitehead Publicity 1903
- 7 “Argosy”- ‘He Flew First Before the Wrights’ 1962
- 8 Sworn affidavits attesting to whether or not Gustave Whitehead was observed flying one of his planes

**Box 2**

- 1 Before the Wrights Flew, Appendix A, C material
- 2 Assortment of articles regarding Gustave Whitehead’s alleged First Flight
- 3 Corrections to manuscript by Harvey Lippincott 1977
- 4 Copy of manuscript Harvey Lippincott reviewed 1976
- 5 Addendum to “Before the Wrights Flew”
- 6 Some Things to be Found in the Files of Stella Randolph 1969

- 7 Transcribed tape recordings of Whitehead material
- 8 Proofs and printed pages – “Before the Wrights Flew” 1966
- 9 Collected notes for “Before the Wrights Flew”
- 10 Taped Interviews
- 11 Correspondence

**Box 3**

- 1 Miscellaneous
- 2 Sworn affidavits
- 3 Assortment of articles on Gustav Whitehead:  
Aircraft Modeler, National Aeronautic  
Newspaper clipping: Wright brothers not really  
‘first in flight’?
- 4 Press releases and publicity  
TIME Magazine 1938
- 5 Correspondence
- 6 Correspondence to Rose Rennison from  
Stella Randolph 1968-69
- 7 Correspondence to Rose Rennison from  
Stella Randolph 1965-67
- 8 Correspondence to Rose Rennison from  
Stella Randolph 1934-1964

**Box 4**

|    |  |            |
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| 1  | Correspondence to Phil Woodruff                                | 1970-73    |
| 2  | Manuscript/The Flying Machine Man,<br>Chapter I                |            |
| 3  | Agreement  | 1966       |
| 4  | Correspondence to Stella Randolph<br>Stella Randolph Biography |            |
| 5  | Correspondence/Charles Whitehead                               | 1934-82    |
| 6  | Correspondence "T"   | 1936-70    |
| 7  | Correspondence/Wellhoffer                                      | 1966-74    |
| 8  | Correspondence/John Whitehead                                  | 1934-66    |
| 9  | Correspondence "V"   | 1936-77    |
| 10 | Correspondence "W"   | 1934-81    |
| 11 | Correspondence "W"-William Winter                              | 1968-72    |
| 12 | Correspondence Paul W. Wittemann                               | 1967       |
| 13 | Correspondence Whitehead Family                                | 1934-80    |
| 14 | Correspondence "Z"   | 1935-36,70 |

**Box 5**

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|---|--|------|
| 1 | HET Vliegveld                                  | 1939 |
| 2 | Manuscript                                     | 1934 |
| 3 | Manuscript 'Lost Flights of Gustave Whitehead' |      |
| 4 | "Scientific American", xerox copy              | 1901 |
| 5 | Manuscript '36 Years of Whitehead'             |      |

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| 6  | Listing of correspondence from the files of Stella Randolph  |              |
| 7  | Correspondence   |              |
| 8  | <i>Argosy</i> , Article on Page 34, "He Flew Before the Wrights"<br>'Flying Models Support Pioneer Aviator's Claims"<br>by Stella Randolph<br><i>Yankee</i> , Article on Page 90, "Flights of Fancy?"<br>by Wm. O'Dwyer            | 1962<br>1968 |
| 9  | Assortment of newspaper clippings regarding Gustave Whitehead  |              |
| 10 | Article: "The Sorry Affair of Gustave Whitehead and His Alleged Powered Flights"<br>Copy of article in Bridgeport "Evening Farmer"<br>Comments of Stella Randolph upon "Gustave Whitehead A Report by Charles Harvard Gibbs-Smith" |              |
| 11 | Correspondence   |              |
| 12 | The Invention That Revolutionized Aviation   |              |
| 13 | Library of Congress  |              |
| 14 | Newspaper clippings – Anton Pruckner   |              |
| 15 | Connecticut Aeronautical Historical Assoc. Magazines   | 1976         |

### Box 6

| <u>Folder</u> | <u>Description</u>   | <u>Date</u> |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| 1             | Correspondence and Whitehead photographs (2)   |             |
| 2             | Newsletter/Horseless Carriage Club<br>Steam Car Club Entrants  | 1957        |
| 3             | Photos showing glider suspended<br>Photos of gliders<br>Negatives/gliders  | 1918        |
| 4             | Photo: Mrs. Elizabeth Koteles, Witnessed one of the demonstration flights made by G. Whitehead in 1900-01, in Fairfield. |             |

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| 5  | Unidentified photographs<br>Periodical: Light Steam Power<br>Correspondence   |
| 6  | Unidentified negatives  |
| 7  | Zanuck Paramount Picutres correspondence  |
| 8  | Unidentified engine parts photos and negatives  |
| 9  | Unidentified photos and negatives   |
| 10 | German article: Leuters Hausen by Hermann Schreiber   |
| 11 | Photos: One Man's Struggle Toward Flight  |
| 12 | Article by Stella Randolph: Connecticut's Father of Aviation  |
| 13 | Photographs at dedication of Whitehead Grave  |
| 14 | Article: The Relations Between the Smithsonian Institution<br>and the Wright Brothers<br>Article: Inventors in Partnership to Solve Problem of<br>Aerial Navigation<br>Affidavits<br>Miscellaneous correspondence |
| 15 | Correspondence  |
| 16 | German Newspaper articles   |
| 17 | Identified Photographs  |
| 18 | Articles: Flying Models Support Pioneer Aviator's Claims<br>An Unsung Aeronautic Pioneer, both by Stella Randolph   |

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#### Box 7

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|               | Periodicals:       |             |
|               | AOPA Pilot         | 1988        |
|               | Aero Digest        | 1937        |
|               | Popular Aviation   | 1935,37     |
|               | Aviation           | 1937        |

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|----|---|------|
|    | American Aircraft Modeler   | 1969 |
|    | LISA The Official Publication of Long Island<br>Sound America, Inc.                             | 1986 |
|    | Casting About   | 1986 |
| 1  | Miscellaneous Newspaper Articles  |      |
| 2  | Agreement for book, <u>Before the Wrights Flew</u><br>by Stella Randolph and G.P. Putnam's Sons | 1963 |
| 3  | Correspondence with Oliver Parks  |      |
| 4  | Correspondence "O"  |      |
| 5  | Correspondence "P"  |      |
| 6  | Correspondence with Joe Nigro   |      |
| 7  | Correspondence with John Newbauer   |      |
| 8  | Correspondence with Major and Sohn  |      |
| 9  | Correspondence with Hildegard Guttendorfer  |      |
| 10 | Correspondence with Junius Harworth   |      |
| 11 | Correspondence with Erik Hildesheim   |      |
| 12 | Correspondence with Howard Hudson   |      |

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| 1             | Correspondence with Eugene Husting    |             |
| 2             | Correspondence Alpha "H"              |             |
| 3             | Correspondence Alpha "J"              |             |
| 4             | Correspondence with Fritz Jacobsen    |             |
| 5             | Correspondence Alpha "K"              |             |
| 6             | Correspondence with Herb Kelley       |             |
| 7             | Correspondence Alpha "L"              |             |
| 8             | Correspondence with Harvey Lippincott |             |
| 9             | Whitehead Agreement and contract      | 1934        |
| 10            | Correspondence with William Chatlos   |             |
| 11            | Correspondence with Louis Casey       |             |
| 12            | Correspondence Alpha "A"              |             |
| 13            | Affidavits                            |             |
| 14            | Agreements and Contracts              |             |
| 15            | Correspondence Alpha "B"              |             |
| 16            | Correspondence Alpha "Be"             |             |

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### Box 9

| <u>Folder</u> | <u>Description</u>                              | <u>Date</u> |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| 1             | Correspondence with Beachcomber Book Shop       |             |
| 2             | Correspondence Alpha "Bi"                       |             |
| 3             | Correspondence with Owen Brown                  |             |
| 4             | Correspondence Alpha "C"                        |             |
| 5             | Correspondence with Paul Carlson                |             |
| 6             | Correspondence with Don Coonley                 |             |
| 7             | Connecticut Aeronautical Historical Association |             |
| 8             | "Windcrossing" – a ply by Don Coonley           |             |
| 9             | Correspondence with John Crane                  |             |
| 10            | Correspondence Alpha "D"                        |             |
| 11            | Correspondence with Jesse Davidson              |             |
| 12            | Correspondence with John Dee                    |             |
| 13            | Correspondence with Peggy Derby                 |             |
| 14            | Correspondence with Harold Dorman               |             |
| 15            | Correspondence with Thomas MacPhearson          |             |



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**Box 10**

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| 1                    | Correspondence Alpha "E"                        |                    |
| 2                    | Correspondence Alpha "F"                        |                    |
| 3                    | Correspondence with Paul Garber                 |                    |
| 4                    | Correspondence with Viola Gentry                |                    |
| 5                    | Correspondence with Charles Harvard Gibbs-Smith |                    |
| 6                    | Correspondence Alpha "G"                        |                    |
| 7                    | Correspondence with Wes Gordeuk                 |                    |
| 8                    | Correspondence with Herr Gundel                 |                    |
| 9                    | Correspondence with Mr. Harworth                |                    |

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**Box 11**

| <u>Folder</u> | <u>Description</u>  | <u>Date</u> |
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| 1             | Articles: Whitehead Machine<br>Sworn Affidavits   |             |
| 2             | Miscellaneous Whitehead Material  |             |
| 3             | Correspondence  |             |
| 4             | German periodicals<br>Isometric view of monoplane   |             |
| 5             | Xerox copy of German book<br>"Gustav Weibkopf: „Ich flog vor den Wrights"<br>by Erster Motorflug, 8/14/1901<br>(left with us by George Gunther) |             |