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**An Inventory of Its Records Relating to the Charles A.
Lindbergh House**

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Division of Parks and Recreation.
Series Title: Records relating to the Charles A. Lindbergh House,
Dates: 1901-1973 (bulk 1955-1973).
Quantity: 1 folder.
Location: 103.E.19.10F

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Records regarding the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the Charles A. Lindbergh House located in the Charles A. Lindbergh State Park in Little Falls, Minnesota. The records include correspondence, primarily between Eva Lindbergh Christie, daughter of Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr., and U. W. Hella, Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation; newspaper clippings detailing the house's use as a museum of the Lindbergh family, particularly Charles A. Lindbergh Sr. and Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., and restoration of the family's 1916 Saxon automobile; inventories of the house's furnishings, including items originally owned by the family; floor plans; a bound pictorial record with 67 views of the house's interior and exterior; and photographs, mainly copies, of the family, the first residence which burned in 1905, farm animals in the 1910s and 1920s, the Saxon prior to restoration, and the present house. The materials document the roles of the Lindbergh family, the Parks and Recreation Division, and the Minnesota Historical Society in preserving this historic building.

INDEX TERMS

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Places:

Charles A. Lindbergh State Park (Little Falls, Minn.).
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Persons:

Hella, U. W. (Udert W.), 1908-1996.
Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles August), 1859-1924.
Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974--Homes and haunts--Minnesota--
Little Falls.
Spaeth, Eva Lindbergh Christie, 1892-1985.

Organizations:

Charles A. Lindbergh House (Little Falls, Minn.)--Photographs.
Minnesota Historical Society.

Types of Documents:

Architectural drawings.
Floor plans.
Photographs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location number shown below.
Each file consists of one folder unless specified otherwise.*

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- 103.E.19.10F Listing, May 1955. "Dimentions (sic) of Furnature (sic) in Lindbergh House."
- Letter, May 28, 1955, Cora McDevitt Wilson, Hanover, New Hampshire to Department of Conservation. Response, June 9, 1955, U. W. Hella, Division Director. 2 items
Concerns the possible sale of a portrait of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.
- Letter, September 26, 1955, Eva Lindbergh Christie, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota to Hella. Response, Hella to Christie, October 10, 1955. 2 items.
Discussing the restoration of the house and Christie's role in that restoration.
- Newspaper articles, "Famous Flier's Home Ready for Thousands of Visitors," page 6, and "'Spirit of St. Louis' Returns in Film," page 3, *Little Falls Daily Transcript*, Little Falls, Minnesota, April 23, 1957, page 6. Photocopy.
- Letter, April 29, 1957, George A. Selke, Commissioner of Conservation, to George L. Johnson, Publisher, *Daily Transcript*, Little Falls.
Complimenting the April 23rd article.
- Letter, June 14, 1957, Russell Fridley, Director, Minnesota Historical Society, to Hella.
Listing restoration projects to be completed at the house.
- Letter and receipt, December 16, 1957, S. J. Boone, United Safety Co., Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota, to Fridley. 2 items.
Details completion of installation of the fire and burglar alarm system in the house.
- Letter, October 19, 1958 (actually September 19), Christie to Hella.
Response, Hella to Christie, October 7, 1958. 3 items.
Concerning the need for a photograph of her father to be displayed in the house and the request of her brother, Charles Jr., to have more family photographs displayed.

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Inventory of Items Delivered to the Lindbergh Home in Lindbergh State Park by Arch Grahn and Russell Fridley on June 2, 1959 (All but items #1 and #11 were previously turned over to the Society [Minnesota Historical Society] by Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.); Inventory of Lindbergh Furnishings, undated.

The list of furnishings includes a statement on which family member owned each item.

Newspaper article, "Caretaker Keeps Eye on Lindbergh Home," *Minneapolis Sunday Tribune*, November 1, 1959. Photocopy.

Comments and Observations on the Review of the Lindbergh Property with Charles Lindbergh, Jr. in Charles Lindbergh State Park, April 1920, April 27, 1966.

Blue line architectural drawings, Lindbergh House, Charles A. Lindbergh State Park, Drawn October 24, 1966. 2 sheets.

Plans of the basement, first floor, and upper floor and a cross-section drawing showing wall and roof construction.

Letter, September 6, 1967, Elmer L. Andersen, St. Paul, to Hella.

Response, Hella to Andersen, September 19, 1967. 2 items.

Concerns the physical condition of the house. Hella's response outlines upcoming repairs.

Letter, February 7, 1968, Hella to Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., Darien, Connecticut.

Sending keys to the grounds and the house.

Letter, May 30, 1968, Christie to Hella. Response, Hella to Christie, June 7, 1968. 2 items.

Further discussion of the furnishings of the house, particularly a painting of Lindbergh, Sr. that Christie finds "offensive."

Letter, August 23, 1968, Christie to Hella. Response, Hella to Christie, August 27, 1968. 2 items.

Christie has delivered some of Lindbergh, Sr.'s books and sketches to the house and was glad to see the painting was gone.

Newspaper article, "Ripley Unit Seeks Parts for Old Lindbergh Car," *St. Paul Dispatch or Pioneer Press*, [pre-1973].

Details work begun by Co. A of the 747 Maintenance Battalion, permanently stationed at Camp Ripley, to restore the 1916 Saxon originally owned by the Lindbergh family. The following 1973 article refers to the car as being restored and on display.

Newspaper article, "Lindbergh Pleased Over Museum, Book," *St. Paul Dispatch*, June 20, 1973, pages 47, 51.

Details a visit to the Lindbergh house by Lindbergh, Jr. and the publication of Bruce L. Larson's book about Lindbergh, Sr., *Lindbergh of Minnesota: A Political Biography*.

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Photographs, undated, 1901-1939. 23 black and white, all copies.
Pike Creek near the southern boundary of the farm, undated.
Governor, a full-blooded Guernsey bull purchased by Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., undated.
The house in background, Charles A. Lindbergh Museum sign in foreground, undated.
The "Moo Pond," undated.
The second residence, undated.
Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr. as a young lawyer in Little Falls, undated.
Construction of the original house which burned in 1905, undated.
Chassis of the 1916 Saxon, undated. 5 photographs.
Trees below the residence in 1901. The temporary home of the Lindberghs during construction of the first residence is shown.
Scene on Pike Creek while the property was being operated as a farm, probably about 1910.
River pigs breaking a log jam about 1910, viewed from the house.
Charles Lindbergh, Sr. and Jr. on a hunting venture about 1911.
Bridge across Pike Creek, constructed by C. A. Lindbergh, Jr., about 1918.
Sheep and cattle on one of the farm fields, west of Pike Creek about 1919.
Cattle on the Lindbergh farm about 1919.
Horses and cattle on farm about 1919.
Horses on the Lindbergh farm, 1920.
Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr., about 1923.
Diagram of the Lindbergh Home as drawn by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, 1939.
Lindbergh Home at Charles A. Lindbergh State Park: Pictorial Record, undated.
Bound booklet, containing one page of historical and structural narrative about the house and 67 exterior and interior views of the house.