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## Captain Charles A. Lindbergh

*Spirit of St. Louis*-Robertson Aircraft Archive

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1926 to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1927

The *Spirit of St. Louis*-Robertson Aircraft Archive was acquired through auction at Sotheby's, New York, NY, on Monday, 14 June 1993. The archive was from the Otto Kallir Collection of Aviation History, Sotheby's sale # 6452. These items were sold as one lot and originally included ten items. Two items, checks accomplished and signed by Lindbergh to Ryan Airlines for construction of the *Spirit of St. Louis*, were donated to a public museum. The eight items here comprise the balance of the lot from the Kallir Collection.

### 5 Checks:

- Check No. 2229, Robertson Aircraft Corporation, Anglum, Missouri; from Boatmen's Bank, Saint Louis; dated Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1926, measuring approximately 8"x3"; for a sum of \$150.00., Lindbergh's next to last paycheck as a mail pilot, for salary from Robertson Aircraft for Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, 1926. At "Pay to the order of," Lindbergh has scripted in his own hand, "Chas. A. Lindbergh"; signed "Wm B Robertson", and endorsed on the verso by Lindbergh, "CA. Lindbergh Jr".
- Check No. 2391, Robertson Aircraft Corporation, Anglum, Missouri; from Boatmen's Bank, Saint Louis; dated Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1926, measuring approximately 8"x3"; for a sum of \$159.25, Lindbergh's last paycheck as a mail pilot, for salary and expenses, from Robertson Aircraft for Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>, 1926. At "Pay to the order of," Lindbergh has scripted in his own hand, "C. A. Lindbergh"; signed "Wm B Robertson", and endorsed on the verso by Lindbergh, "CA. Lindbergh Jr".
- Check No. 2713, Robertson Aircraft Corporation, Anglum, Missouri; from Boatmen's Bank, Saint Louis; dated Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1927, measuring approximately 8"x3", for a sum of \$7.15., for an unknown reimbursement. At "Pay to the order of" Lindbergh has scripted in his own hand, "C. A. Lindbergh"; signed "Wm B Robertson", and endorsed on the verso by Lindbergh, "CA. Lindbergh Jr".
- Check No. 2763, Robertson Aircraft Corporation, Anglum, Missouri; from Boatmen's Bank, Saint Louis; dated Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1927, measuring approximately 8"x3", for a sum of \$175.00, Lindbergh's monthly stipend from Robertson Aircraft while working on the *Spirit of St. Louis* project. At "Pay to the order of," Lindbergh has scripted in his own hand, "C. A. Lindbergh"; signed "Frank Robertson", and endorsed on the verso by Lindbergh, "CA. Lindbergh Jr".
- Check No. 2951, Robertson Aircraft Corporation, Anglum, Missouri; from Boatmen's Bank, Saint Louis; dated Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1927, measuring approximately 8"x3", for a sum of \$1000.00. Paid to the order of "Harry Hall Knight, Trustee" for the *Spirit of St. Louis* project; signed "Frank Robertson", and endorsed on the verso "Harry Hall Knight, Trustee". This check was the first sum of money donated to the syndicate for building the *Spirit of St. Louis*.

### 2 Invoices:

- 1 Ryan Airlines, Inc., itemized invoice, reading: "Sold TO Capt. Chas. Lindbergh San Diego Calif.", one page, quarto, dated April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1927. Invoice lists eight items totaling \$923.27 for *Spirit of St. Louis*, including "1 Earth Conductor Compass for \$750 less 20%..."; signed boldly at the bottom margin "Recd Payment 4-4-27 AJ Edwards".

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