

Global Discovery
of Special Collections and Archives via the SNAC
Cooperative
<Social Networks and Archival Context>

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SNAC Cooperative objectives:

- Built an international membership
- Include archives, libraries and museums
- Develop reliable descriptions of entities (creators)
- Link to historical records that are primary evidence for understanding an entity's life and work
- Serve a global audience of researchers, teachers, historians, curators, and others

Leadership:

University of Virginia Library

- Administration and technology
- 4 full-time staff

National Archives and Records Administration

- 2 full-time agency liaisons
- SNACSchool for new member/editors

SNAC Working Groups:

- Editorial Policy and Standards
- Technology
- Training / SNACSchool
- Communication

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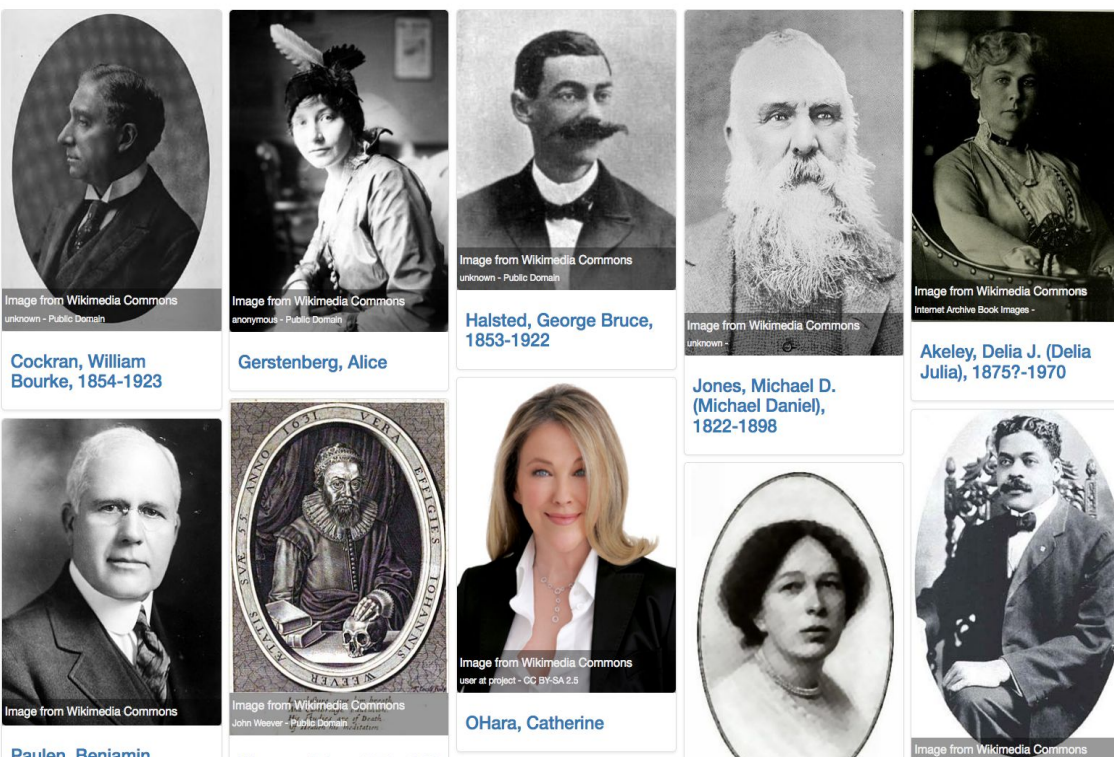


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SNAC serves as a platform for discovery and sharing of traditional archival authority records ... descriptions of records creators: persons, corporate bodies and families. The authority records are part of a path to understanding the relationship between archival, special library and museum collections and the entities which created the collections.

Ellsworth, Lincoln, 1880-1951

Dates: Birth 1880-05-12 **Nationality:** US
Death 1951-05-26 **Language:** English, Norwegian

Biographical notes:



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Lincoln Ellsworth (b. May 12, 1880, Chicago, Illinois-d. May 26, 1951, New York City), American explorer, engineer, and scientist. Ellsworth led the first trans-Arctic (1926) and trans-Antarctic (1935) air crossings. He first attempted to fly over the North Pole in 1925 with Roald Amundsen. Their planes were forced down onto the ice short of their goal, and the explorers spent 30 days trapped on the surface. In 1926, Ellsworth accompanied Amundsen on his second effort to fly over the Pole in the

airship Norge, designed and piloted by the Italian engineer Umberto Nobile, in a flight from Svalbard to Alaska. On May 12, they made the first undisputed sighting of the Geographic North Pole.

[Lincoln Ellsworth Papers, 1921-1928](#)
Yale University. Department of Manuscripts and Archives

[Lincoln Ellsworth Papers. 1896 - 1974. Correspondence](#)

[Holmboe, Jorgen, 1902-. Papers, 1929-1972 1934-1945.](#)
University of California, San Diego, UC San Diego Library; UCSD Library

[Ellsworth, Lincoln, 1880-1951. Letter, 1939 Dec. 21, Los Angeles, to Prof. W.H. Hobbs, Ann Arbor.](#)
University of Michigan

[Ellsworth, Lincoln, 1880-1951. Lincoln Ellsworth papers, 1921-1928 \(inclusive\).](#)
Yale University Library



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Manuscripts and Archives

Guide to the Lincoln Ellsworth Papers

MS 1311



compiled by Janet Elaine Gertz

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New Haven, Connecticut

Resolving archival diaspora ...

Staff from **National Archives and Records Administration**, the **Library of Congress**, and the **Smithsonian Institution**, work collaboratively in SNAC to link to special collections with common creators and content. Together, these institutions donated millions of EAD (Encoded Archival Description) finding aids and/or standardized authority records to SNAC during its research and development phase.



The following demonstration highlights SNAC's power to organize and locate creator descriptions, then link to descriptions of those creators' historical record in all special collection formats. Additionally, it shows SNAC's power to link "creators to creators" in context provided by librarians and archivists.

*Some entities described in SNAC are not people, nor are they people organized within a corporate body. Based on parameters and rules for describing corporate bodies, some corporate entities are actually inanimate objects such as expeditions, aircraft and sea-going vessels.

Balchen, Bernt, 1899-1973

Dates:

Birth 1899-10-23

Death 1973-10-17

Nationality: Norwegian

Language: Norwegian, English

Biographical notes:



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Links to collections

 [Archival Collections](#)

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creator of referenced in other

[Artist file. Bernt Balchen](#)
Brooklyn Museum. Libraries and Archives

[Bernt Balchen flying goggles, \[1933\].](#)
National Air and Space Museum

[Balchen, Bernt, 1899-1973. Balchen collection, 1927-2000.](#)
US Air Force Academy, McDermott Library

[Balchen, Bernt. \[Letter\] 1960 February 1, Chappaqua, N.Y. \[to\] Roy Jansen, Harrisburg, Pa. / Bernt Balchen.](#)
Office of Commonwealth Libraries,
Pennsylvania State Library

[Colonel Bernt Balchen Papers, ca. 1899-ca. 1979](#)

United States. National Archives and Records Administration

[Bernt Balchen papers, 1925-1998](#)
University of Alaska Fairbanks, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library

[Balchen, Bernt, 1899-1973. Colonel Bernt Balchen collection, 1903-2002.](#)
San Diego Aerospace Museum Library & Archives

[Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957. Richard E. Byrd personal papers, 1882-1974.](#)
Ohio State University Libraries

[Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957. Expeditionary records, 1925-1961.](#)
Ohio State University Libraries

[Bernt Balchen Personal Papers](#)
San Diego Air and Space Museum Library and Archives

Resolving “archival diaspora” for Norway-born aviator and polar explorer Bernt Balchen ...

His record reveals special collections created by Balchen, by title in the **creator of** tab of the collections list. Here are links to titles for his personal papers at the [U.S. National Archives](#), the [Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum](#), and its [Archives](#), and the [Library of Congress Manuscript and Prints and Photographs Division](#). All of these materials are physically located near one another in Washington, D.C.

Outside of the Washington, D.C., area:

Brooklyn Museum

U.S. Air Force Academy Library, Colorado

Pennsylvania State Library

Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks

San Diego Aerospace Museum, Library and Archives

Goggles, Flying, Civilian, Bernt Balchen



SNAC facilitates location of museum artifacts as well as traditional archival and special library collections.



[Papers of Colonel and Mrs. Balchen. Scrap books \[microform\]. 1975](#)

[University of Alaska Fairbanks, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library](#)

[Bernt Balchen flying helmet, \[1933\]](#)
[National Air and Space Museum](#)

[Bernt Balchen papers, 1913-2005](#)
[Library of Congress. Manuscript Division.](#)

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[Colonel Bernt Balchen biography file, 1942-1996.](#)

National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Archives Division.

[Oral History Interview with Sydney M. Wood ..., 2000.](#)

Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center

[Aviator Autograph Books \(Mabel Perkins\) 1920s-1940s.](#)

National Air and Space Museum

[Richard E. Byrd personal papers, 1882-1974](#)

The Ohio State University Library


[New York Times Company records. Arthur Hays Sulzberger papers, 1823-1999](#)

The New York Public Library. Manuscripts and Archives Division.

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He became a pilot in 1921 and joined the United States Army Air Service. In 1929 he was the first man to fly over the South Pole. He was a navigator and organizer of the first American expedition to the United States citizen in 1931, and in 1941, and placed in charge of ferrying bombers to England and training in survival skills and rescue procedures to the United States. Many of those procedures were used in the search and rescue of the crew of the Norwegian Airlines, then known as the TWA, where, in 1951, he was in

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[Richard H. Anthony papers, 1923-1958, \(bulk 1923-1929\)](#)
Brown University, John Hay Library of Rare Books and Special Collections.

[Ellsworth Trans-Antarctic Flight Expedition \(1933-1934\). Travel photographs, 1933-1934.](#)
Campbell University, Wiggins Memorial Library

This section of Balchen's record highlights links to library and archives collections where he is "referenced in" the materials, or treated as a subject. For example ...

Oral histories compiled by **Sydney M. Wood**, held at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center

Aviator Autograph books compiled by **Mabel Perkins** (member of the **Aero Club of Minneapolis**) in the collections of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

Admiral **Richard E. Byrd's** personal papers at the Ohio State University Library's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center

And the **Richard H. Anthony** papers held at the John Hay Library of Rare Books and Special Collections at Brown University.

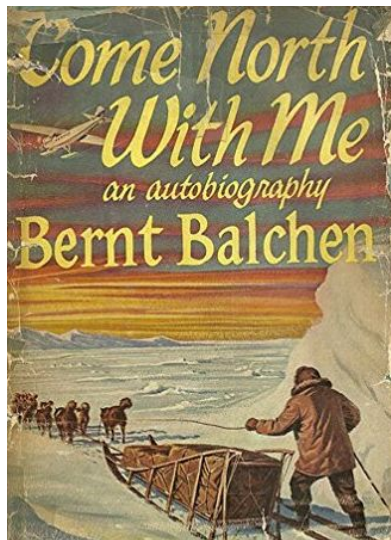
These references also provide links to the descriptions of the collection, by title and repository name.

SNAC also links to bibliographic sources ...



Oslo: Norske gymnasiaster velges ut til Amerikatur

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[Oslo: Norske gymnasiaster velges ut til Amerikatur, 27. nov. 1947](#)

referencedIn

[Amelia Earhart with Bernt Balchen, undated](#)

referencedIn

[Balchen, Wilkins, og ...?, Jan. 1, 1933.](#)

referencedIn

[Skyways: the Journal of the Airplane 1920-1940, no. 95, July 11: article: The Mystery of the Josephine Ford, by Jeff Maynard.](#)

referencedIn

[Skyways: the Journal of the Airplane 1920-1940, no. 66, Jan. 2003: article: Fokker's Josephine Ford by Richard S. Allen](#)

referencedIn

[The next fifty years of flight](#)

creatorOf

[Porträttfotografi av flygaren Bernt Balchen vid skrivbord. Inramat foto. \[Portrait photograph of pilot Bernt Balchen at desk. Framed photo\]](#)

referencedIn

[Med Byrd og Balchen mot Sydpolen : nordmennene i Little America = With Byrd and Balchen at the South Pole: Norwegians in Little America, by Carl O. Petersen](#)

referencedIn

[Come north with me : an autobiography](#)

creatorOf

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Direct Implied

- associatedWith [Anthony, Richard H., 1903-spouseOf Balchen, Audrey Schipper, 1916-2009](#)
- associatedWith [Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957](#).
- associatedWith [Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1920-1988](#).
- associatedWith [Ellsworth, Lincoln, 1880-1951](#).
- associatedWith [Fokker, Anthony Herman Gerard, 1890-1939](#)
- associatedWith [Jansen, Roy](#).
- associatedWith [Kocivar, Ben, 1916-2005](#)
- associatedWith [Wilkins, George H. \(George Hubert\), Sir, 1888-1958](#)
- associatedWith [Wood, Sydney M., 1922-2003](#)

Linking persons to persons ...

Wilkins, George Hubert, Sir, 1888-1958

Dates: Birth 1888-10-31
Death 1958-11-30

Nationality: AU
Language: English

Biographical notes:



Sir George Hubert Wilkins (b. October 31, 1888, Hallett, South Australia-d. November 30, 1958, Framingham, Massachusetts), polar explorer, geographer, photographer, and consultant for the United States Military. He was internationally recognized for his expeditions to the Arctic and Anarctic from 1913 to 1939.

Wilkins was the navigator aboard the first airplane to fly over the Arctic in 1931.

Links to collections

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- Related Resources **14**
- Related External Links **4**

Related names in SNAC

People **28**

Direct Implied

- associatedWith [Andrews, Roy Chapman, 1884-1960](#).
- associatedWith [Arthur Robert Hinks](#)
- associatedWith [Balchen, Bernt, 1899-1973](#)
- associatedWith [Bowman, Isaiiah](#)
- associatedWith [Deming family](#).
- associatedWith [Dibner, Bern](#),
- associatedWith [Eisen, Carl Benjamin](#)

Target **Wilkins, George Hubert, Sir, 1888-1958**

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Type associatedWith

Descriptive Note

Both aviators, [George Wilkins](#) and [Bernt Balchen](#) collaborated during Lincoln Ellsworth's attempt to be the first to fly across the entire width of Antarctica in December 1933. Wilkins was the expedition manager and [Brent Balchen](#) as the lead pilot.

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Birth 1899-10-23 Language: Norwegian, English
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Wilkins was the navigator aboard the first airplane to fly over the Arctic Sea (1928);

airplane to fly over the Antarctica (1933); and led the Nautilus submarine expedition to the Arctic (1931). From 1942-1958, Wilkins was a

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Australian war photographs; a pictorial record from November, 1917, to the end of the war
creatorOf

Undiscovered Australia : being an account of an expedition to tropical Australia to collect specimens of the rarer native fauna for the British Museum, 1923-1925
creatorOf

Onder het ijs naar de Noordpool : de Wilkins-Ellsworth duikboot expeditie
creatorOf

Under the North Pole : the Wilkins-Ellsworth submarine expedition
creatorOf

Thoughts Through Space: A Remarkable Adventure in the Realm of Mind
creatorOf

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Related names in SNAC

- People **10**
- Families **0**
- Organizations **11**

Direct Implied

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 memberOf Ellsworth Expedition to Graham Land (1934)
 memberOf Ellsworth Trans-Antarctic Flight Expedition (1933-1934)
 associatedWith Josephine Ford (Trimotor)
 associatedWith New York Times Company
 associatedWith Norske luftfartsselskap.
 associatedWith Polar Star (Airplane)



Linking entities ... Person to Corporate:

Byrd Antarctic Expedition (1st : 1928-1930)

History notes:

not available for this record

Links to collections

- Archival Collections **3**
- Related Resources **0**
- Related External Links **1**

Related names in SNAC

People **4**

Direct Implied

hasMember Balchen, Bernt, 1899-1973
 hasMember Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957
 associatedWith Gould, Laurence McKinley, 1896-1995.
 associatedWith White, Philip T.

Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957

Dates: Birth 1888-11-25
Death 1957-03-11
Nationality: United States
Language: English
Gender: Male

Biographical notes:



Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd (b. October 25, 1888, Winchester, Virginia-d. March 11, 1957, Boston, Massachusetts) was a polar explorer and naval officer. He made a flight over the North Pole in 1926 and a flight over the South Pole in 1929. He led expeditions to the Antarctic in 1928-1930, 1933-1935, 1939-1940, 1946-1947, and 1955-1956. In 1939 he became commander of the United States Antarctic Service expedition to Antarctica.

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- Archival Collections **309**
- Related Resources **72**
- Related External Links **4**

Related names in SNAC

People **143**

Families **8**

Organizations **39**

associatedWith Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.
 leaderOf Byrd Antarctic Expedition (2nd : 1933-1935)
 leaderOf Byrd Arctic Expedition (1926)
 associatedWith Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
 associatedWith Concord (Ship : CL-10)



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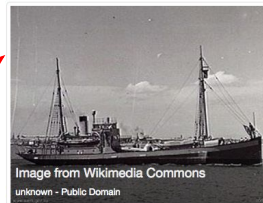
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- associatedWith United States. Army
- associatedWith United States. Army. Air Corps.
- associatedWith United States. Army Air Forces.
- associatedWith Wyatt Earp (Ship)

Linking entities ... Person to Corporate:

Wyatt Earp (Ship) Alternative names

History notes:



The Wyatt Earp purchased by the American explorer and aviator, Lincoln Ellsworth, for his 1933 Antarctic expedition, refitted and sheathed with oak and armour plate, and renamed Wyatt Earp after the marshal of Dodge City and Tombstone, Arizona.

Wyatt Earp was used on four of Ellsworth's Antarctic expeditions between 1933 and 1939, primarily as a base ship for his aircraft.

Polar Star (Airplane)



While serving the world's first polar expedition in 1926, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen. In May 1929, Ellsworth, Amundsen, and Italian dirigible pilot Umberto Nobile made the first transpolar flight in history, from Spitzbergen, Norway, to Alaska, in the airship Norge. It was Ellsworth's use of the airplane for exploration, rather than his skills as a pilot, that earned him his place in aviation history.

Ellsworth first took the Polar Star to the Antarctic in 1934. Sir Hubert Wilkins, the famous Australian polar explorer, went along as advisor, and the Polar Star's pilot was Bernt Balchen. The expedition reached the Bay of Whales by ship on January 6, 1934, and Ellsworth intended to make a round-trip flight with Balchen between the Bay of Whales and the Weddell Sea. However, the 15-foot-thick ice on which the Polar Star was

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- Archival Collections **1**
- Related Resources **1**
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Related names in SNAC

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Direct Implied

- associatedWith Ellsworth Expedition to Graham Land (1934-1934)
- associatedWith Northrop Corporation. Aircraft Division
- associatedWith Wyatt Earp (Ship)

Links to collections

- Archival Collections **2**
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- Related External Links **4**

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- associatedWith Ellsworth Expedition to Graham Land (1934-1934)
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- associatedWith Polar Star (Airplane)

Linking in context in seemingly endless “degrees of separation” ...



Bernt Balchen, 1920s. Balchen papers, Library of Congress.



Amelia Earhart and Balchen, 1932. Balchen papers, Library of Congress.



Earhart with her husband, George Palmer Putnam, 1931. Wikipedia

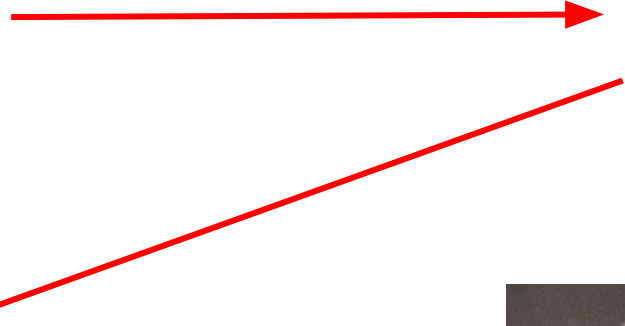


George Palmer Putnam during the Baffin Island Expedition, 1927. From the John A. Pope Papers (U.S. National Archives)

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Along with Putnam on the Baffin Island Expedition, 1927, was American geologist and explorer, Laurence McKinley Gould.



Laurence M. Gould, 1929, exploring with Byrd in Antarctica.



And back to Bernt Balchen; this time in his parka portrait taken, ca. 1928-1930, during the First Byrd Antarctic Expedition.

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Imagine the linking possibilities ... just from this single photograph from the Balchen papers



Banquet honoring
aviators, 1931

Charles A. Lindbergh Amelia Earhart Bernt Balchen

More images from Balchen's collections found in various archives, libraries and museums ...



Ellsworth, 1933

Penguins



Ellsworth and Balchen inspect the skis for the Polar Star, October 1932

Whale breaches the ice



Balchen, Teterboro Airport, NJ, 1927



Balchen, 1933, loading the Polar Star onto the Wyatt Earp.



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