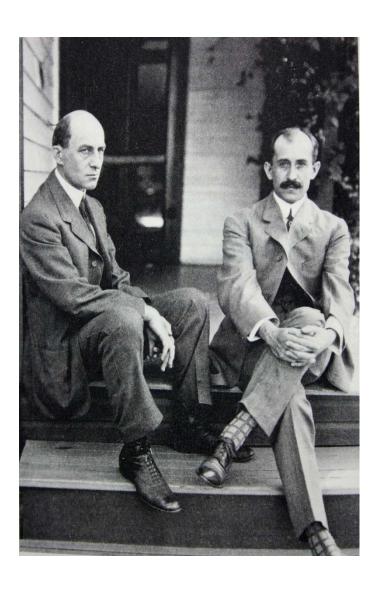
# A TRIBUTE TO WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT

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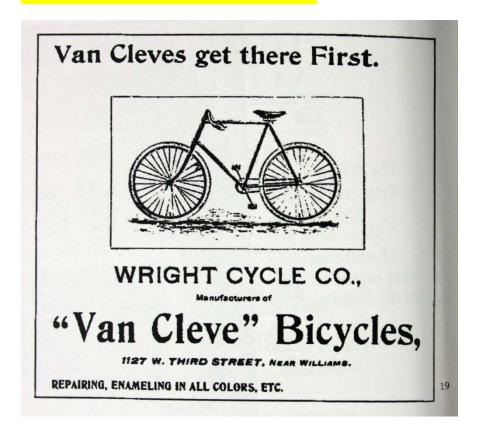
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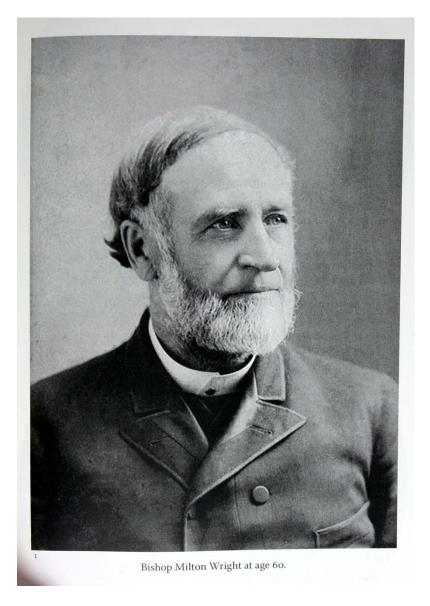
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#### WILBUR AND ORVILLE



WILBUR 1867-1912







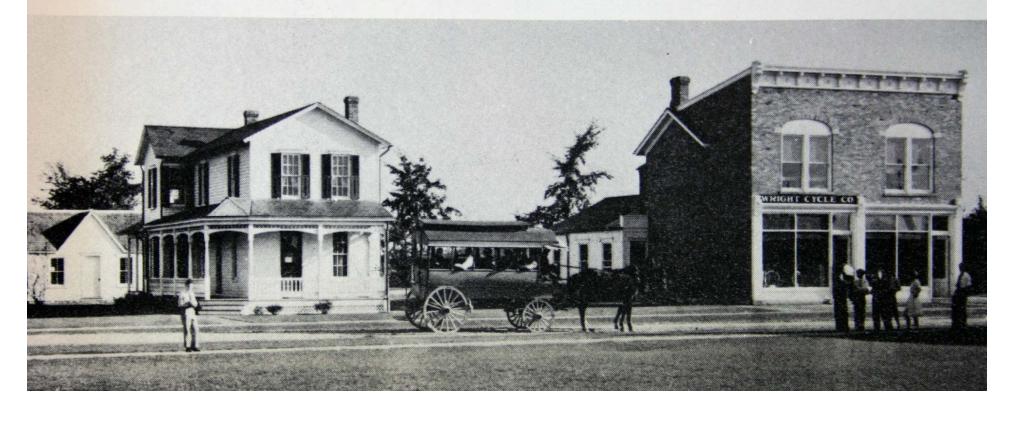
**BISHOP MILTON WRIGHT** 

**KATHARINE WRIGHT** 

# GREENFIELD VILLAGE HENRY FORD MUSEUM

The reconstructed Hawthorn Street house and the West Third Street bicycle shop, side by side in Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan.
(Smithsonian Institution, NASM)

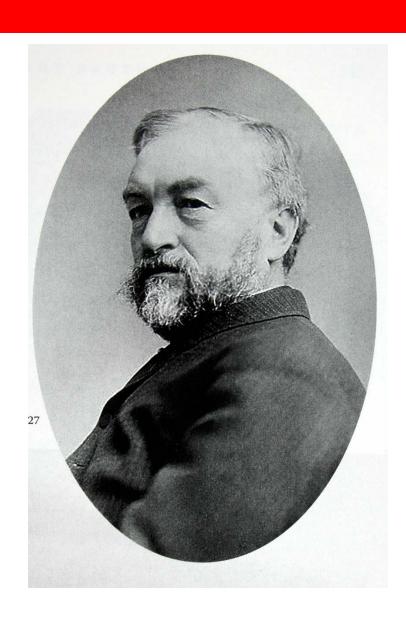




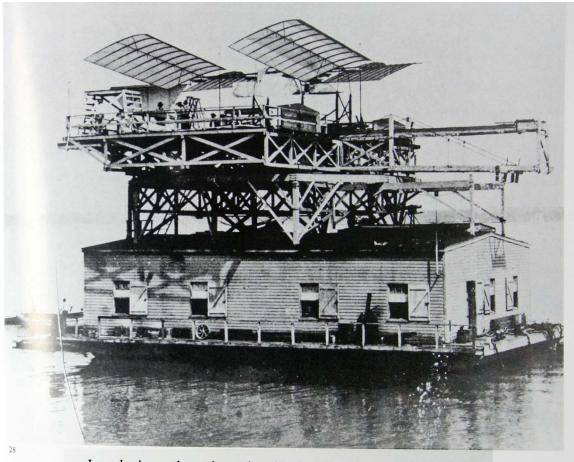


- BEGAN FLYIING GLIDEERS 1869
- BUILT A DOZEN
   GLIDERS
- 1896 DIED IN CRASH
- FELL 50 FEET
- FLEW GLIDERS FOR 5 YEARS
- FLIGHTS ABOUT 10 SECONDS EACH
- TOTAL AIR TIME 5 HOURS

#### SAMUEL PIERPONT LANGLLEY

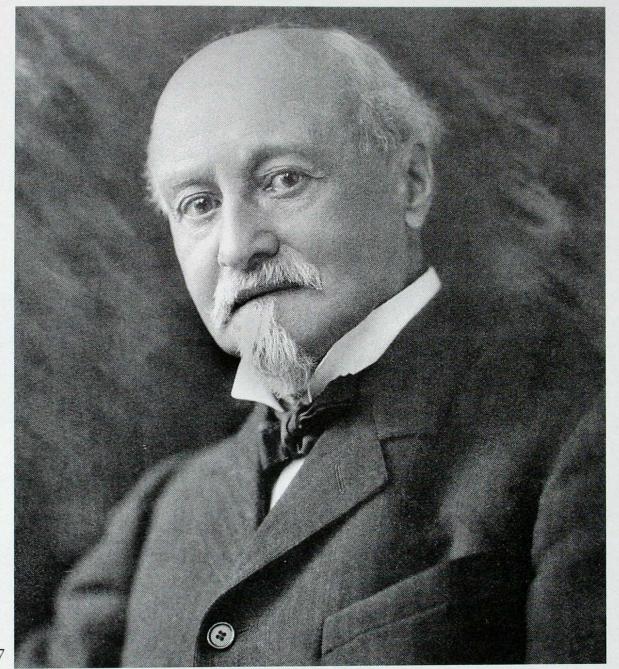


- SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN
- WORKED IN MANNED FLIGHT
- \$70,000
- 1903-1942 CLAIMED THAT HE INVENTED THE AIRPLANE



Langley's costly and much ridiculed "aerodrome" ready for launching from atop a gigantic houseboat on the Potomac River.

- SAMUEL LANGLEY
- STEAM POWERED FIRST 1896
- LATER GASOLINE ENGINE
- POTOMAC RIVER
- CATAPULT
- 1903

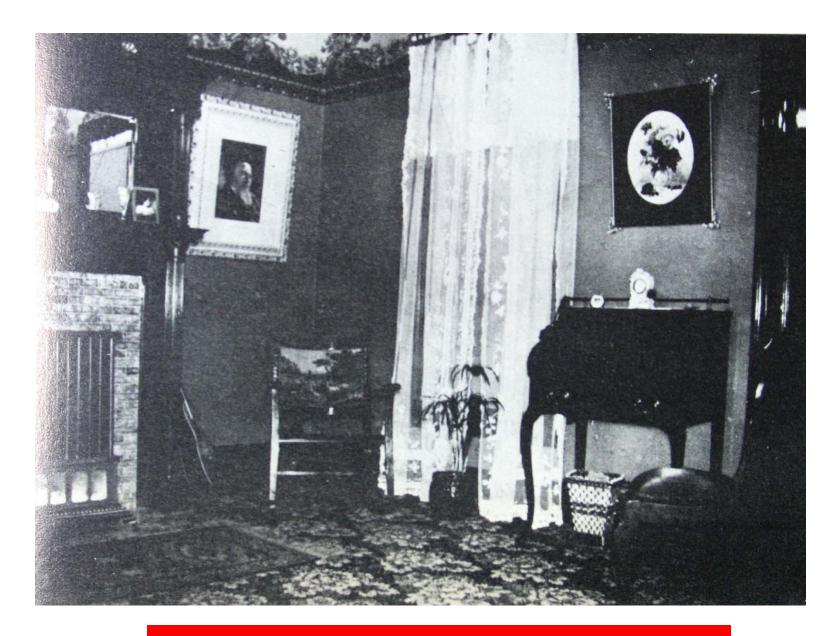


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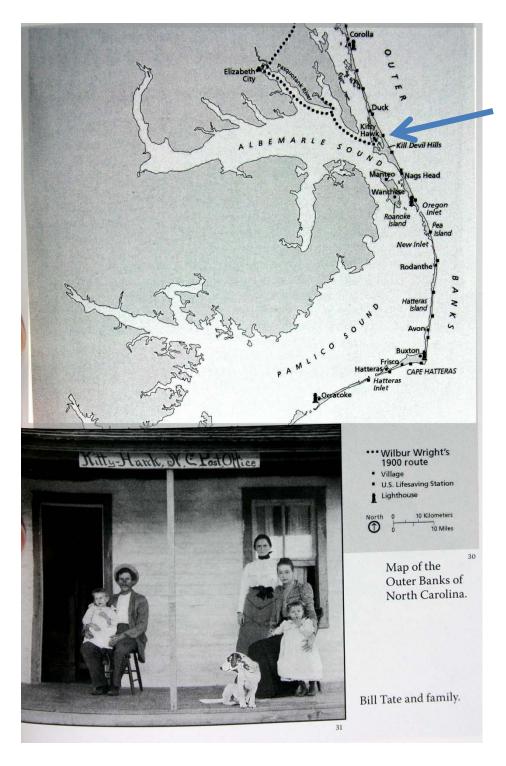
#### WE LOVE BICYCLES



Katharine (second on the right) and four of her Oberlin College friends join in the bicycle craze.



FAMOUS DESK WHERE WILBUR WROTE TO THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION



#### KITTY HAWK N.C.

### BILL TATE AND FAMILY



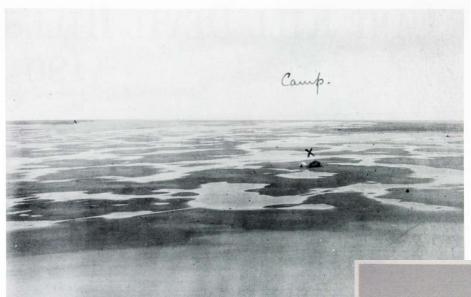


**MEN FROM LIFE SAVING STATION** 

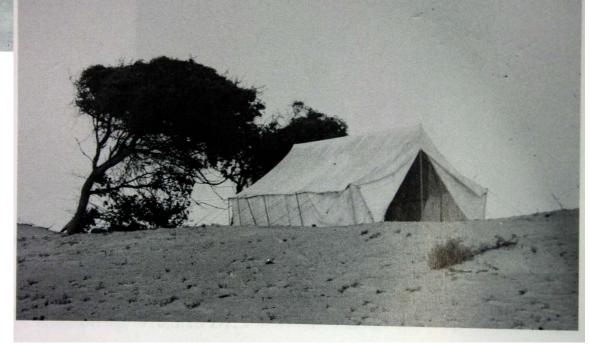


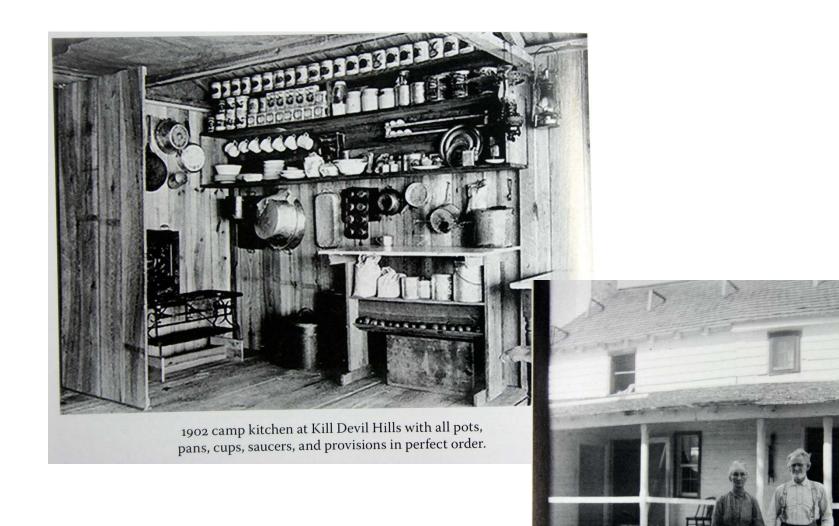
THE LIFE SAVERS OF KITTY
HAWK AT WORK

THE 1901 WRIGHT CAMP FROM ATOP BIG KILL DEVIL HILL



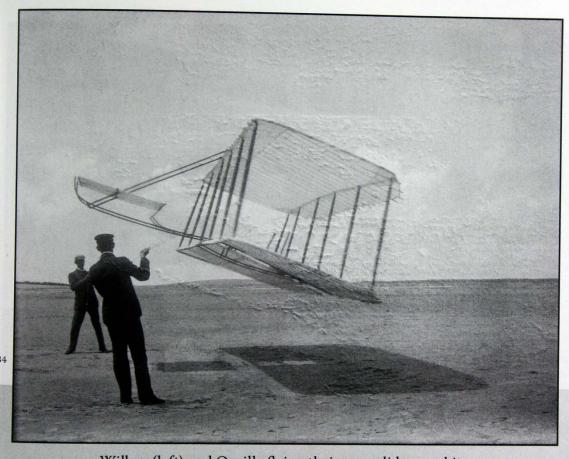
#### 1901 LIFE ON THE OUTERBANKS





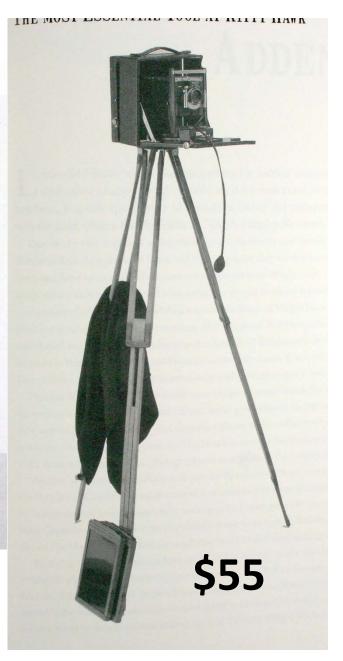
CAPTAIN HOBBS AND WIFE

# THE REASSEMBLED SLEEPING SPACE



Wilbur (left) and Orville flying their 1901 glider as a kite.

## EARLY GLIDER TESTED AS A KITE







Orville clinging to the upset glider. (Smithsonian Institution, NASM)

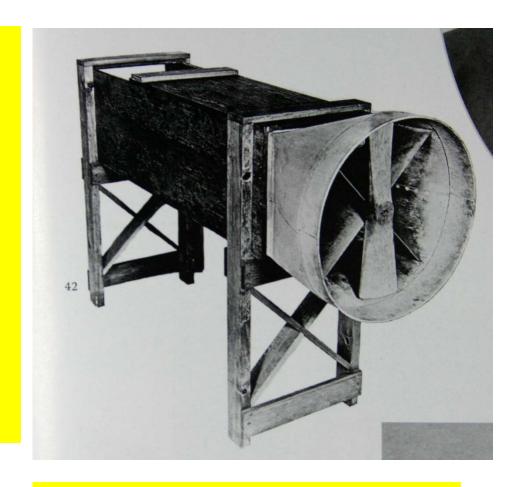


WILBUR SEWS AND ORVILLE CLINGS

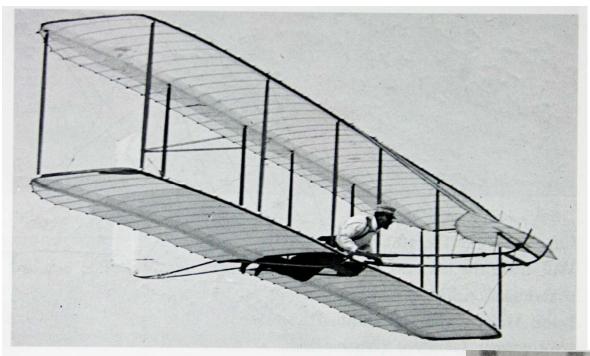
#### 1901

BROTHERS FIND THAT
CALCULATIONS OF
LILIENTHAL, LANGLEY
AND CHANUTE
CANNOT BE USED

WHAT TO DO?

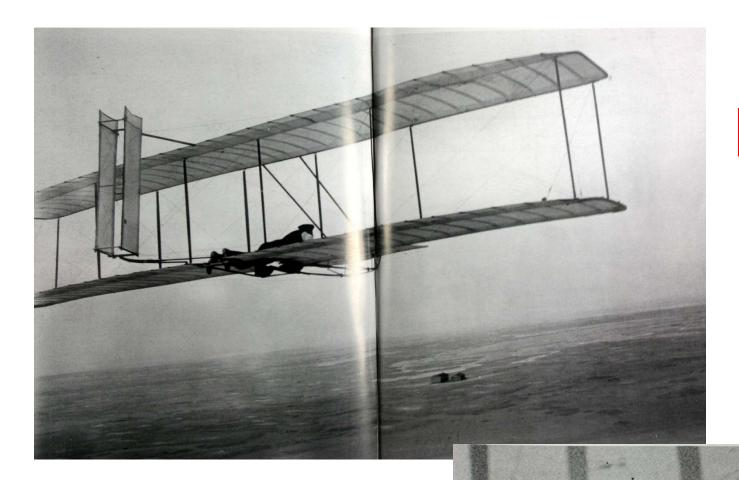


**TESTED 38 WING SURFACES** 



**FLYING THE GLIDER** 





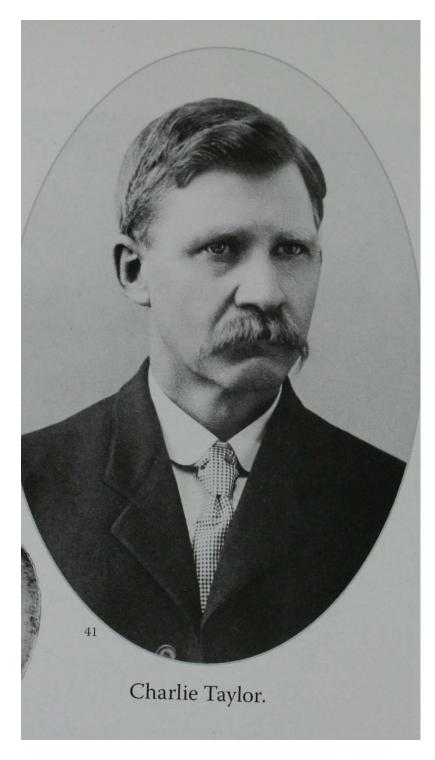
**1903 GLIDER** 

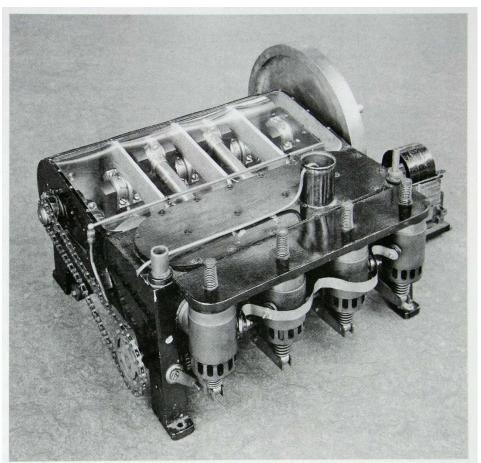
IN 1902 IN TWO
MONTHS THEY
MADE 1,000 GLIDES



OCTAVE CHANUE
AUGUSTUS HERRING
(IT DIDN'T WORK)







THE MOTOR 1903

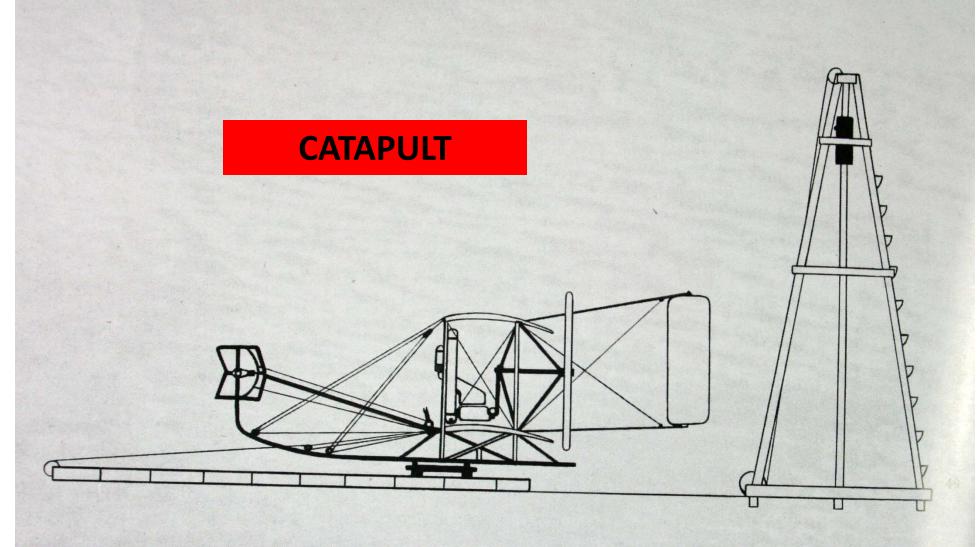
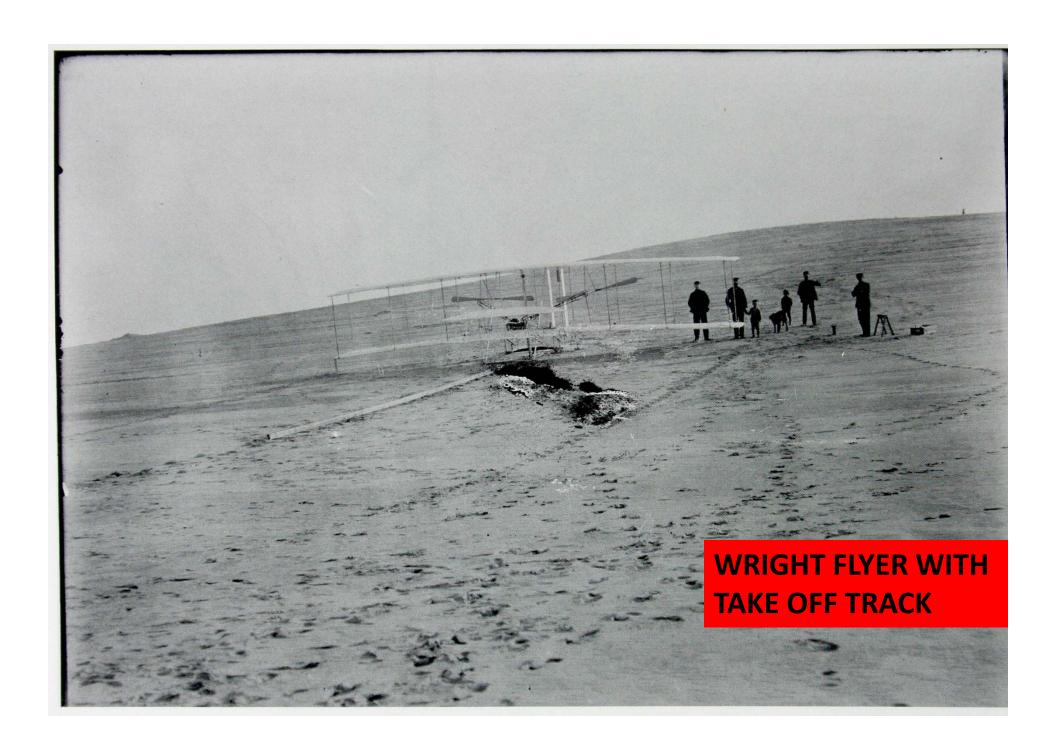
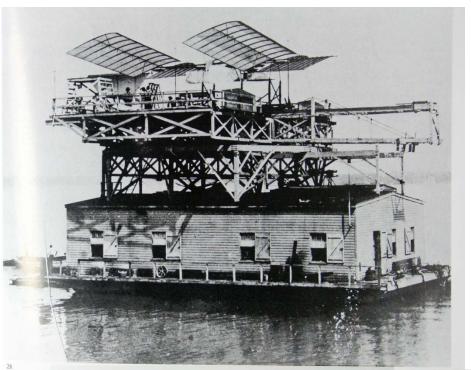
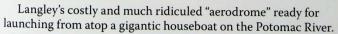


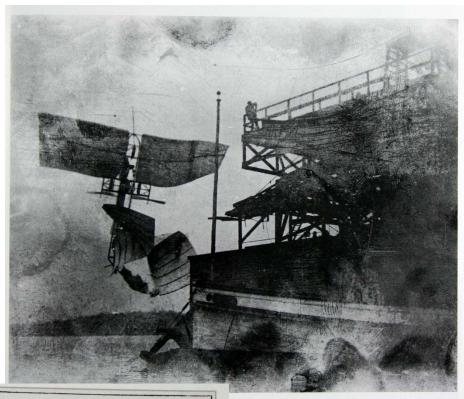
Diagram of the "starting apparatus" or catapult devised by the Wrights to compensate for a lack of sufficient winds at Huffman Prairie.







DECEMBER 8, 1903
BAD DAY FOR
DR. LANGLEY



#### AIRSHIP FAILS TO FLY

Prof. Langley's Machine Goes to River Bottom.

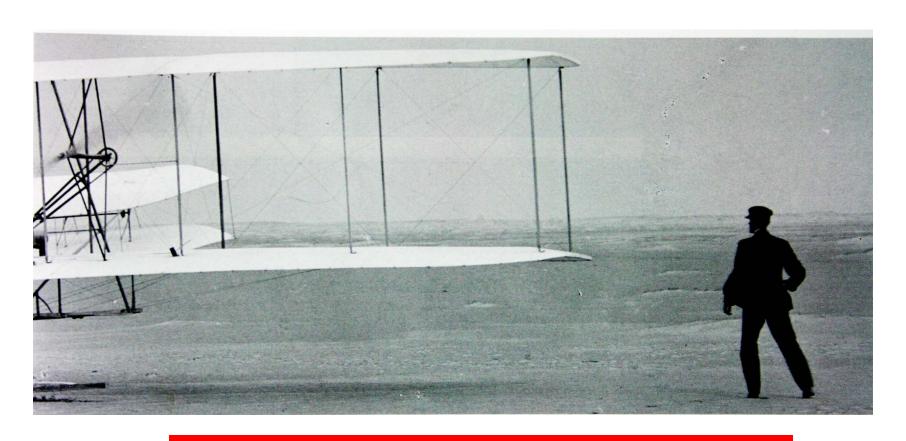
PROF. MANLY ABOARD

THE LATTER RESCUED FROM PERILOUS POSITION.

Test of the Airship Off the Arsenal Point Yesterday Afternoon— Large Crowd Present. TO FLY

The dramatic collapse of Samuel Langley's aerodrome, December 8, 1903. The story at left

#### **DECEMBER 17, 1903**



KITTY HAWK NORTH CAROLINA FIRST MANNED POWER FLIGHT

#### WRIGHT BROTHERS FLY DEC. 17, 1903

**FLIGHT 1 120 FEET, 12 SECONDS** 

FLIGHT 2 175 FEET

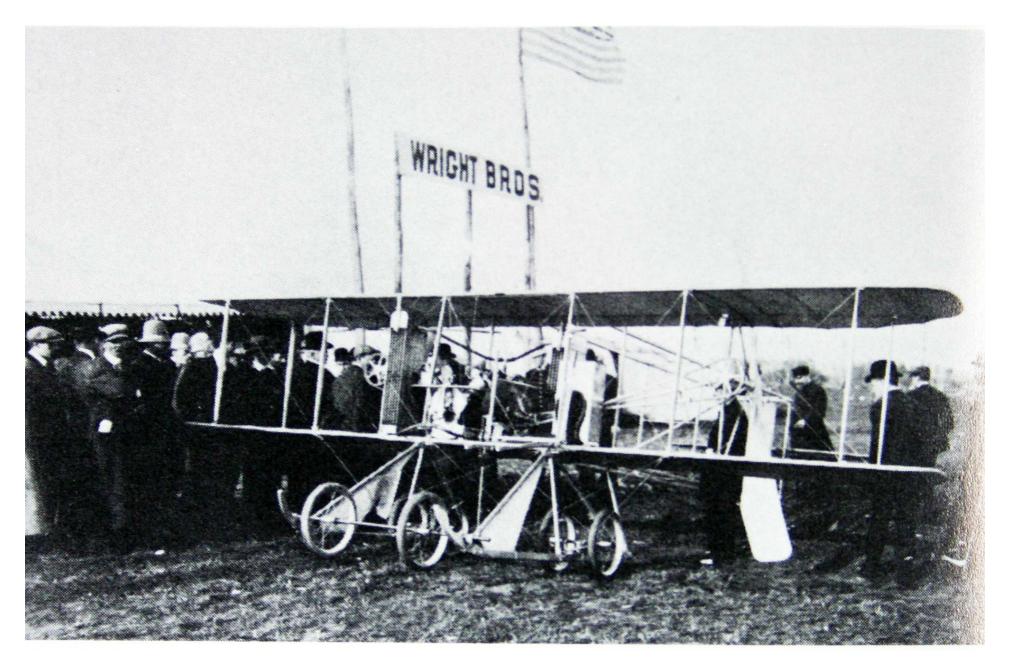
FLIGHT 3 200 FEET

FLIGHT 4 852 FEET, 59 SECONDS

THIS PLANE NEVER FLEW AGAIN

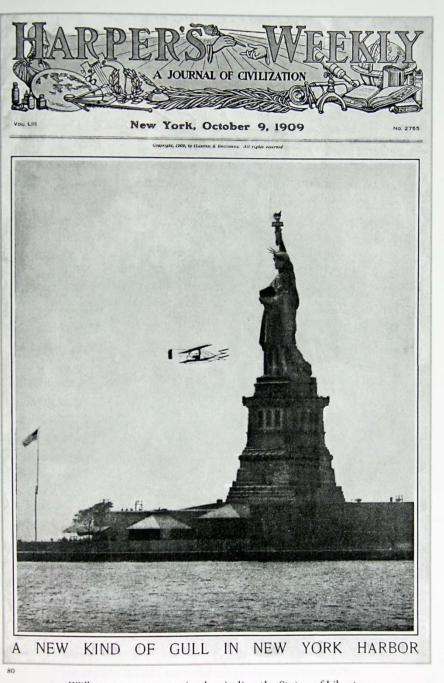
THE ORIGINAL WRIGHT BROTHERS AEROPLANE
THE WORLD'S FIRST POWER-DRIVEN,
HEAVIER-THAN-AIR MACHINE IN WHICH MAN
MADE FREE, CONTROLLED, AND SUSTAINED FLIGHT
INVENTED AND BUILT BY WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT
FLOWN BY THEM AT KITTY HAWK, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 17, 1903

BY ORIGINAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH THE WRIGHT BROTHERS
DISCOVERED THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN FLIGHT
AS INVENTORS, BUILDERS, AND FLYERS THEY
FURTHER DEVELOPED THE AEROPLANE,
TAUGHT MAN TO FLY, AND OPENED



"BABY GRAND" 70 MPH

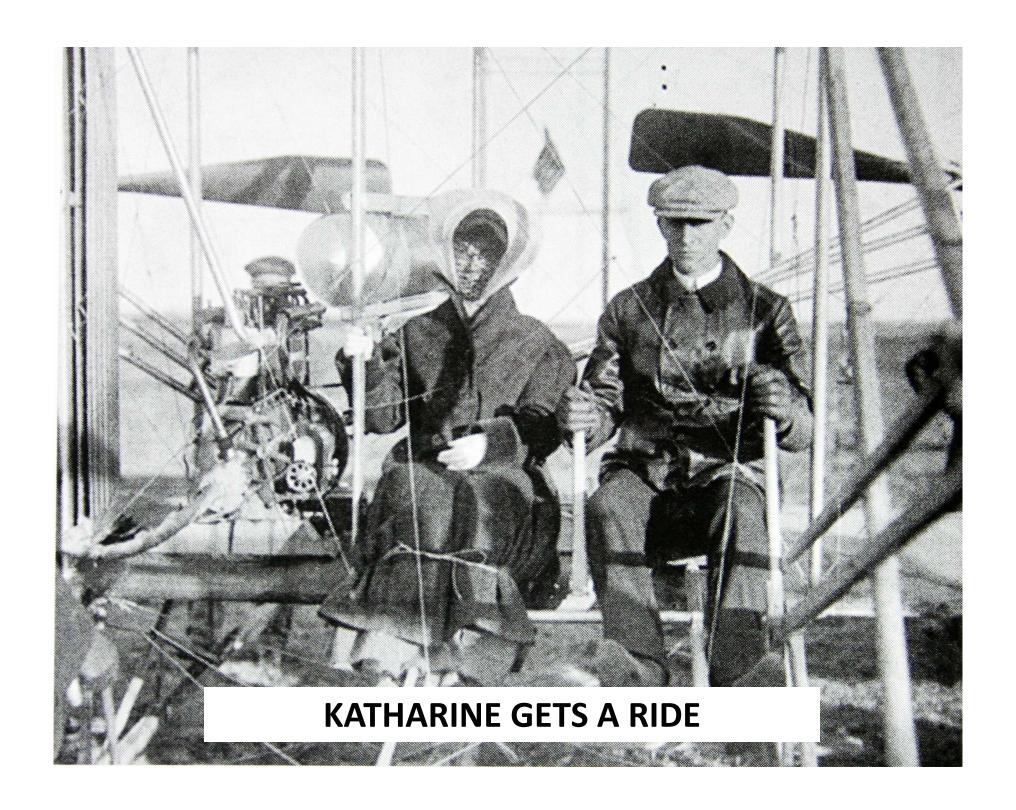
## WILBUR IN NYC



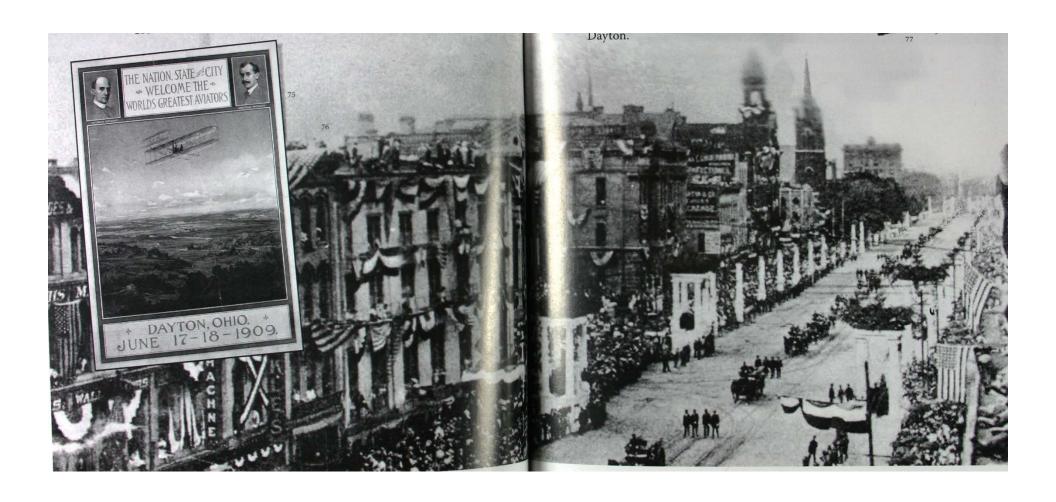
Wilbur creates a sensation by circling the Statue of Liberty, symbol of friendship with France and of welcome to America.

FIRST
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WOMAN TO GO
UP IN
AIRPLANE

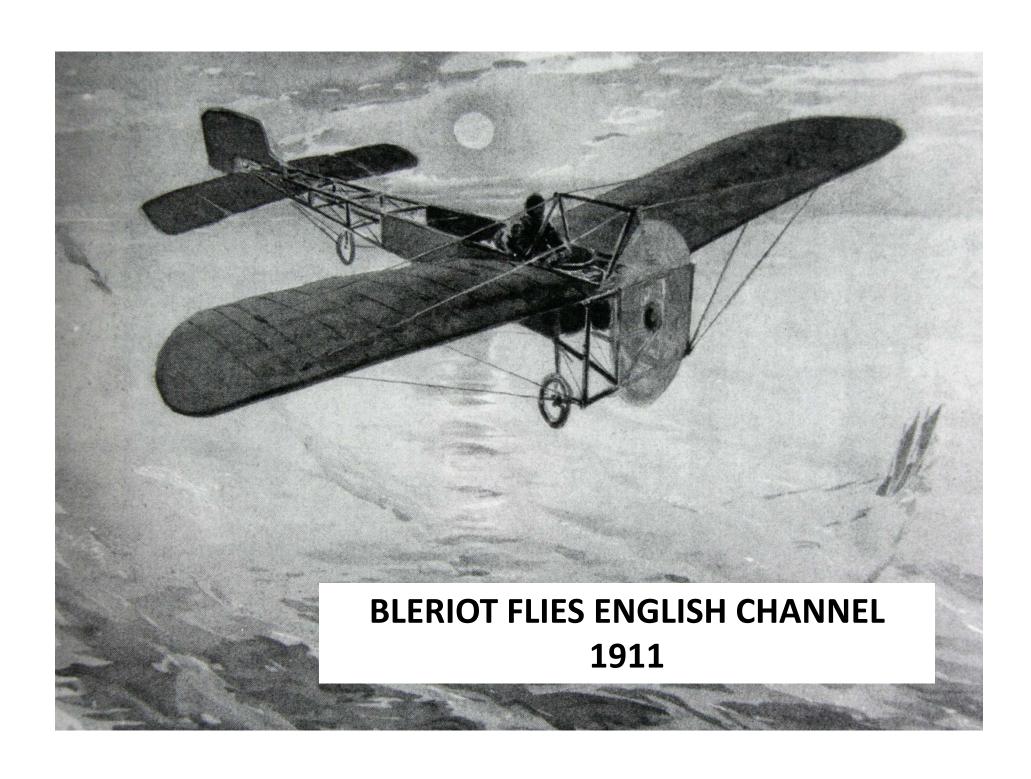


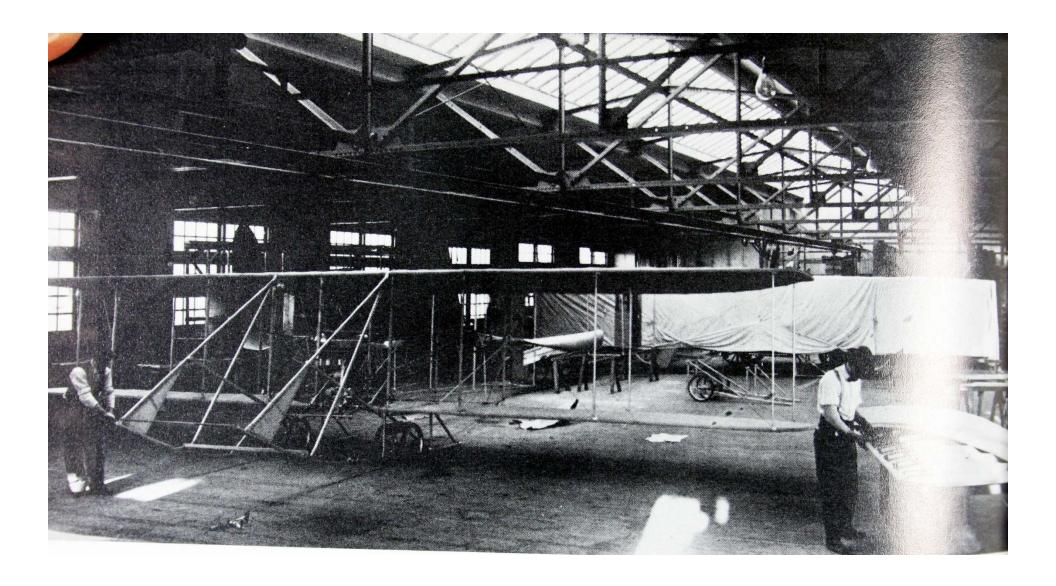






WRIGHT DAY IN DAYTON





WRIGHT COMPANY ASSEMBLY

Hawthorn Hill in Oakwood, Orville's home from 1914 to 1948. (Wright State University)