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Goddard Commemorative Stamp
Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Commemorative 8-cent airmail stamp honoring Dr. Robert Hutchings Goddard issued October 5, 1964; unveiling ceremony in Worcester held September 24, 1964; commemorating 50th anniversary of Goddard's first patent dealing with rocketry.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Covers (Philately) – Massachusetts – Worcester. (lcsh)
Goddard, Robert Hutchings, 1882-1945 – Postage stamps.
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Rockets (Aeronautics) on postage stamps.
Postage stamps – United States.
Airmail stamps – United States. (aat)

Historical/Biographical Notes

Robert Hutchings Goddard, 1882-1945, professor of physics at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., from 1914 to 1942, carried out experimental research in rocketry beginning in 1908, and laid the foundation for modern development of jet propulsion and space exploration. Goddard launched experimental rockets from a site in Auburn in the early years of research. In 1930 Goddard move the testing facility to Roswell, N.M., and developed larger and more powerful rockets, constructing a rocket in 1940 similar to the V-2 developed in Germany three years later and used in World War II by the Germans. A commemorative 8-cent airmail stamp was issued in 1964 on the 50th anniversary of Goddard's first patent in rocketry.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of a brochure with historical information and program of the unveiling ceremony of the commemorative stamp in Worcester in September 1964. The collection also includes a cover issued in Worcester in 1982 to honor the centennial of Goddard's birth, with a Goddard 8-cent airmail stamp, lunar vehicle 8-cent stamp, and American flag 4-cent stamp, with special cancellation October 5, 1982.

Series Description

Series 1: Covers. Single cover issued October 1982 in honor of 100th anniversary of Robert Hutchings Goddard's birth. (1 item)

Series 2: Fliers. Program for Robert Hutchings Goddard commemorative stamp unveiling ceremony, held in Worcester September 24, 1964.

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Series 1, Covers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		1997.135.1.1	Philatelic cover for Goddard Centennial, with Goddard 8-cent commemorative airmail stamp (Scott # C69); Lunar Rover 8-cent stamp (Scott # 1435); Old Glory 4-cent stamp (Scott # 1094); postmarked from Goddard centennial Station Worcester, MA 01613, October 5, 1982.

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Series 2, Fliers

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1		1997.135.2.1	Robert Hutchings Goddard commemorative stamp unveiling ceremony, Clark University, Worcester, Mass., September 24, 1964, program with historical notes.