

**Gustave Whitehead Witness List 1899-1910**

**in Alphabetical Order**

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Witness	Date of Event	Powered Flight	Flight	After Flight	Location	Affidavit	Statement	Statement/Affidavit/Intervie
2	Beach, Stanley Yale	1908+	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y - notes on	1934
3	Bradtmuller, Edward	1907	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield	Y		1964
4	Brennan, Frank	1900-1901		N	N	Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1969
5	Brown, John	1899				PA	Y		1935
6	Burns, William	1899				PA			1935
7	Ciglar, John	1901-1902	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1936
8	Cole, Oliver	1902-1904	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1966
9	Conner, Clifford	1903	Y-PF	Y		?	Y		1987
10	Crittendon, Clarence	1908-1911	Y-PF	Y		Bpt. - Seaside Park	Y		1964
11	Davarich, Louis	1899 (Apr., May), 1902	Y-PF	Y		PA, CT	Y	Y	1934, 1937
12	Davarich, Mary	1899	Y-PF	Y		PA	N	Y	1964
13	Devine, Marty	1899			Y	PA	Y		1936
14	Dickie, James	1901, Aug. 14		Denies		Bridgeport, Fairfield	Y	Y - notes on	1937, 1963
15	Dorman, Harold	1905-1910		N		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1970
16	Fekete, John	1901 or 1902, May or June	Y-PF	Y		Sports Hill, Easton		Y	1936 [Crane], 1948
17	Galomboshe, Charles	1899, 1900-1901+				PA; Bridgeport		SR notes, bk	1934
18	Gluck, Alexander	1901-1902	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1934, 1936 [Crane]
19	Harworth, Junius	1901, July, Aug.	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport, Lordship	Y	Y	1934, 1934-1962
20	Havery, John	1905	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport		Y	1948
21	Howell, Richard	1901, Aug. 14	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield		Y	1901
22	Johns, John A.	1899		Before fl.		PA	?	?	1935
23	Keefe, Raymond J	undated			Y	Fairfield	Y		1964
24	Kopacsi, Mari	1905-1908	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport - Villa Park, State St.		Y	1936 [Crane]
25	Koteles, Elizabeth	1901-1903	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield	Y	Y	1964, 1974
26	Lanye, Frank	1901	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield Beach		Y	1964
27	Lazay, Louis	1900	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1936
28	Lengen, Stephen	1901-1905, 1922+ estimated		N	N			article	1977
29	Lesko, John S.	1901, Sept., 1902, Aug.	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport, Fairfield	Y Y		1934, 1936
30	London, William	1902, Jan.			Y	Lordship		Y	1948
31	McColl, John H	undated	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport		Y	1948
32	Peschel, Gustave	1901-1902?	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1987
33	Pirazolli, Louis	1907+		N	N	Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1964
34	Pruckner, Anton	1900, 1901, & later	Y-PF	Y		Lordship, Bpt - Seaside Park	Y	Y	1934, 1963, 1964, 1966
35	Ratzenberger, Joe	1901, Summer		Y	Y	Bridgeport	Y	Y	1936
36	Ritchey, Charles	1900			Y	Pittsburgh, PA	Y		1936
37	Roberts, Carl	1949		N	N	N/A		Y	1988
38	Savage, Mary	1901-1902	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport		Y	1930's, 1964
39	Schweikert, Thomas	1901	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1936
40	Steeves, Cecil A.	undated	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport	Y		1936, 1963, 1964
41	Suely, Fred	1906+ ?		Likely		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)			
42	Szur, Frederick	1905-1908	Y-PF	Y		Bridgeport - Villa Park, State St.		Y	1936 [Crane]
43	Thomson, James	1906+				Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)	Y		1964
44	Vecsey, Joseph	1910-1912		Y		Fairfield (Orr's Castle)	Y		1964
45	Verzaro, James Jr.	1907-1910	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Orr's Castle)	Y		1964
46	Walsh, Wilfred	1911		N	N	Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)		Y	1966
47	Werer, Michael	1901, Sept., Oct.	Y-PF	Y		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)	Y		1934
48	Wittmann, Charles	1908		N		Fairfield (Tunxis Hill)	Y		1964
49	Youhouse, Joseph	1901-1903		Y		Bridgeport		Y	1963

**Locations of Documents**

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	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	Location of Documentation	Details	Age	Vocation	Distance	Elevation
2	TX	told SR that GW worked for him as mechanic, SYB was the inventor	adult	Sci Am Aviation Editr		
3	CT	biplane flight successful, up and down the street	youth	Painter	200 ft	10 ft
4	CT	knew GW, engines wk'd, blt engines with GW, knew Howell - descr'd	adult	Draftsman	N/A	
5	TX					
6	TX	his father a fireman in Pittsburgh, told him of GW aeroplane				
7	TX	unmanned plane flew, crashed, burst into flames	youth	Clerk	30 ft.	12 ft.
8	CT	saw biplane fly 10' elevation Orr's Castle, then crash into bits	youth	Electrical contractor		10 ft
9	CT	saw triplane powered flight with his class	youth	Retired		
10	CT	flew over water, circled, returned and landed at Seaside Park	adult	Carpenter	100-200 ft	low
11	CT, TX, Media Interviews	multiple flights - Pittsburgh; street flights	adult	Engineer	1/2 mile	20-25 ft.
12	CT	saw and participated in short flight in Pittsburgh	adult	homemaker		low
13	TX	present after crashed into bldg				
14	TX, CT	worked w/ GW, "investor", denied flts., angry with GW over \$	adult	Gravel Contractor	denies	denies
15	CT	Family caretakers Mtn. Grove Cemetery, took pics of biplane w/ Brownie camera, helic.	youth	Cemetery Superint.	a few feet	low
16	TX	present for flight at Sports Hill on a farm, other witnesses present	adult	Machinist	200 ft	30 ft.
17	TX, SR books	heard of Pittsburgh flt when in Pittsburgh; helped GW 1899 PA, Bpt. 1900+ struck bridge	adult	Machinist		
18	TX	Cherry Street flight longest. Saw airplane flights in 1901 and 1902.	youth	Clerk	60 ft.	15-20 ft.
19	CT, TX, Media Interviews, Letters	multiple flights	teen	Engineer	1.5 miles	200 ft.
20	TX	old circus grounds	youth	Machinist	200 ft	10 ft
21	Media Article, LOC archives	editor/publisher, wrote article about eyewitness to sustained first powered flight	adult	Publisher, Editor	1/2 mile	40-50 ft.
22	TX	saw GW aeroplane "heated for flight"				
23	CT	found plane in Mt. Grove Cemetery	youth	GE plant supervisor		
24		multiple flights	adult			
25	CT [taped interviews, transcripts)	witnessed flight at Tunxis Hill	adult	Grocery Store Ownr	up to 250 ft.	5-6 ft
26	CT	saw multiple plane flights at Fairfield Beach in 1901	adult	Navy veteran	1/4 mile	
27	TX	old circus grounds	teen	Toolmaker	180 ft	30-40 ft.
28	CT	saw fabric sewn -child; visited as adult, GW told why quit	youth, adult	Mobil Sales	N/A	
29	TX	Fairfield Ave., Bpt; Gypsy Springs; horse & wagon pulled plane	youth	Undertaker	50 - 80 ft	4 ft.
30		saw plane after flight (crashed); heard about flight from others	adult	Town Selectman		
31	TX	saw plane in air, old circus grounds	teen	VP 1st Nat. Bank		
32	CT	saw powered flt test experiments, helped carry plane up hill	teen	Mechanic		?
33	CT	testimonial sent by Beaudoin relative				
34	CT, TX, Media Interviews, Letters	multiple flights over Long Island Sound; also flew plane	adult	Mechanic	1/2 mile	50 ft
35	TX	Pine and Cherry Streets, traveled to Bostwick Ave.; Black Rock ft.	teen	Police Officer	1-2 blks.	12 ft.
36	TX	saw tethered plane with engine running; heard of flight / crash				20 ft.
37	CT	worked with Junius Harworth, talked about GW	adult	Engineer ?	N/A	N/A
38	CT	flew from Pine Street to harbor, over neighborhood	adult	homemaker	1/2 mile	
39	TX	Cherry Street flight	adult	Silk weaver	300 ft	15 ft
40	CT, TX	tethered to pole flights; Gilman estate flight to circus lots	teen		1,000 ft	3-5 ft.
41	CT	next door neighbor, worked w/ GW, photo'd inside plane 1908?	adult			
42		multiple flights	adult	Toolmaker		
43	CT	knew GW, didn't see flights	teen			
44	CT	monoplane, pedaling down the hill to get start - plane or glider	youth		150 ft	5-10 ft
45	CT	near Orr's Castle, Tunxis Hill; lived near GW; knew Davarich also, who told of 2 flts	teen		short hops	3-4 ft
46	CT	worked for GW in 1911 briefly, heard talk early flight SYB, GW, heli.	adult		N/A	N/A
47	TX	nr. Mountain Grove Cemetery, Tunxis Hill Road	adult	Machinist	400 ft.	6 ft.
48	CT	worked with GW for one week, bought and sold working GW engines	adult	airplane manufactu.	N/A	
49	CT	"saw several plane trials", photos of poss. GW planes sent to dump	youth			

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