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FROM THE FLYING PIONEERS BIOGRAPHIES OF HAROLD E. MOREHOUSE

PROFESSOR ALBERT A. MERRILL  
Early Wright Student Aviator - Aerodynamic pioneer

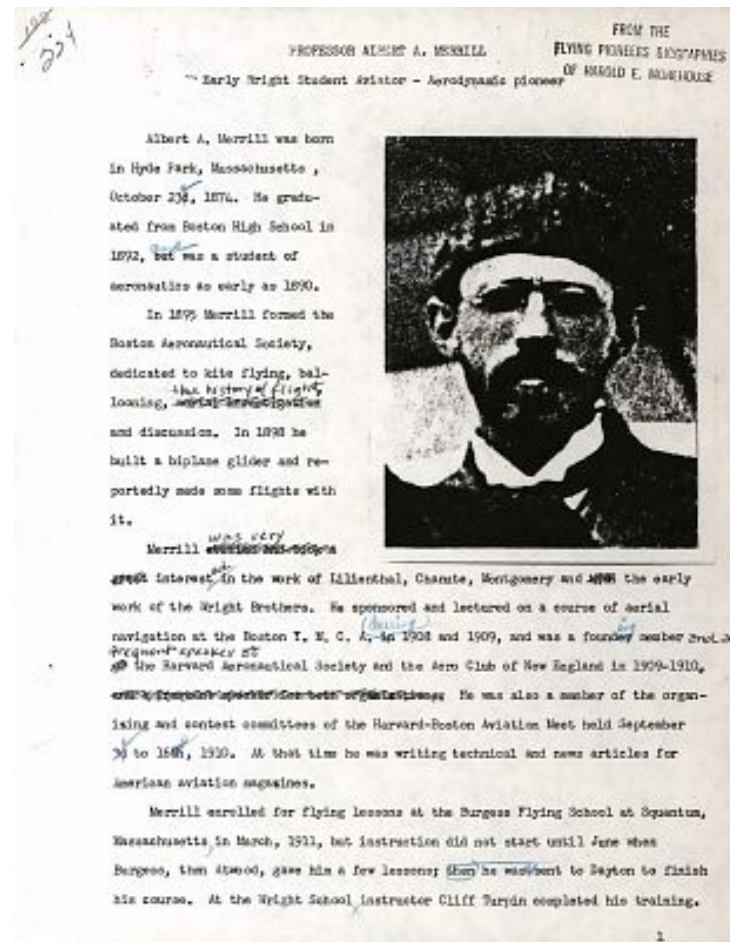
Albert A. Merrill was born in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, October 23, 1874. He graduated from Boston High School in 1892, but was a student of aeronautics as early as 1890.

In 1895 Merrill formed the Boston Aeronautical Society, dedicated to kite flying, ballooning, aerial investigation, the history of flight, and discussion. In 1898 he built a biplane glider and reportedly made some flights with it.

Merrill studied and took a great interest in the work of Lilienthal, Chanute, Montgomery and then the early work of the Wright Brothers. He sponsored and lectured on a course of aerial navigation at the Boston Y.M.C.A. during 1908 and 1909, and was a founding member and a frequent speaker at the Harvard Aeronautical Society and the Aero Club of New England in 1909-1910. He was also a member of the organizing and contest committees of the Harvard-Boston Aviation Meet held September 3 to 16, 1910. At that time, he was writing technical and news articles for American aviation magazines.

Merrill enrolled for flying lessons at the Burgess Flying School at Squantum, Massachusetts, in March, 1911, but instruction did not start until June when Burgess, then Atwood, gave him a few lessons; then he was sent to Dayton to finish his course. At the Wright School instructor Cliff Turpin completed his training.

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