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## **George Schmitt - Aviator**

George J. Schmitt is pictured on the cover at age twelve in 1904. His brief life as an aviator is described in full by Thomas B. McDevitt a native of Rutland, adding both valuable aviation history, and the part that Rutland played.

The 63 page account presents a fascinating tale of the early aviators and their machines, with numerous illustrations including those of The Schmitt brothers with their Glider at the Rutland Fairground in 1910, and the first official air flight in Rutland in 1911 by Charles Morok.

Numerous other pictures include a flight at the Rutland Fair in 1913; George Schmitt at the Addison County Fair in Middlebury in 1912; and a Caribbean tour by George Schmitt and Henry Thor in 1912.

George Schmitt's career ended at an early age, in a fatal air crash on September 2, 1913.