



Who's Who
of
Ballooning
By Ebert Fecks

BENNETT, James Gordon USA (1841-1918) (HP)

See APPENDIX-AH/AX/BJ/BQ. Patron of Ballooning

b: 10 May 1841, New York, NY.

d: 14 May 1918, Paris.

p: Newspaper Publisher (NY-Herald), Heir to publishing empire founded by his father in 1828.

f: He is not known to have ever ridden in a balloon.

l: Sportsman: Sailing, Equestrian, Car Racing, B-Racing; Introduced polo to the USA; Financed Thomas Edison in early 1880 aviation experiments.

Financed Stanley's Expedition to find Livingston in Africa; Introduced weather reports in the daily press; Sponsored balloon (F.P.LAHM) in 1906 In'tl race in Paris; Donated silver trophy presented to winners of the annual World Balloon Competition; Presented 10 times, from 1906, until 192?; From this gesture, the annual event bears his name today.

r: Who's Who in America.