

Blanchard's Balloon

- Jean-Pierre Blanchard, a French inventor, led some of the earliest flights by balloon in the world.
- On January 9, 1793, Blanchard took the first balloon flight in America from the Walnut Street Jail yard in Philadelphia.
- Blanchard kept a journal with details on his flight.
- Check out our other NHD topic, *Other Early Aeronauts*, for information on other balloonists and aeronautic explorers from Pennsylvania.

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Image (right) of Blanchard's Balloon from *Wonderful balloon ascents*

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