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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	College Park Airport Collection [Knauer]
Date:	1903-1986
Identifier:	NASM.1987.0087
Creator:	Knauer, Fred C.
Extent:	2.18 Cubic feet ((2 records center boxes))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Fred C. Knauer, gift, 1986, 1987-0087, unknown

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

College Park Airport, in College Park, MD, is the oldest continually-operated airport in the world. Flight operations at College Park began in 1907 when the Wright Brothers gave flight instruction to United States Army Signal Corps personnel at the site. The airport continues to operate as a single-runway general aviation airport. The grounds also include a small museum and the site has been designated as a historic landmark. Fred C. Knauer was instrumental in the formation of committees to preserve the airport against encroachment by developers and to publicize the airport's historic nature.

Scope and Contents

This collection documents the history of College Park Airport, the conservation of the airport and the establishment of the museum on the airport grounds. The material includes correspondence, photographs, news clippings, a scrapbook, and other mixed media.

General

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Airports
- Airports -- Maryland

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Drawings
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- College Park Airport
- Wright, Orville, 1871-1948
- Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912