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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	John E. Parker Collection
Identifier:	NASM.1991.0005
Date:	1940-1945
Extent:	3.09 Cubic feet ((1 records center box) (4 flatboxes))
Creator:	Parker, John E.
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Estate of John E. Parker, Gift, 1990, 1991-0005, NASM

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

John E. Parker was a Naval Academy graduate, and an entrepreneur. Parker was the president of Northwestern Aeronautical Corporation (NAC), which made wooden gliders for the war effort. Allied forces used the unpowered gliders at the Normandy D-Day invasion and at other battles to silently carry troops into enemy territory. The company assembled fifteen gliders a day in a huge plant on Minnehaha Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. After the War, Parker also became president of the newly created Engineering Research Associates (ERA), a computer development company.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains four wooden covered scrapbooks designed by John E. Parker which include clippings and photographs of the company during this period. Collection also includes 'General Survey Organization Northwestern Aeronautical Corporation,' 'Postwar Products Survey Northwestern

Aeronautical Corporation;' newsclippings on NAC; 'TOW Lines' published by NAC; and other material about the company and John Parker.

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
- Aeronautics, Commercial
- Aeronautics, Military
- Gliders (Aeronautics)
- Gliding and soaring
- World War, 1939-1945
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Aerial operations

Types of Materials:

- Clippings
- Photographs
- Publications
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Northwestern Aeronautical Corp
- Parker, John E.