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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Irving Air Chute Company Collection
Date:	1944-1950
Identifier:	NASM.2000.0044
Creator:	Gafford, George L.
Extent:	0.45 Cubic feet ((1 legal document box))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

George L. Gafford, gift, 2000, 2000-0044, pending

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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Biographical / Historical

Leslie L. Irvin, developer of the innovative Irvin Air Chute, was the first aviator to make a parachute descent with a free type, manually operated parachute. This type of parachute is complete in one unit and attached to the body of the wearer. Mr. Irvin was to become the President and Chief Engineer of the Irving Air Chute Company, manufacturers of "The Lifesaver of the Air."

Scope and Contents

This collection concerns the Irving Air Chute Company and its products. Included are a Technical Report on the Design Features of the Irvin Automatic Opener, a Consulting Engineer's Comments on the Irvin Automatic Opener, news reports relating to the use of parachutes for airplane passengers and a three folders of photographs featuring Irvin products and installations. Also included with this donation was a folder of reports and information on the North American X-15.

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 -- Safety measures
- North American X-15
- Parachutes

Types of Materials:

- Photographs
- Reports

Names:

- Irvin, Leslie L.
- Irving Air Chute Co.