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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Air and Space Museum Archives |
| Title: | Bartram Kelley Diaries |
| Date: | (bulk 1941-1980) |
| Identifier: | NASM.2001.0057 |
| Creator: | Kelley, Bartnam, 1909-1998 |
| Extent: | 2.7 Cubic feet ((6 boxes)) |
| Language: | English . |

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Bartram "Bart" Kelley (1909-1998) was a pioneering and distinguished helicopter engineer whose career was spent working for the Bell Aircraft and Bell Helicopter companies. Hired by Arthur M. Young, Kelley was instrumental in the design, testing, and development of such Bell aircraft as the H-13 Sioux, UH-1 Iroquois, AH-1G Cobra, OH-58 Kiowa, and XV-15. He became chief engineer of Bell's helicopter division in the late 1940s. After retirement in 1975, he served as a consultant for Bell Helicopter Textron. Bart Kelley was a fellow of the Helicopter Society, the American Institute of Aeronautics, the Royal Aeronautical Society, and the Society of Aeronautical Engineers. He was inducted into the United States Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 1994.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of 47 diaries/engineering notebooks, containing highly detailed information and data relating to the design and development of the Bell Model 30 (which became the Model 47), the UH-1 Huey and the 206 JetRanger series, among other craft.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Bell 206A Jetranger
- Bell 30 Series
- Bell 47
- Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) Series
- Helicopters

Types of Materials:

- Diaries -- 20th century

Names:

- Bell Helicopter Company