



Smithsonian

National Air and Space Museum

Frederick Clark Durant Collection

2001

National Air and Space Museum Archives
14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151
NASMRefDesk@si.edu
<https://airandspace.si.edu/archives>

Table of Contents

Collection Overview	1
Administrative Information	1
Scope and Contents.....	1
Biographical / Historical.....	1
General.....	2
Names and Subjects	2
Container Listing	

Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Frederick Clark Durant Collection
Date:	[ca. 1953-1963]
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.0084
Creator:	Durant, Frederick C., 1916-
Extent:	29.43 Cubic feet ((27 records center boxes))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Frederick C. Durant, III, gift, XXXX-0084, Not NASM

Restrictions

No restrictions on access

Conditions Governing Use

Material is subject to Smithsonian Terms of Use. Should you wish to use NASM material in any medium, please submit an Application for Permission to Reproduce NASM Material, available at [Permissions Requests](#)

Biographical / Historical

Frederick Clark Durant, III was trained in chemical engineering. He held numerous positions related to rocket and air technology. The positions which he held are: Director of Engineering at the Naval Air Rocket Test Station 1948-1951; Director of Maynard Ordnance Test Station 1954-1955; and executive at AVCO-Everett Research Laboratory 1957-1959; Director of public and government relations in the research division of AVCO Corporation 1959-1961 and senior representative of Bell Aerosystems Company 1961-1964. In 1964 he became assistant director of astronautics at the National Air Museum (later the National Air and Space Museum), Smithsonian Institution.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes material on the rocket and space activities and interests of Durant during the period circa 1953-1963. The collection consists of business and personal correspondence, articles, reports, pamphlets, manuscripts, color transparencies and photographs. Some of the contents are not in English. In April 2000, an additional six boxes were transferred to the Archives, which included film, video tapes, audio tapes, correspondence, pamphlets, and photographs. This material covers Durant's space activities and interests during the 1980s-1990s.

General

NASMrev

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Astronautics
- Rocketry
- Rockets (Aeronautics)

Types of Materials:

- Correspondence
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Publications
- Reports

Names:

- Avco Corporation
- Bell Aerosystems Company
- Durant, Frederick C., 1916-
- National Air Museum (U.S.)