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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	David Gittens Innovative Lives Presentation
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0598
Date:	May 7, 1997
Extent:	0.35 Cubic feet
Creator:	Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. Gittens, David
Language:	English Collection is in English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Made for the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation.

Provenance

This video documentation was created by the Innovative Lives Program of the Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation May 7, 1997. The collection was transferred to the Archives Center on July 8, 1997.

Related Materials

The Ikenga 5302 gyroplane is part of National Air and Space Museum's collections, housed at the Garber facility, Silver Hill, Maryland.

Available Formats

Series 1: Original Videos, was digitized in 2015. See repository for details.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Gittens's Ikenga 5302 has several applications--aerial photography, aerial surveying, air courier, border patrol, cattle herding, commuting, crop spraying, flying doctors, intelligence gathering, pipe line inspection, postal service, reconnaissance, and search and rescue. The name Ikenga is derived from Ibomythology in Eastern Nigeria and refers to the creative life forces of humanity.

Scope and Contents

Original and reference videos documenting an NMAH children's program by David Gittens, the inventor of the Ikenga 5302 gyroplane.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series.

Series 1: Original videos, 1997

Series 2: Master videos, 1997

Series 3: Reference Videos, 1997

Series 4; Photographs, 1997

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Aeronautics
Autogiros
Inventions -- 20th century
Inventors -- 20th century
Photographs

Types of Materials:

Lectures -- 1990-2000

Slides

Videotapes -- 1990-2000

Names:

Gyro 200 Company.

Container Listing

Series 1: Original Videos (OV 598.1-8), 1997-05-07

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Series 2: Master Videos, 1997-05-07

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Series 3: Reference Videos (RV 598.1-3), 1997-05-07

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Series 4: Photographs, 1997-05-07

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