



Smithsonian

*National Museum of American History Kenneth E. Behring Center*

## Guide to the Project Bionics Artificial Organ Documentation Collection [videotapes]

NMAH.AC.0841

Alison Oswald

2005

Archives Center, National Museum of American History  
P.O. Box 37012  
Suite 1100, MRC 601  
Washington, D.C. 20013-7012  
archivescenter@si.edu  
<https://americanhistory.si.edu/archives>

# Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	1
Administrative Information .....	1
Arrangement.....	2
Scope and Contents.....	2
Biographical / Historical.....	2
Names and Subjects .....	2
Container Listing .....	3
Series 1: Project Bionic Information, undated.....	3
Series 2: Original Videos, 2002.....	4
Series 3: Reference Footage, 2002.....	5

## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Project Bionics Artificial Organ Documentation Collection, [videotapes]
<b>Date:</b>	2002
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0841
<b>Creator:</b>	American Society for Artificial Internal Organs (Creator) Jarvik, Robert K., 1946- (Interviewee) Kolff, Wilhelm, 1911- (Interviewee) Kondratas, Ramunas A. (Interviewer) McKellar, Shelley (Interviewer) National Library of Medicine (Creator) Topaz, Stephen (Interviewee) Watson, John (M.D.) (Interviewee)
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Science, Medicine, and Society (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 Cubic feet (8 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	A series of interviews conducted jointly by the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs, the National Museum of American History, and the National Library of Medicine. The interviews are of scientists and others involved in the invention and development of artificial internal organs.

---

## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection made for National Museum of American History through a collaborative effort of the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs, the National Museum of American History, and the National Library of Museum.

### Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Museum's Division of Science, Medicine, and Society (now Division of Medicine and Science) in 2003.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2005.

### Preferred Citation

Project Bionics Artificial Organ Documentation Collection, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

## Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

## Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

Collection items available for reproduction, but the Archives Center makes no guarantees concerning copyright restrictions. Other intellectual property rights may apply. Archives Center cost-recovery and use fees may apply when requesting reproductions.

---

## Biographical / Historical

Project Bionics was a multi-year project to engage, educate, and provide services to researchers, scholars and the general public about artificial organs, past, present, and future. The project recognized individual and corporate contributions to artificial organ history; identified individuals and their contributions to the improved quality and length of life; collected and preserved the records of leading scientists and practitioners in the field; linked past accomplishments to present and future developments; and encouraged education, scholarship, and research on artificial organ history. The project was a collaborative effort of the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs, the National Museum of American History, and the National Library of Museum.

---

## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 7 ½ hours of original BetaCam SP and ½" VHS videos documenting Dr. Willem Kolff, a pioneering doctor in the area of artificial organ innovations and 4 ½ hours of original mini digital video and reference dvds documenting Robert Jarvik.

---

## Arrangement

Collection is arranged into three series.

Series 1: Project Bionic Information, undated

Series 2: Original Videos, 2002

Series 3: Reference Videos, 2002

---

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Artificial organs

### Types of Materials:

DVDs

Videocassettes

Videotapes -- 2000-2010

### Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Science, Medicine, and Society

---

## Container Listing

### Series 1: Project Bionic Information, undated

Box 1, Folder 2      Kolff Interview Background Materials, undated

Box 1, Folder 1      Project information, undated

*[Return to Table of Contents](#)*

## Series 2: Original Videos, 2002

Box 1, Item OV  
841.16-20;

Box 7, Item OV  
841.16-20

Dr. Robert Jarvik Interview, 2006-01-31  
5 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)  
5 Videocassettes (MiniDV)

Box 2, Item OV  
841.1-10;

Box 3, Item OV  
841.11-15

Dr. Willem Kolff Oral History Interview, 2002  
15 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

*[Return to Table of Contents](#)*

## Series 3: Reference Footage, 2002

Box 4, Item RV841.1-10;	Dr. Willem Kolff Oral History Interview, (no time code), 2002 10 Videocassettes (VHS)
Box 5, Item RV 841.11-15	
Box 5, Item RV 841.1-5	Dr. Willem Kolff Oral History Interview (time code), 2002 5 Videocassettes (VHS)
Box 6, Item RV 841.6	Dr. Willem Kolff Oral History Interview, 2002 1 Videocassettes (VHS)
Box 7, Cassette RCD 841.1-5	Dr. Robert Jarvik Interview, 2006-01-31 5 Electronic discs (DVD) Notes: Two (2) copies of RCD 841.3.
Box 8, Folder 3	Miller, Bernard J. , 2003-01-23
Box 8, Folder 1	Gibbon, John H. (Gibbon and His Heart-Lung Machine 50 Years and Beyond), 2003-05-02
Box 8, Folder 3	Gibbon and His Heart-Lung Machine 50 Years and Beyond, 2003-05-02 4 Videocassettes (VHS)

*[Return to Table of Contents](#)*