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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Paul MacCready Innovative Lives Presentation
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0842
Date:	November 8, 2002
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (1 box)
Creator:	Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. Judd, Michael MacCready, Paul, 1925-
Language:	English Collection is in English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Created by the Innovative Lives Program of the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, National Museum of American History.

Provenance

The collection was transferred from the Lemelson Center to the Archives Center on June 24, 2003.

Available Formats

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

Processing Information

Collection unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Born September 25, 1925 in New Haven, Connecticut. He began flying in his teens and received formal flight training from the Navy during World War II. After the war, MacCready earned a physics degree from Yale University and a doctorate in aeronautical engineering from California Institute of Technology.

Scope and Contents

Collection includes nine (9) original Beta Cam SP videos documenting interviews with Paul MacCready, the father of human powered flight. MacCready invented the Gossamer Condor and Gossamer Albatross.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Aeronautics -- 20th century
- Engineering -- 20th century
- Gliders (Aeronautics)
- Physics -- 20th century
- Solar energy -- 20th century

Types of Materials:

- BetaCam SP (videotape format)
- Interviews -- 2000-2010
- Oral history -- 2000-2010
- Videotapes