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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title: Tom D. Crouch Papers
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Extent: 2 cu. ft. (2 record storage boxes)
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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of the personal papers of Tom D. Crouch, curator and historian. Crouch was Curator of Engineering and Industry at the National Museum of American History (NMAH) until 1990 before becoming Curator of Aeronautics, Curator, and eventually Senior Curator at the National Air and Space Museum (NASM). Crouch served on the First Flight Centennial Commission Advisory Board and was active in planning activities for the centennial of the first flight by brothers Orville Wright and Wilbur Wright. Crouch was also involved in the NMAH exhibition More Perfect Union: Japanese-Americans and the U.S. Constitution and in the resolution of issues surrounding the display of the Enola Gay bomber at NASM. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, conference materials, exhibition scripts, photographs, copies of legislation related to aviation, and related materials. Some materials are in electronic format.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
Aeronautical museums
Aeronautics
Historians of technology
Historical museums
Museum curators
Types of Materials:
- Black-and-white photographs
- Brochures
- Clippings
- Color photographs
- Electronic records
- Floppy disks
- Manuscripts

Names:
- Crouch, Tom D.
- Enola Gay (Bomber)
- First Flight Centennial Commission Advisory Board
- National Museum of American History (U.S.)
- Wright, Orville, 1871-1948
- Wright, Wilbur, 1867-1912
Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 2  National Aviation Hall of Fame Assessment, 1997
Box 1 of 2  Wright State University Conference, 1996-1998 (2 folders)
Box 1 of 2  Air Force Academy Project, 1995-1996 (includes electronic records)
Box 1 of 2  NASM: Twenty Years and Counting, 1996
Box 1 of 2  First Flight Centennial, 1996-1998
Box 1 of 2  Harriet Quimby Research Conference, 1996-1998
Box 1 of 2  Balloons, 1991-1994
Box 1 of 2  Dayton National Park, 1991-1992
Box 1 of 2  University of Michigan Conference on Enola Gay Issue, 1995-1998 (3 folders)
Box 1 of 2  Portal of Folded Wings, 1996 (2 folders)
Box 1 of 2  Wright State University Conference, 1997-1999
Box 1 of 2  Wright State University Aeronautics Conference, 1997
Box 1 of 2  Wright Brothers Centennial, 1996-1998 (2 folders)

Box 2

Box 2 of 2  MacGillivary Freeman Films - Laguna Beach, 1996
Box 2 of 2  Legislative History of the Creation of the First Flight Centennial Commission and First Flight Centennial Commission Advisory Board, 2003 Legislation (2 folders)
Box 2 of 2  A More Perfect Union - Script, 1987
Box 2 of 2  A More Perfect Union, 1991-1995 (4 folders)
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