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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting updates to the "Black Wings" exhibition at the National Air and Space Museum as well as educational outreach, publications, research, special events, and other activities pertaining to groundbreaking African American aviators. The "Black Wings" exhibition opened in 1982 in the Pioneers of Flight Gallery and initially focused on the Tuskegee Airmen. The exhibition was periodically updated and its content broadened. A traveling version of the exhibit, which began touring in 2011, was developed in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. These records were created and maintained by a number of curators over time, including Cathleen Lewis, Space History Division, and Von Hardesty and Peter L. Jakab, Aeronautics Division. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, proposals, scripts, clippings, event announcements, lecture notes, visitor comment forms, agreements, and related materials.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Aeronautical museums
- African American air pilots
- Astronautical museums
- Museum exhibits
- Museum publications
- Museums -- Educational aspects

Special events  
Traveling exhibitions

Types of Materials:

Clippings  
Manuscripts

Names:

Black Wings (Exhibition) (1982- : Washington, D.C.)  
Black Wings (Traveling exhibition) (2011-2015)  
Hardesty, Von, 1939-  
Jakab, Peter L.  
Lewis, Cathleen S., 1958-  
National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Pioneers of Flight Gallery  
National Air and Space Museum (U.S.). Space History Division  
Smithsonian Institution. Traveling Exhibition Service  
Tuskegee Airmen

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Lecture, 1987
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Studies Program Proposal, 1991-1993
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- Box 2 of 3 Dream to Fly: The Black Experience in Aviation - Special Exhibition Fund, 1995
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Box 2 of 3 Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Convention, 1996

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Box 2 of 3 Library of Congress Black Newsreel Footage, 1996

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