

University of Houston Clear Lake

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HSF-4 Space Exploration Clippings Collection

[Human Space Flight Collection]

Collection Number: HSF-4

Title: Space Exploration Clippings Collection

Dates: 1965-2007

Creator: Jeanette Getz; various publishers

Abstract

The Space Exploration Clippings Collection is composed of photocopied newspaper and magazine articles made from original clippings collected since 1965 by Jeanette Bernstein Getz of Houston, Texas. Having been interested in science and human spaceflight, she began saving the articles while working as a medical secretary for the famed Houston cardiovascular surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey. In 2007, Getz donated the collection to the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections, due to their holding of the Johnson Space Center History Collection. The collection has articles from a wide variety of newspapers and magazines, though there is a large focus on Houston-based publications.

Extent:

Language(s): English

Repository

University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections, Alfred R. Neumann Library, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston, TX 77058-1002

Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing this collection.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition

The collection was donated to the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections by Jeanette Getz in November 2007.

Processing Information

The donor originally donated a 12-inch by 12-inch by 16-inch box of clippings of NASA space program articles from a variety of newspapers and magazines. These were arranged by the processing archivist, with no specific notation made as to which publication these clippings were taken from. The original clippings were photocopied onto acid-free paper for long-term preservation, due to the acidity and brittle nature of newspaper and magazine paper. The clippings were then arranged in alphabetical order according to the name or title of the clippings' primary topic. The articles include the Gemini, Apollo, and Space Shuttle missions, ranging from 1965 to 2007, with an emphasis on the period 1981-2007.

The original collection was numbered according to a pre-2022 numbering system, which was the accession number for the collection. This was composed of the year in which the collection was accessioned into the UHCL Archives' holdings, and the number of the collection in the order it was accessioned. For example, the collection number "2009-0011" should be interpreted as "Year 2009, 11th collection accessioned that year." Folders in the collection were numbered using a number for the box number, followed by a short dash, followed by the folder number, placed on the far-right side of the folder tab. For example, Box 1, Folder 1, would be written as "1-1."

Starting in 2022, the UHCL Archives began implementing a new collection numbering system to better reflect the various collecting area categories of the Archives, and to make locating and identifying which collections belonged to which collecting areas within the Archives' storages areas and shelves. The Space Exploration Clippings Collection's collection number was changed from "2009-0011" to "HSF-4", which represents "Human Space Flight Collection, collection number 4 within this category.

Processed by: Gerald Churchill; finding aid updated by Matthew M. Peek, December 2022.

Arrangement

The collection had the original newspaper and magazine clippings photocopied onto acid-free paper. The clippings were then arranged in alphabetical order according to the name or title of the clippings' primary topic.

Biographical Note

Jeanette Bernstein Getz was born on September 18, 1935. Bernstein was able to procure a job as a medical secretary (though having no medical office experience) starting in 1963 for the famed cardiovascular surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey, who became the chairman of the Department of Surgery, President, and Chancellor of Baylor College of Medicine at the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas.

In 1978, she married Philip Getz. Jeanette Getz retired from being a medical secretary, and began volunteering for a number of causes in the greater Houston area. She eventually became a state-certified ombudsman for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program at the University of Texas. As an ombudsman, Getz served the residents at Bayou Manor Continuing Care Retirement Community in Houston. She was also an active volunteer with the Dental Auxiliary and Jewish Family Service. Getz lobbied to add fluoride to the city of Houston's water supply, and worked to convince the Texas Silver Haired Legislature to require dental services at nursing homes.

An avid tennis player her whole life, she collected, recycled and distributed more than 40,000 tennis balls to nursing homes, schools, hospitals and others. The unusable tennis balls were donated to senior citizens in the greater Houston area to be split open and secured to the legs of walkers, so the walkers can be glided across floors easily and save users pain of handling walkers without the ability to glide. She became widely known as the "tennis ball lady" for her work. Fascinated by science, Jeanette Getz began saving newspaper and magazine articles from numerous publications, starting in 1965 at the start of the NASA human spaceflight program in Houston. Jeanette Getz died on March 1, 2018, and was interred at the Emanu El Memorial Park in Houston, Texas.

Scope and Content

The collection is composed of photocopied newspaper and magazine articles made from original clippings collected since 1965 by Jeanette Bernstein Getz of Houston, Texas. Having been interested in science and human spaceflight, she began saving the articles while working as a medical secretary for the famed Houston cardiovascular surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey. In 2007, Getz donated the collection to the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections, due to their holding of the Johnson Space Center History Collection. The collection has articles from a wide variety of newspapers and magazines, though there is a large focus on Houston-based publications. The collection is arranged by the name or title of the major NASA-based program or topic represented in the articles.

Subject Terms

Personal/Family Name

Getz, Jeanette B. (Jeanette Bernstein), 1935-2018

Corporate Names

Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center
United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Geographic Name

Houston (Tex.)

Topical Term

Apollo 1 (Spacecraft)
Apollo 8 (Spacecraft)
Apollo 11 (Spacecraft)
Apollo 13 (Spacecraft)
Apollo 15 (Spacecraft)
Apollo 17 (Spacecraft)
Manned space flight--History
Mir (Space station)
Project Apollo (U.S.)
Space shuttles--United States--History
Space--Social aspects--History
United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration--History

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings

Collection Inventory

Box/Folder	Description	Date
1/1	Accidents—Cape Canaveral	April 8, 2006
1/2	Aerospace companies	March 10, 2007
1/3	Apollo 1 commemoration	January 28, 2007
1/4	Apollo 8	December 1968- January 1969
1/5	Apollo 11	July 1969-July 2005
1/6	Apollo 13	April 1995
1/7	Apollo 15	April 9, 1971

1/8	Apollo 17	1999-December 6, 2002
1/9	Astronaut memorials	January 29, 2004
1/10	Astronaut perspectives	April 22, 2007
1/11	Astronauts	April 1983-October 2007
1/12	Big bang	April 1991-May 2002
1/13	Black hole	February 2004- November 2006
1/14	Chandra X-ray Observatory	July 1999
1/15	China—Missile test	March 2007
1/16	China—Space exploration	October 2005- October 2007
1/17	Crew Exploration Vehicle	March 2006
1/18	Destiny	February 2001
1/19	Escape systems	May 2007
1/20	European Space Agency	September 2006
1/21	Extraterrestrial bodies	2/82-7/06
1/22	Federal libraries	December 2006
1/23	Gemini missions	June-December 1965
1/24	Genesis I	July 2006
1/25	Houston	May 1995
1/26	Hypersonic flight	March-November 2004
1/27	Institute for Advanced Concepts	March 2007
1/28	International space station	June 1992-June 2007

1/29	Internet—space	June 2001
1/30	Joint Space Shuttle Mission	October 1992
1/31	Lunar mission	January 2004- September 2006
1/32	Mars mission	1989
1/33	Mir	September 1990- March 2001
1/34	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	January 1990- December 2006
1/35	National Aeronautics and Space Administration executives	September 2005- December 2005
1/36	Orbital space plane	February 2003
1/37	Planetary Society	circa 1980s
1/38	Planets	February 1982- August 2007
1/39	Ray, Rachael	October 2006
1/40	Reinert, Al	January 1990
1/41	Relativity	November 2004
1/42	Rice University	March 1993
1/43	Robots	April 1994-June 2007
2/1	Satellite rescue	May 1992
2/2	Saturn V	July 2007
2/3	Shipman, Colleen	2007
2/4	Shuttle Atlantis	September 1991-July 2007
2/5	Shuttle Columbia	January 1981-June

		1990
2/6	Shuttle—dangers	March-April 2005
2/7	Shuttle Discovery	September 1992- August 2005
2/8	Shuttle Endeavour	April 1991
2/9	Shuttle—flight schedule	October 1993-May 2007
2/10	Shuttle—foam	July 2005
2/11	Shuttle—10th anniversary	April 1981
2/12	Shuttle STS-1 Columbia	4/81-4/01
2/13	Shuttle STS-2 Columbia	June 1982
2/14	Shuttle STS-3 Columbia	March 1982
2/15	Shuttle STS-4 Columbia	July 1982
2/16	Shuttle STS-5 Columbia	November 1982
2/17	Shuttle STS-6 Challenger	April 1983
2/18	Shuttle STS-7 Challenger	July 1983
2/19	Shuttle STS-8 Challenger	August 1983
2/20	Shuttle STS-9 Columbia	November 1983
2/21	Shuttle STS-28 Atlantis	August 1989
2/22	Shuttle STS-31 Discovery	April 1990
2/23	Shuttle STS-32 Columbia	January 1990
2/24	Shuttle STS-33 Discovery	November 1989
2/25	Shuttle STS-34 Atlantis	October 1989
2/26	Shuttle STS-35 Columbia	December 1990

2/27	Shuttle STS-36 Atlantis	March 1991
2/28	Shuttle STS-37 Atlantis	March-April 1991
2/29	Shuttle STS-38 Atlantis	November 1990
2/30	Shuttle STS-39 Discovery	April-May 1991
2/31	Shuttle STS-40 Columbia	June 1991
2/32	Shuttle STS-41 Discovery	October 1990
2/33	Shuttle STS-41B Challenger	February-April 1984
2/34	Shuttle STS-41C Challenger	March 1984
2/35	Shuttle STS-41G Challenger	October 1984
2/36	Shuttle STS-42 Discovery	January 1992
2/37	Shuttle STS-43 Atlantis	August 1991
2/38	Shuttle STS-44 Atlantis	October-December 1991
2/39	Shuttle STS-45 Atlantis	March-April 1992
2/40	Shuttle STS-46 Atlantis	July-August 1992
2/41	Shuttle STS-47 Endeavour	May-September 1992
2/42	Shuttle STS-48 Discovery	September 1991
2/43	Shuttle STS-49 Endeavour	March-June 1992
2/44	Shuttle STS-50 Columbus	June-July 1992
2/45	Shuttle STS-51 Discovery	August-October 1993
2/46	Shuttle STS-51A Challenger	November 1984
2/47	Shuttle STS-51C Discovery	December 1984
2/48	Shuttle STS-51D Discovery	April 1985
2/49	Shuttle STS-51-L Challenger	1986

2/50	[Missing]	
2/51	Shuttle STS-52 Columbia	October-November 1992
2/52	Shuttle STS-53 Discovery	November-December 1992
2/53	Shuttle STS-54 Endeavour	January 1993
2/54	Shuttle STS-55 Columbia	March-April 1993
2/55	Shuttle STS-56 Discovery	March-April 1993
2/56	Shuttle STS-57 Endeavour	June-July 1993
2/57	Shuttle STS-58 Columbia	October 1993
2/58	Shuttle STS-61 Endeavour	December 1993
2/59	Shuttle STS-62 Columbia	March 1994
2/60	Shuttle STS-63 Discovery	January-February 1995
2/61	Shuttle STS-64 Discovery	September 1994
2/62	Shuttle STS-65 Columbia	July 1994
2/63	Shuttle STS-66 Atlantis	November 1994
2/64	Shuttle STS-67 Endeavour	March 1995
2/65	Shuttle STS-68 Endeavour	August-October 1994
2/66	Shuttle STS-69 Endeavour	May-September 1995
2/67	Shuttle STS-70 Discovery	June-July 1995
2/68	Shuttle STS-71 Atlantis	June-July 1995
2/69	Shuttle STS-73 Columbia	September-November 1995
2/70	Shuttle STS-74 Atlantis	November 1995

2/71	Shuttle STS-75 Columbia	February-March 1996
2/72	Shuttle STS-76 Atlantis	September 1996
2/73	Shuttle STS-79 Atlantis	September 1996
2/74	Shuttle STS-85 Discovery	August 1997
2/75	Shuttle STS-88 Endeavour	December 1998
2/76	Shuttle STS-92 Discovery	October 2000
2/77	Shuttle STS-93 Columbia	June-July 1999
3/1	Shuttle STS-95 Discovery	October-November 1998
3/2	Shuttle STS-96 Discovery	May 1999
3/3	Shuttle STS-97 Endeavour	December 2000
3/4	Shuttle STS-98 Atlantis	February 2001
3/5	Shuttle STS-99 Endeavour	February 2000
3/6	Shuttle STS-100 Endeavour	April-May 2001
3/7	Shuttle STS-101 Atlantis	May 2000
3/8	Shuttle STS-102 Discovery	March 2001
3/9	Shuttle STS-103 Discovery	December 1999
3/10	Shuttle STS-104 Atlantis	July 2001
3/11	Shuttle STS-106 Atlantis	September 2000
3/12	Shuttle STS-107 Columbia	January 2003- February 2004
3/13	Shuttle STS-108 Endeavour	November-December 2001
3/14	Shuttle STS-109 Columbia	February-March 2002
3/15	Shuttle STS-110 Atlantis	April 2002

3/16	Shuttle STS-111 Endeavour	May-June 2002
3/17	Shuttle STS-112 Atlantis	February 2001- October 2002
3/18	Shuttle STS-113 Endeavour	November 2, 2002
3/19	Shuttle STS-114 Discovery	April 2005-July 2006
3/20	Shuttle STS-115 Atlantis	May-September 2006
3/21	Shuttle STS-116 Discovery	December 2006
3/22	Shuttle STS-117 Atlantis	February-June 2007
3/23	Shuttle STS- 120 Discovery	October 2007
3/24	Shuttle—25th anniversary	April 2006
3/25	Solar flares	October 2003
3/26	Soyuz spacecraft	October 2005-March 2006
3/27	Space architecture	July 2007
3/28	Space artists	September 1991
3/29	Space atlas	1960
3/30	Space colonization	August 2007
3/31	Space exploration—Benefits	November 1992-May 2007
3/32	Space exploration—Gloves	June 2007
3/33	Space flight competition	November 2006
3/34	Space hologram envelope	1989
3/35	Space junk	February 1996- February 2003
3/36	Space policy	October 2006

3/37	Space program—Plans	August 1992
3/38	SpaceShipOne	June 2004
3/39	Space simulation	June 1992
3/40	Space Station Freedom	April 1991-June 1993
3/41	Space tourism	April 2001-December 2006
3/42	Strategic Defense Initiative	July 1982
3/43	STEREO—Solar flares	October 2006-April 2007
3/44	Super High Altitude Research Project (SHARP)	October 1992
3/45	Telescopes	April 1990-November 2006
3/46	Terra	July 2000
3/47	Time magazine	1983
3/48	Titan rocket	April 2005
3/49	Tourist traps	June 1994
3/50	Unmanned exploration	1965-2006
3/51	Unmanned exploration	1965-2006
3/52	Weightlessness	October 2004
3/53	World Space Congress	2002
3/54	Y2K January	2000