

FINDING AID FOR THE JAMES FURNER RECORDS 1960s-1993 (2020-0002)

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Descriptive Summary

Repository (049): University Archives

Collection # (099): 2020-0002

Title (245): James Furner Collection

Creator (100/110): James Furner

Inclusive Dates: 1960s-1990s

Extent (300): One box; one magazine

Language (546): English

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access (506): None

Restrictions on Use (540): None

Acquisition Information (541): Donated by Sylvia E. Furner, 2019

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Biographical/Historical Note (545)

James (Jim) Michael Furner was born in Decatur, Illinois on August 11, 1946 to Harry and Geraldine Furner. He had two brothers: Richard (born in 1939) and Robert (born in 1949). Jim was raised in Decatur attending both grade school and high school there. Jim attended Southern Illinois University (Carbondale, Illinois) (SIU) graduating in 1968 with a Degree in Radio and Television Communication. He met his wife, Sylvia, while at SIU and they were married in October, 1967. They have three children, Christine, Tracy (Stein) and Brian. Jim had a career in industrial television and corporate advertising before his untimely death at the age of 64.

Jim began his signature collection when he was a junior in high school when he thought he could improve his grade in his English class by soliciting (in 1963) an autograph from the author of the book on which they were assigned to write a report. The book was "Travels with Charley" and the author was John Steinbeck. A few weeks later a typed letter arrived in which John Steinbeck wished Jim the best and asked how he liked the book and signed the letter. Thus a passion for signature collection was born!

Over the ensuing 48 years of his life, Jim collected well over 1000 signatures. His interest was broad and his signature collection includes: astronauts, cosmonauts, politicians from around the world, military heroes (donated to the Pritzker Military Museum in Chicago in 2018), authors, actors, scientists, and sports figures. He was especially proud of his collection of signatures of astronauts and cosmonauts. He would be thrilled for others to enjoy this collection housed at the University of Houston Clear Lake Human Space Flight archives.

Scope and Content (520)

This collection contains autographed photos, correspondence, and autographs of NASA Astronauts and Soviet Russian Cosmonauts collected by James Furner.

Arrangement

Items are arranged in the order in which they were received. Digital items are indexed at the folder level. Please contact UHCL Archives for complete file listings.

Index Terms (6xx)

Personal Names:

Aldrin, Buzz	Duke, Charles M., Jr.	Hilmers, David C.
Allen, Joseph P.	Eisele, Donn	Holmquest, Donald L.
Anders, William A.	England, Anthony W.	Irwin, James B.
Armstrong, Neil	Engle, Joe H.	Jemison, Mae C.
Bassett, Charles II	Evans, Ronald E.	Kerwin, Joseph P.
Baudry, Patrick	Feoktistov, Konstantin	Leestma, David C.
Bean, Alan L.	Freeman, Theodore C.	LeNoir, William B.
Belyavev, Pavel	Fullerton, Charles G.	Leonov, Alexei
Bluford, Guion S., Jr.	Furner, James	Lind, Don L.
Bobko, Karol J.	Gagarin, Yuri	Llewellyn, John A.
Borman, Frank	Gardner, Dale A.	Lounge, John M.
Brand, Vance D.	Garn, Jake	Lousma, Jack R.
Brandenstein, David C.	Garneau, Marc	Lovell, James, Jr.
Bull, John S.	Garriot, Owen K.	Mattingly, Thomas K.
Carpenter, M. Scott	Gibson, Edward G.	McBride, Jon
Carr, Gerald P.	Gilruth, Robert	McCandless, Bruce, II
Cernan, Eugene	Givens, Edward G., Jr.	McDivitt, James
Chaffe, Roger	Glenn, John, Jr.	Michel, Frank Curtis
Chapman, Philip K.	Gordon, Richard, Jr.	Mitchell, Edgar D.
Coats, Michael	Grissom, Virgil	Mullane, Richard M.
Collins, Michael	Haise, Fred W., Jr.	Musgrave, Franklin Story
Conrad, Charles, Jr.	Haney, Paul	Nelson, George D.
Cooper, Gordon	Hartsfield, Hank	Nikolayev, Andrian
Covey, Richard O.	Hauck, Frederick H.	Nikolayev, Valentina
Craft, Christopher C., Jr.	Hawley, Steven A.	Overmyer, Robert F.
Crippen, Robert L.	Henize, Karl G.	O'Leary, Brian T.
Cunningham, R. Walter		Paine, Thomas

Parker, Robert A.
 Peterson, Donald
 Pogue, William R.
 Popovich, Pavel
 Resnik, Judith A.
 Ride, Sally K.
 Roosa, Stuart A.
 Ross, Jerry L.
 Schirra, Walter
 Schmitt, Harrison H.
 Schweickart, Russell
 Scott, David

Scully-Power, Paul
 See, Elliot, Jr.
 Shepard, Alan B.
 Slayton, Donald
 Stafford, Thomas
 Stewart, Robert L.
 Sullivan, Kathryn D.
 Swigert, John L., Jr.
 Thornton, William E.
 Titov, Gherman
 Truly, Richard
 Walker, Charlie

Walker, David M.
 Webb, James E.
 Weitz, Paul J.
 White, Edward, II
 Williams, Donald E.
 Worden, Alfred M.
 Young, John

Corporate Names: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, European Space Agency, Soviet Space Program, National Centre for Space Studies (CNES)

Places: United States, Canada, USSR, France, Australia,

Document Types: Photos, correspondence, notecards.

Items Separated:

Related Material: (544)

Inventory:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
		NASA Photos, Autographs, Correspondence	
1	1	Neil A. Armstrong – Photograph (B&W), correspondence	Undated
		Frank Borman – Autograph card, correspondence	February 20, 1963
1	2	Dr. Thomas Paine – Autograph card	Undated
1	3	Robert Gilruth – Autograph photo (B&W), correspondence	August 18, 1969 August 1969
1	4	John Glenn Jr. – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
		Gordon Cooper – Autograph photo (color)	
1	5	Thomas Stafford – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
		Charles Bassett II – Autograph photo (B&W)	
1	6	Charles Conrad, Jr. – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
		Donald Slayton – Autograph photo (B&W)	
1	7	David Scott – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
		Elliot See, Jr. – Autograph photo (B&W)	
1	8	Edwin Aldrin, Jr. – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	9	Richard Gordon, Jr. – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	10	Michael Collins – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
		Frank Borman & James Lovell, Jr. – Correspondence	January 14, 1966
		James Lovell, Jr. – Autograph business card	
1	11	Group Photo – Edward White II, Michael Collins, Frank Borman, James Lovell Jr. (color)	Undated
		Group Photo (two copies; printed autographs) – Edward White II, John Young, Charles Conrad Jr., Neil Armstrong, James Lovell Jr., James McDivitt, Elliot See, Frank Borman, Thomas P. Stafford, Gordon Cooper, Gus Grissom, Scott Carpenter, Walter Schirra, John Glenn	

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
		Jr., Alan B. Shepard Jr., Donald Deke Slayton. (B&W copy; Color copy)	
1	12	Group Photo (printed autographs) – Michael Collins, Donn Eisele, Richard F. Gordon Jr., David Scott, Walter Cunningham, Theodore C. Freeman, Russell Schweickart, {unknown signature}, Buzz Aldrin, William Anders, Charlie Bassett, {signature unknown}, Eugene Cernan, Roger Chaffe. (B&W)	Undated
		James E. Webb – Autograph notecard	
		James McDivitt – Autograph notecard	
		Eugene Cernan – Autograph notecard	
1	13	Sally K. Ride – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	14	Walter Schirra – Autograph Photo (color)	Undated
		Alan B. Shepard – Correspondence	
1	15	Alan B. Shepard – Photo (B&W)	Undated
		Alan B. Shepard – Autograph notecard	February 12, 1963
		Gus Grissom – Correspondence	
1	16	Gus Grissom Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
		Edward H. White II Gemini 4 Space Walk – Photo (color)	
		M. Scott Carpenter – Photo (B&W)	
		M. Scott Carpenter – Autograph notecard	
1	17	John W. Young – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
		Edward h. White II – Autograph photo (color)	
1	18	Donn Eisele – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	19	Russell L. Schweickart – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	20	Alan L. Bean – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	21	Jack R. Lousma – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	22	Alfred M. Worden – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	23	William R. Pogue – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	24	Harrison H. Schmitt – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	25	Joe H. Engle – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	26	Vance D. Brand – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	27	Edgar D. Mitchell -- Correspondence	August 12, 1969
1	28	Dr. Joseph P. Allen – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	29	Dr. Karl G. Henize – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	30	Joseph P. Kerwin – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	31	Christopher C. Craft, Jr. – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	32	Paul Haney – Autograph photo (color)	January 10, 1969
1	33	Richard H. Truly – Correspondence letters (2)	October 8, 1970
		Richard H. Truly – Autograph photo (color)	May 1, 1970
		Richard H. Truly – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	34	Group photo (printed autographs) – Karl G. Henize, Tony England, Donald L. Holmquest, Story Musgrave, William B. LeNoir, Joseph P. Allen, Philip K. Chapman, Robert Parker, William E. Thornton, John A. Llewellyn, Brian T. O'Leary. (color)	Undated
1	35	Group photo (printed autographs) – Michael Collins, Donn Eisele, Richard F. Gordon Jr., David Scott, Walter Cunningham, Theodore C. Freeman, Russell Schweickart, {unknown signature}, Buzz Aldrin, William Anders, Charlie Bassett, {signature unknown}, Eugene Cernan, Roger Chaffe. (color)	Undated
1	36	Group photo (printed autographs) – F. Curtis Michel, Harrison H. Schmitt, Joseph P. Kerwin, Owen K. Garriot, Edward G. Gibson. (color)	Undated

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1	37	Group photo (printed autographs) – Edward G. Givens Jr., Edgar D. Mitchell, Charles M. Duke Jr., Don L. Lind, Fred W. Haise Jr., John H. Engle, Vance D. Brand, John S. Bull, Bruce McCandless II, John L. Swigert Jr., William R. Pogue, Richard E. Evans, Paul J. Weitz, James B. Irwin, Gerald P. Carr, Stuart A. Roosa, Alfred M. Worden, Thomas K. Mattingly, Jack R. Lousma. (color)	Undated
1	38	Charles M. Duke, Jr., -- Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	39	Edward Gibson – Autograph index card Stuart Roosa – Autograph index card Charles Duke, Jr., -- Autograph index card	Undated
1	40	Don Lind – Correspondence	Undated
1	41	Paul Scully-Power – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	42	Charlie Walker – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	43	Guion S. Bluford, Jr. – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	44	Judith A. Resnik – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	45	Owen K. Garriot – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	46	Daniel C. Brandenstein – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	47	Kathryn D. Sullivan – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	48	David M. Walker – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	49	James Furner/Jon McBride – Returned letter from Furner; signed by McBride	January 17, 1985
1	50	Dale A. Gardener – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	51	Steven A. Hawley – Autograph (color)	Undated
1	52	Marc Garneau – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	53	Michael Coats – Autograph index card	Undated
1	54	Robert F. Overmyer – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	55	Dr. Robert A. Parker – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	56	Dr. Anthony W. England – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	57	Frank C. Michel – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	58	Bruce McCandless II – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	59	Dr. William B. LeNoir – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	60	Dr. Franklin S. Musgrave – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	61	Thomas K. Mattingly – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	62	William A. Anders – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	63	R. Walter Cunningham – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	64	Fred W. Haise, Jr. – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	65	Robert L. Crippen – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	66	Charles G. Fullerton – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	67	Dr. Donald L. Holmquest – Autograph photo (B&W)	Undated
1	68	Donald Peterson – Handwritten correspondence (2 pages)	Undated
1	69	Hank Hartsfield – handwritten correspondence	March 11, 1970
1	70	Dr. Philip K. Chapman – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	71	Senator Jake Garn – Correspondence (2 pages) and autograph photo (color)	July 3, 1985 undated
1	72	Donald E. Williams – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	73	Karol J. Bobko – Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	74	Robert L. Stewart -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	75	George D. Nelson -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	76	Richard m. Mullane -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	77	David C. Leestma -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	78	Frederick H. Hauck -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	79	Patrick Baudry -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	80	Charles G. Fullerton -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	81	Jerry L. Ross -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated

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1	82	Richard O. Covey -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	83	David C. Hilmers -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	84	John M. Lounge -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
1	85	Mae C. Jemison -- Autograph photo (color)	Undated
Soviet Cosmonaut photos and signatures			
1	86	Titov Gherman – Autograph photo (B&W); envelope (handwritten in Russian)	Undated
		Col. Yuri Gararin – Autograph photo (B&W); envelope (handwritten in Russian)	
1	87	Konstantin Feoktistov – Two sets of autographed photo postcards (color); envelopes (handwritten in Russian)	Undated
1	88	Andrian Nikolayev – Autograph photo (color); envelope (handwritten in Russian)	Undated
		Valentina Nikolayev – Autograph photo (color); envelope (handwritten in Russian)	
1	89	Pavel Popovich – Autograph photo (color); envelope (handwritten in Russian)	Undated
		Alexei Leonov – Autograph photo (color); envelope (handwritten in Russian)	
1	90	Pavel Belyavev – Autograph photo (color); envelope (handwritten in Russian)	Undated
Miscellaneous			
		Life Magazine – Special Edition “To the Moon and Back”	1969