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UA94 Student/Alumni Personal Papers
Series 6 Western Kentucky University
Subseries 8 Terry Wilcutt

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Biographical History: The first Kentucky native among NASA's 214 astronauts, Lt. Colonel Terry Wilcutt piloted the October, 1994 Space Shuttle Endeavor mission. The Russellville, Kentucky native graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and taught high school math for two years in Louisville. Wilcutt then joined the U.S. Marine Corps and earned his wings in 1978 as he rose to the ranks of lieutenant Colonel. He attended the Naval Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun). He made two overseas deployments, served as an F/A-18 Fighter Weapons and Air Combat Maneuvering Instructor and attended the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, earning the title of "Distinguished Graduate." Wilcutt was selected by NASA in January 1990 and became an astronaut in July, 1991. His technical assignments including working on Space Shuttle Main Engine and External Tank Issues, serving on the astronaut support personnel team at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, supporting Space Shuttle launches and landings and technical issues for the astronaut Office Operations Development Branch.

Wilcutt piloted the STS-88 (Endeavor) launched from the Kennedy Space Center on September 30, 1994 as part of NASA's Mission to Planet Earth. The mission used the second of three advanced radars and a carbon-monoxide pollution sensor to study the Earth's surface and atmosphere. After 183 orbits of Earth in which more than 14,000 photographs were taken, the 11-day mission ended with the Endeavor touching down at Edwards Air Force Base, California October 11, 1994. Wilcutt logged 269 hours and 46 minutes in space and is scheduled for a return trip to space next spring. Wilcutt's parents remain residents of Russellville and he is married to the former Robin Jo Moyers of Louisville and they have two sons, Andrew Brian, age 11 and Aaron Michael, 6.

[WKU Alumni Hall of Fame]

Description: Records created by and about Terry Wilcutt and manned space flights.

Dates: 1994-2000

Extent: 4 folders, 6 videotapes, oversize

Subject Analytics:

Aeronautics

Astronauts

Class of 1974 (WKU)

Correspondence

Meredith, Thomas Carter, 1941-
Space flight

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Finding Aid Report

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UA94.6.8	Records	Date
Level	Subseries	Linked toUA94.6.2
Title	UA94 Student / Alumni Personal Papers	
Collection	Series 6 Western Kentucky University	
Scope & Content	Subseries 8 Terry Wilcutt	
	WKU Archives	
	Records created by and about Terry Wilcutt and manned space flights.	

Container List

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
Box 1	1	Wilcutt, Terry	1994	Endeavor Mission
Description	Commemorative stamp and envelope Endeavor Mission Sticker Note from Thomas Meredith to Terry Wilcutt. Space Shuttles			Subjects Space flight Astronauts
Box 1	2	Wilcutt, Terry	1994	Endeavor Mission
Description	NASA promotional packet regarding the Endeavor Mission			Subjects Space flight Astronauts
Box 1	3	Wilcutt, Terry	1996	Atlantis Mission
Description	WKU Moving to a New Level, taken on board the Atlantis.			Subjects Space flight Astronauts
Box 1	4	Wilcutt, Terry	2000	Space Shuttle Mission
Description	WKU Creed and WKU Seal carried aboard space shuttle.			Subjects Space flight Astronauts
Box 20		Wilcutt, Terry	1995-2000	FIlm/Video/Audio File
Description	VHS tapes Kentucky Life, 1999 Presentation, 2000 Terry Wilcutt, 1995 (2)			Subjects Video recording Astronauts
Box 5		Wilcutt, Terry	1995	Film/Video/Audio File
Description	3/4 inch tapes A Ride into Midnight With Terry Wilcutt, 1995			Subjects Video recording Space flight Astronauts

Shuttle Endeavor Launch with Terry Wilcutt aboard, 1995

NASA

OS Box 122		National Aeronautics & Space Administration	2000	Film/Video/Audio File	
Description	VHS tape - 1			Subjects	Video recording Space flight Astronauts
	NASA tape from STS-106 Flight, 2000, DO NOT COPY				
OS Box 38	15	Wilcutt, Terry	1996	Space Shuttle Mission	
Description	Commemorative poster with items taken aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis, 1996			Subjects	Space flight Astronauts Flags
	Cosmonauts Patch Russians				