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1999-2003

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English

**Creator**

Brown, David M., 1956-2003

**Extent**

1.25 Linear Feet

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## **Biographical Information:**

David Brown, a native of Virginia, received his B.S. in biology from William and Mary in 1978. During his four years as an undergraduate, he served as a resident adviser and was active on the gymnastics squad as a four year letterman. He was also a member of Pi Sigma and participated in Project Plus, an innovative educational program which led to coed housing on campus. Brown obtained his doctorate in medicine from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1982. He then joined the Navy and became a flight surgeon, training as a pilot and naval aviator. In 1996 he was selected by NASA to train as an astronaut. Brown returned to William and Mary to share some of his insights as convocation speaker in 2002. He then became the first William and Mary alumnus to fly into space as a member of the STS-107 Columbia research mission in January, 2003. Tragically, he and his fellow crew members lost their lives upon the shuttle's reentry to Earth. In honor of his achievements, he was posthumously awarded the William and Mary Alumni Association's Award and the athletics department established the Dave Brown Memorial Endowment for scholar-athletes in his honor.

For more information regarding David Brown's life and career, see the official NASA website:

<http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/brown.html>. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:

[http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/David\\_M.\\_Brown](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/David_M._Brown).

## **Scope and Contents**

This collection contains material related to David Brown's education at the College of William and Mary and his career in the Navy and NASA. It also contains material related specifically to the public promotion, research, operation, and remembrance of the space shuttle Columbia and its crew. The materials consist of photographs, articles, publications, news clippings, correspondence, and pamphlets, as well as artifacts such as patches, pins, coins, and decals. There are also CDs and DVDs regarding the shuttle mission. Larger artifacts include David Brown's Navy uniform and flight suit, his letterman jacket, a watercolor of the space shuttle and Brown's William and Mary blanket.

## **Separated Materials:**

David Brown's 1975-1976 Colonial Echo yearbooks from William and Mary are housed separately from other portions of the collection. Lastly, Philip Chien's autographed book *Columbia Final Voyage: The Last Flight of NASA's First Space Shuttle* is housed separately from this collection in the University Archives book collection and can be found in the library's online catalog.

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## Keywords

DVDs  
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Space shuttles--United States  
College of William and Mary--Alumni and alumnae  
Columbia (Spacecraft)  
Space Shuttle Program (U.S.)

## Arrangement of Materials:

Arranged into the following series: Education and Biographical Materials; STS-107 Columbia Mission, Publicity and Memorials; and Columbia Mission Maintenance and Training Manuals.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Education and Biographical Materials

**Unit ID** id7551

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43296

**Unit Date** 1969-2003

#### Scope and Contents

This series includes material related to David Brown's student years including at the College of William and Mary and his career in the U.S. Navy and NASA. Materials include articles, invitations, and William and Mary publications. Artifacts include Brown's William and Mary blanket as well as his navy uniform, flight suit, and letterman jacket.

#### Box 1

**Unit ID** id7552

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43299

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

#### Swanson Junior High School Yearbook

**Unit ID** id7615

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43314

**Unit Date** 1969

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Dinner invitations citing David Brown as entertainment

**Unit ID** id7619

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43315

**Unit Date** 1976

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Article, "Good Morning Shipmates"**

**Unit ID** id7620

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43316

**Unit Date** 1986

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**William & Mary publications**

**Unit ID** id7621

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43317

**Unit Date** 1987-2002

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Box 3**

**Unit ID** id8152

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43300

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Grenadier Yearbook**

**Unit ID** id8153

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43318

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Box 4**

**Unit ID** id9363

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43301

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Circus Kingdom, VHS**

**Unit ID** id8155

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43319

**Unit Date** 1990-1997

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Circus Kingdom Music, CD**

**Unit ID** id8156

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43320

**Unit Date** 1996

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Box 6**

**Unit ID** id9370

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43302

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Navy Lieutenant insignia****Unit ID** id9254**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43321**Unit Date** ca. 2000**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Navy name tag of David Brown****Unit ID** id9388**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43322**Unit Date** ca. 2000**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Navy Medical Corps insignia****Unit ID** id9389**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43323**Unit Date** ca. 2000**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Box 7****Unit ID** id10107**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43303**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)**William & Mary Letterman Jacket****Unit ID** id8159**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43324**Unit Date** ca. 1975-1978**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)**William & Mary Blanket****Unit ID** id8158**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43304**Unit Date** ca. 1975-1978**Scope and Contents**

A pin is affixed to the blanket. Dimensions: 60" W by 68" H; stored rolled

**Navy uniform, khaki shirt and pants****Unit ID** id8162**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43305**Unit Date** ca. 2000**NASA flight suit****Unit ID** id8163**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43306**Unit Date** ca. 1996-2003**Mixed Materials** UA 5.061.A01 (Artifact)**Scope and Contents**

NASA Flight Suit, dark blue cotton used during speaking engagements with the public. In 1996, NASA issued the suit to David Brown, who was part of Group 16, the largest cohort of astronauts to that time.

Patch on the right chest is a NASA patch. On the left chest is a leather patch printed with a gold image of naval aviator wings and "D. M. Brown / LCDR USNR" also in gold print. U.S. flag patch on the left shoulder and a patch for Astronaut Group 16 on the right shoulder.

**Naval Strike Warfare Center flight suit****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/607124**Unit Date** 1991-1995**Mixed Materials** UA 5.061.A02 (Artifact)**Scope and Contents**

Khaki green naval flight suit with triangular patch "United States Naval Strike Warfare Center" and rectangular ID patch "Dave Brown / Naval Strike Warfare Center" with Alaskan flag pin affixed in the upper right corner.

**STS-107 Columbia Mission, Publicity and Memorials****Unit ID** id7611**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43297**Unit Date** 2002-2006**Scope and Contents**

This series includes material related to the launch, flight, and loss of the space shuttle Columbia. The material consists of publications, correspondence, articles, and memorials. Artifacts include CDs, DVDs, decals, patches, and commemorative coins and pins.

**Box 1****Unit ID** id7622**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43307**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Space research publications****Unit ID** id8136**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43325**Unit Date** 2002**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (folder)**STS-107 Shuttle Press Kit****Unit ID** id8137**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43326**Unit Date** 2002**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Pre-flight interview, program, and tickets****Unit ID** id8138**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43327**Unit Date** 2003**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (folder)**NASA pre-launch and launch photographs****Unit ID** id8139**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43328**Unit Date** 2002-2003**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 8 (folder)

**Space shuttle correspondence****Unit ID** id8140**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43329**Unit Date** 2003**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Letters of condolence and memorials****Unit ID** id8141**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43330**Unit Date** 2003-2005**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Dave Brown Memorial Park photographs****Unit ID** id8142**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43331**Unit Date** 2005**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Flight suit article****Unit ID** id8143**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43332**Unit Date** 2006**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Box 3****Unit ID** id8164**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43308**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Deep Purple, Bananas, record album****Unit ID** id8174**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43333**Unit Date** 2003**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

The astronauts listened to this album during their mission. It was later dedicated to them.

**Box 4****Unit ID** id9372**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43309**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Columbia's Final Mission: 16 Days, DVD****Unit ID** id8170**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43334**Unit Date** 2005**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Circle of Stars Dave Brown Tribute, DVD**

**Unit ID** id8168

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43335

**Unit Date** 2003

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Columbia Experiments, DVD**

**Unit ID** id8169

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43336

**Unit Date** 2003

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Astronaut Diaries, DVD**

**Unit ID** id8171

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43337

**Unit Date** 2005

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

NOTE: 2 copies are in the collection.

**STS-107 Tribute, CD-ROM**

**Unit ID** id8172

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43338

**Unit Date** circa 2003

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Columbia Final Voyage: The Last Flight of NASA's First Shuttle, CD-ROM**

**Unit ID** id8173

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43339

**Unit Date** 2005

**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

NOTE: This item is a companion to the book by the same name, which can be located in the library catalog.

**Box 5**

**Unit ID** id9373

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43310

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Space shuttle decal**

**Unit ID** id8157

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43340

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

This decal is the official NASA logo. Dimensions: 4.75"X4" Condition: Excellent

**Space shuttle decal**

**Unit ID** id8165

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43341

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

This decal is the official STS-107 mission emblem with the names of the astronauts included on it. There are two in the collection. Dimensions: 4"X5" Condition: Excellent

**Space shuttle decal**

**Unit ID** id9249

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43342

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

This decal is the emblem of the NASA Fundamental Biology Program. Dimensions: 4.75"X3" Condition: Excellent

**Space shuttle decal**

**Unit ID** id9250

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43343

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

This decal is the emblem of the astronaut class of 1996. Dimensions: 4"X4" Condition: Excellent

**Space shuttle decal**

**Unit ID** id9251

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43344

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

This decal is the group motto: "For Sardines Space is No Problem." Dimensions: 3"X3" Condition: Excellent

**Space shuttle patch**

**Unit ID** id9252

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43345

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

This patch is the official STS-107 mission logo. There are two in the collection. Dimensions: 3.5"X5" Condition:Excellent

**Space shuttle patch**

**Unit ID** id8166

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43346

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

This decal is the logo of astronaut class 1996. Dimensions: 4"X4" Condition: Excellent

**Space shuttle patch**

**Unit ID** id9253

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43347

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

This decal is a memorial patch for the crew. Dimensions: 3.5"X5" Condition: Excellent

**Box 6**

**Unit ID** id9374

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43311

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Space shuttle commemorative pin**

**Unit ID** id8167

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43348

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Launch Guest Pin

**Space shuttle commemorative pin**

**Unit ID** id9390

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43349

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Space Flight Awareness Pin

**Space shuttle commemorative coin**

**Unit ID** id9391

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43350

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Official commemorative coin set in a decorated plastic box.

**Space shuttle commemorative coin**

**Unit ID** id9392

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43351

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Novelty coin with STS-107 logo

**Space shuttle commemorative coin**

**Unit ID** id9393

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43352

**Unit Date** ca. 2003

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Scope and Contents**

Columbia memorial pin designed by the Space Shuttle Children's Trust Fund.

**Space shuttle commemorative coin****Unit ID** id9394**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43353**Unit Date** ca. 2003**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

STS-107 crew memorial coin sealed in plastic. There are two in the collection.

**Space shuttle commemorative pin****Unit ID** id9395**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43354**Unit Date** ca. 2003**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Memorial ribbon pin.

**Space shuttle commemorative pin****Unit ID** id9396**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43355**Unit Date** ca. 2003**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

Official logo of the STS-107 mission. There are two in the collection.

**Oversize Folder****Unit ID** id8176**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43312**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)**STS-107 Memorial Publication****Unit ID** id8177**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43356**Unit Date** 2003**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)**Certificate from James City County in Appreciation of the Columbia Shuttle Crew****Unit ID** id8178**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43357**Unit Date** 2003**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)**Space Shuttle Columbia watercolor painting****Unit ID** id8179**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43358**Unit Date** ca. 2003**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)**Columbia Mission Maintenance and Training Manuals****Unit ID** id7612**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43298**Unit Date** 1999-2003

## **Scope and Contents**

This series includes training and operational manuals for the Columbia shuttle mission, a schedule of daily activities, notes regarding pre-flight activities, personnel books, and flight checklists.

### **Box 2**

**Unit ID** id8144

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43313

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

#### **Shuttle personnel book, supplement, and checklist**

**Unit ID** id8145

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43359

**Unit Date** 1999

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **SPACEHAB Operations Checklists**

**Unit ID** id8146

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43360

**Unit Date** 2001-2002

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **SPACEHAB Training Manual**

**Unit ID** id8147

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43361

**Unit Date** 2001

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Shuttle Program Malfunction Procedures**

**Unit ID** id8148

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43362

**Unit Date** 2002

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **SPACEHAB lesson script**

**Unit ID** id8149

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43363

**Unit Date** 2003

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### **Shuttle Pre-flight Activities and Notes**

**Unit ID** id8150

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43364

**Unit Date** 2003

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Daily Schedule**

**Unit ID** id8151

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/43365

**Unit Date** 2003

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (folder)