The Descriptive Finding Guide for the Glenn H. Smith Personal Papers SDASM.SC.10221

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**Title:** Glenn H. Smith Personal Papers  
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**Conditions Governing Access**  
The materials in this collection were donated to the San Diego Air & Space Museum in October, 2018. The collection has been processed and is open for research with no restrictions.  
**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Consolidated B-24 Liberator Family  
B-24 Liberator Club  
Smith, Glenn H.  

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**Series I: Documents**  

**Folder 1 -- B-24 Liberator Documents**  

**Folder 2 -- Confederate Air Force Documents**  
**Folder 3 -- Miscellaneous Documents**  
Series II: Newsletters

Folder 4 -- Newsletters

Series III: News Clippings

Folder 5 -- News Clippings
Physical Description: 1. Primarily related to the B-29 Kee Bird recovery, the B-36 bomber crash off San Diego, B-24s, and miscellaneous subjects.

Series IV: Photographs

Folder 6 -- Photographs
Physical Description: 1. Seven 8-10” photographs of Douglas C-124A and Fairchild C-119F from Edwards Air Force Base.