SCOTT, DAVID RANDOLPH, 1932-

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Biographical Note
Colonel David Randolph Scott (June 6, 1932- ) is a retired test pilot and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut who was the seventh person to walk on the Moon as part of the Apollo 15 mission.

Scott was born at Randolph Field Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. His father was Tom William Scott (1902-1988), a fighter pilot in the United States Army Air Corps, and his mother was Marian Scott (1906-1998). Scott attended the Texas Military Institute (San Antonio) from 1941-1944, Riverside Polytechnic High School (California) from 1946-1948, and graduated from Western High School (Washington, D.C.) in 1949. He accepted a swimming scholarship to the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) and majored in engineering. In the spring of 1950, he received and accepted an invitation to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point (New York). He graduated in 1954, 5th in his class of 633, with a Bachelor of Science degree in military science and was commissioned in the Air Force.

In his pursuit of becoming a test pilot, he earned a Master of Science degree in Aeronautics/Astronautics and the degree of Engineer in Aeronautics/Astronautics (the E.A.A. degree) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge) in 1962. When Scott reported to the United States Air Force Test Pilot School (Edwards, California), the commandant of the school was Chuck Yeager, the first person to break the sound barrier, and Scott had the opportunity to fly several times with him. He graduated top pilot in his class and was selected for the Aerospace Research Pilot School (Edwards, California) where those intended as Air Force astronauts were trained.
Scott was selected to fly with Neil Armstrong on Gemini 8, which was launched into space on March 16, 1966, but there were mechanical problems, and the mission lasted only ten hours. Scott served as command module pilot for Apollo 9. Due to his performance during these missions, he was named backup commander of Apollo 12. This allowed him to sit in the Mission Control room as Apollo 11 landed on the Moon. Scott along with Al Worden and James Irwin were named the prime crew of Apollo 15.

Apollo 15 launched from Kennedy Space Center's Launch Complex 39A (Merritt Island, Florida) on July 26, 1971 and landed on the Moon on July 30th. Scott and Irwin took samples of the lunar surface, including the rock Great Scott named after him. Apollo 15 returned to Earth on August 7, 1971.

He began working as a special assistant on the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, the first joint mission with the Soviet Union, in 1972 where he met the commander of the Soviet part of the mission, Alexei Leonov. In 1973 he became the deputy direct of NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center (Edwards, California). In 1975 he became the Center Director. This was a civilian appointment and, to accept it, he retired from the Air Force in March 1975. He retired from NASA in 1977.

After his retirement, he founded Scott Science and Technology, Inc. and worked on several government projects, including designing the astronaut training for a proposed Air Force version of the Space Shuttle.

In 1959 Scott married his first wife, Ann Ott, and had two children with her, Tracy (1961- ) and Douglas (1963- ). In the early 2000s, he married Margaret Black, former vice-chairman of Morgan Stanley.

**Scope and Content Note**
The collection consists of the papers of David R. Scott and Anne Lurton Scott documenting David R. Scott's career as a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut circa 1963-1973, including photographs, printed material, correspondence, memorabilia, and audiovisual material. While there is some personal material, nearly all material in the collection relates to Scott's career as an astronaut, in particular the Apollo 15 spaceflight. Anne Lurton Scott wrote some of the correspondence, collected some of the printed material, and created many of the scrapbooks.

**Arrangement Note**
Arranged in alphabetical order.
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7 - Scott, David (Colonel), personal papers, including photograph, travel documents, and personal student identification cards, 1946-1957

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