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DAYTON, Ohio, June 20, 1975 --- The Wright Brothers and Charles F. Kettering will be more accessible to future scholars, thanks to a cooperative effort between the Dayton-Montgomery County Bicentennial Committee and the University of Dayton, with an assist from Wright State University. The cooperation between the Bicentennial Committee and the University will result in the completion of an oral history project on the three inventors started almost ten years ago.

During the academic year 1966-67, the project began under the direction of Dr. Wilfred J. Steiner, head of Institutional Studies. During that year, two graduate students, Susan Bennet and Nicholas Husson, conducted taped interviews with 23 associates of Kettering and the Wright Brothers.

For lack of funding, however, the tapes remained virtually useless, untranscribed and unindexed.

Then, a few months ago, Johannah Sherrer, head of the UD library reference department, was contacted by a representative of the Heritage Committee of the Dayton Montgomery County Bicentennial Committee who wanted to know if UD had any projects for a cooperative venture.

Professor Sherrer knew of the tapes, secured the University's portion of funding from University Provost Joseph Stander, S.M., and the project was underway again.

An assist came from Wright State University when Ralph Carder of its Media Distribution Center had the tapes rerecorded from the original reels to cassettes, which are more easily transcribed.

The cassettes will be transcribed by students. The transcription will be checked and edited by Professor Sherrer and then retyped.

Each tape will be indexed into various subject areas. After all the transcriptions are completed, a master index will be compiled for the whole collection.

Finally the collection will be catalogued here and also entered into the Library of Congress' National Union Catalogue.