

# NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Ordinary National Certificate in Aeronautics, Mechanical, and Production Engineering,  
Southampton University, England, 1949

Higher National Certificate in Mechanical and Production Engineering (equivalent to a  
B.S.), Southampton University, England, 1950

Master of Science degree in Aeronautics, Cranfield Institute of Technology, England.  
1957

Executive Fellow, Alfred P. Sloan School of Management, Stanford University,  
California, 1970

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:** Flight Engineer, Flight Crew, Bomber Command, Royal Air Force  
(retired)

**PRE-NASA EXPERIENCE:**

Structural Design, aircraft and helicopter, Various aircraft companies, Great Britain  
(1944-1950)

Flight Engineer, flight crew, Bomber Command, Royal Air Force, Great Britain (1950-  
1952)

Flight Test Engineer, Fighter Aircraft Systems and Aerodynamics, Avro Aircraft,  
Toronto, Canada (1952-1959)

**NASA INVOLVEMENT:**

Aeronautical Research Engineer, Flight Operations Division, NASA Space Task Group,  
Langley Field, Virginia (1959-1966)

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center/Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas

Deputy Chief, Landing and Recovery Division (1966-1969)

Manager of the Lunar Receiving Laboratory, Science and Applications Directorate  
(1970-1972)

Assistant Director, Science and Applications Directorate (1972-1976)

Assistant Director, Space and Life Sciences Directorate (1976-1986)

**PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:**

- Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, Canada.

**AWARDS & CITATIONS:**

- Stanford –Sloan Fellowship from Stanford University in Stanford, California, 1969
- Superior Achievement Award for work in the recovery aspects of Apollo, 1969
- NASA Exceptional Service Medal for work on the Apollo Program, 1973

**SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PATENTS:**

Armitage, Peter J. et al. “Gemini Postlanding Systems Tests and Recovery Operations.” Gemini Midprogram Conference Held at the Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas, February 23-25, 1966. Washington, DC: NASA, 1966.

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