

<http://www.livescience.com/54409-wright-brothers-missing-patent-found.html>

## **Lost Wright Brothers' 'Flying Machine' Patent Resurfaces**

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Wright patent submitted 3/23/1903

First Flight Dec. 17, 1903

Patent granted 5/22/1906

In 1978 NA lent the patent with pictures to the Smithsonian Air and Space.

Archivists noted the patent was returned 1980, but it was unable to be found later, so it was added to the missing historical documents and files list.

National archives have over 269 million pages in storage. Not hard to misplace things.

Patent filed in the wrong spot and an Archival recovery program tracked it down after a targeted search.

Patent will be exhibited starting May 20, 2016 to commemorate the 110th anniversary of receiving the patent.

<http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2016/nr16-52.html>

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2016/april/06/missing-wright-brothers-patent-file-found-will-be-displayed>

## **FILE FOUND**

### **DOCUMENT TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES MUSEUM**

<http://www.archives.gov/research/recover/>

## **Help the National Archives Recover Lost and Stolen Documents**

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/after-36-years-archivists-finally-found-wright-brothers-airplane-patent-180958649/>

After 36 Years, Archivists Finally Found the Wright Brothers' Airplane Patent

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2016/summer/archivist.html>

### Tracking Down Missing Records

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2012/10/31/where-have-the-missing-historical-treasures-from-the-national-archives-gone/>

## Thousands of Historical Treasures Missing from National Archives

<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/national-archives-treasures-targeted-by-thieves/?lumiereId=50134049&videoId=67877c3a-8bdf-11e2-9400-029118418759&cbsId=50134049&site=cbsnews>

60 minutes National Treasure archives targeted by thieves.

<http://content.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1900055,00.html>

A Brief History of the National Archives

<http://content.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1572378,00.html>

On the Trail of Pilfered history.

<http://www.archives.gov/research/notices/new-security-procedures.html>

## The National Archives Increases Security in the Washington, DC Area

<https://www.archives.gov/about/history/building.html>

<http://www.archives.gov/oig/pdf/2008/audit-report-08-01.pdf>

[http://www.uwyo.edu/ahc/\\_files/uw-archives/records-mgt.pdf](http://www.uwyo.edu/ahc/_files/uw-archives/records-mgt.pdf)

The purpose of an archives is to preserve artefacts and documents deemed important (definition of archives).

So what do we do whenever things are stolen from the archives or are misplaced. They're unable to preserve, and they're in a sense failing at their job (word this different)

Is the NARA overwhelmed? Should they be turning down or deaccessioning items that are in their possession.

How do you manage so many materials?

American Heritage Center example from class. Too many things to protect and preserve.

<https://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2012/nr12-133.html>

Barry Landau 7 yrs for thefts

60 mins special on national archives thefts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ9D0kfRYW0>

Archivist ethics

<http://www.archives.gov/preservation/professionals/archivist-code.html>

List of missing artefacts

<http://www.archives.gov/research/recover/missing-documents.html>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/lost-plans-for-wright-brothers-flying-machine-found-after-36-years/2016/04/02/e526fd56-f6b2-11e5-9804-537defcc3cf6\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/lost-plans-for-wright-brothers-flying-machine-found-after-36-years/2016/04/02/e526fd56-f6b2-11e5-9804-537defcc3cf6_story.html)

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