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Introduction

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Biographical Sketch

Adrian Kinnane is a researcher and manager for historical projects at History Associates Incorporated. Dr. Kinnane has published works on urban police, a history of the DuPont Company, and the Wright brothers' invention of the airplane. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in history from the University of Maryland in College Park, where he studied US history. Dr. Kinnane also holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Scope and Content

Adrian Kinnane's unpublished manuscript "The Crucible of Flight" is an in depth look at what outside influences helped the Wright Brothers become the first to be successful in the quest for flight. Kinnane considers that the difference between them and their competitor/colleagues may well have been the difference that crowned them ultimately with success. His main focus is the familial and personal forces that set the Wrights apart. He studies the Wright family bond, the friendly and adversarial ties the Wrights developed outside the family bond, and the fraternal bond between Orville and Wilbur Wright.

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