

**INDIVIDUAL HISTORY**

**CLARKE CHANUTE GLIDER 'BAPC.100'**  
**MUSEUM ACCESSION NUMBER 1994/1346/A**

- 1910 Built by T.W.K. Clarke & Co, Aeronautical Engineers, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey for the Royal Aero Club as a biplane glider. T.W.K stood for Thomas Wigston Kingslake. Clarke & Co produced a range of four biplane gliders, including the 'Chanute' of which this is an example, priced at £34 complete. Based on the gliders produced by American pioneer Octave Chanute and illustrated in 'The Aero' Feb 1913.
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Feb 1913 One of three gliders (including those of Percy Pilcher and Lilienthal) displayed at the Science Museum, South Kensington as part of a special aeronautical exhibition. Science Museum inventory number 1914/37. On loan from the Royal Aero Club.
- 1913-61 Displayed in South Kensington western Galleries at this time except during the two world wars, with the fabric completely stripped from the lower wing to show the construction. The tailplane may have been recovered around 1944 prior to post-war redisplay.
- c.1961 To Science Museum store at Hayes, Middx when the Western Galleries at South Kensington were cleared prior to redisplay.
- 12 Jan 81 From Science Museum store at Hayes to RAF Museum Reserve Collection and Restoration Centre, Cardington, Beds for restoration.
- 1982/3 Completely dismantled, and reassembled with a new cover for the top plane, the original being stored at Cardington and later at Stafford and Wyton. Accession number 84/A/732 for 31x42 inch fragment retained.
- Late 1983 To RAF Museum Hendon for suspended display in main aircraft hall, on permanent loan from the Royal Aero Club through the Science Museum.
- Feb 2001 Removed from display due to Museum building work; stored on site pending work on water damaged upper wing covering.
- 27 Feb 01 To temporary restoration facility at RAF Wyton for recovering.
- 7 Nov 01 Returned to RAFM Hendon for display following complete recovering with undoped linen.
- 28 May 03 Moved to new Milestones building at Hendon for continued suspended display.

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