

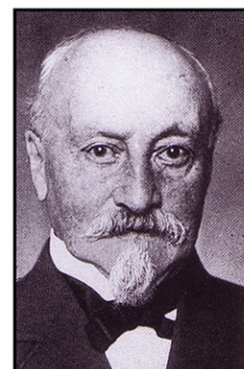


1896 GLIDING PIONEER

Octave Chanute was a genuine pioneer of glider flight in the United States. He focused his efforts on the development of a mechanized system of controlling flight rather than the shifting of one's body weight.

He developed several successful gliders during the late 1800s and between 1896 and 1897, Chanute's assistants made over 1000 flights in his machines. All this happened when he was over 60 years old!

His accumulated knowledge of early flight was documented in his book "Progress of Flying Machines, published in 1894. The Wright brothers sought his help in the development of their gliders. They enjoyed a close relationship with Chanute and their success in 1903 was due in great part to their friendship.



OCTAVE CHANUTE

