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Twentieth century photograph collection

Title: Twentieth century photograph collection
Collection No: MSS.462
Extent: 4 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: circa 1900-1991 and undated

Abstract: The collection contains a variety of photographic images, both individual and in albums. The images include family snapshots and photographs taken by state agencies, military units and other groups.

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Scope and contents

The collection is an artificial one containing a variety of photographic images, both individual and in albums. Their provenance is known in some cases but not all. The images include family snapshots as well as photographs taken by groups including state agencies and military units. Two albums of interest are A. Frank Eby's and one owned by an unidentified World War II marine. The former documents a visit to Shiloh National Military Park by Eby and other Indiana Civil War veterans around 1904 soon after many of the monuments were installed. The latter records activities at the Marine Corps training camp at Cherry Point, North Carolina, around 1943 and the owner's subsequent service in the Pacific campaign. There is also a collection of official photographs of the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Millington, Tennessee, from circa 1943.

Subject terms

Aarons, Henry—Photographs.

Eby, A. Frank—Photographs.

Malone, James H. (James Henry), 1851-1929—Photographs.

Mississippi River--1930-1940—Photographs.

Naval Air Technical Training Center (Naval Air Station Memphis (Tenn.))—Photographs.

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994—Photographs.

Orgill family—Photographs.

Reagan, Ronald—Photographs.

Shiloh National Military Park (Tenn. and Miss.)—Photographs.

United States. Marine Corps--History--World War, 1939-1945—Photographs.

Wilson, Elizabeth.

Wilson family—Photographs.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Unidentified people: 3 b/w prints, circa 1910?. Donated by Dr. W. Harry Feinstone, Memphis State University, 1981.
- 2 Photograph album: 120 b/w prints with no binding. Images of an unidentified (Memphis?) family, houses, and places they visited, including Helen Hunt Falls, Colorado, circa 1910.
- 3 Ronald Reagan campaigning in Memphis, 1976 May 20: 2 b/w prints. Ronald Reagan speaking in Memphis during campaign for Republican Party nomination;

supporters at Memphis airport. Photographed by Mary Clemons, Memphis State University.

- 4 Stells Big Medicine Company, undated: 2 b/w prints. Group of African-American men and women in costume and with musical instruments on a makeshift stage, with a Caucasian man and woman in Western clothing, and a man in a suit; Caucasian man and woman in Western clothing, and a man in a suit standing on same stage. Purchased from Floy's Antiques, Memphis, Tenn.
- 5 Reclamation work on the Mississippi River at Mellwood Bend, Arkansas, 1939. Four 8" x 10" b/w prints of building of willow mat and sinking of the mat with rocks from a barge towed by the sternwheeler "Chisca". Also two small b/w prints of reclamation work, undated.
- 6 Views of World War I battlefields, trench, destroyed St. Benoit, France, chateau, and a camp. Four b/w prints.

Box 2

Photograph album: 300 b/w prints. Belonged to Adele Kendrick Orgill (1898-1978) of Memphis, Tennessee. Images of her family and friends in Memphis, Bolivar and traveling, circa 1917.

Box 3

- 1 Aarons' photographs, 1922-1938 and undated: 24 b/w prints. Includes: Henry Aarons with car in San Antonio, Texas, December 26, 1922, and in Mississippi; two images taken at Wellesley College in 1927; two images of a group of people from 1938; one image of S. Steinberg & Company building on Jefferson Avenue, Memphis, circa 1935. Donated by Mrs. Grace Wolf Aarons, Memphis, Tennessee, 1983.
- 2 A. Frank Eby photograph album, circa 1904. Suede-bound photograph album containing 35 b/w images of visit to Shiloh National Military Park taken by A. Frank Eby and other Indiana Civil War veterans around 1904. The images show some of the newly erected monuments and the boats on the Tennessee River which brought visitors to the park. Eby (b. 1844) served in the 54th Indiana Volunteer Infantry and the 40th Indiana Infantry. Purchased from Michael D. Heaston, Austin, Texas, 1988.
- 3 Photograph album titled "Service Album, Cherry Point, N.C., U.S.M.C. Aviation", circa 1943-1945. Contains 145 b/w images. Images of servicemen at Cherry Point, N.C., Marine Corps base, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, N.C., and images produced by official photographers of operations in South Pacific and Philippines. Also snapshots taken in Okinawa, Japan. Contains names of 18 servicemen who were stationed at Cherry Point, February/March 1943, and mentions owner of album was named Jack who was not a Southerner. Donor unknown, August 1988.

Box 4

- 1 University Lions Club social, 1977. 7 color prints of a group of people eating and playing croquet in the backyard of an unidentified house.
- 2 Wilson family photograph album, 1938-1943 and undated. Contains 81 b/w prints, some loose, 1938-1944. Belonged to Milton Wilson family of Arlington, Tenn. Includes

snapshots of family members, including Elizabeth, James and Robert, Aunts Ida and Ola among other relatives, photographs of family groups, house, and Scout Camp Kiwani. Purchased from Floy's Antiques, Memphis, Tenn., August 1983.

3 Loose prints.

4 Ephemera, 1940-1957 and undated. Includes: Elizabeth Wilson's Arlington Elementary School report, 1940; Arlington School graduation program, 1944, and; Nicholas Blackwell High School commencement program, 1944.

5 Mounted photographs, unidentified, undated.

6 Identified, undated: Mr. and Mrs. Schwab interviewed by Ann Rickey of Real to Reel Productions, circa 1977; Harold Robbins, undated; W.J. Michael (Mike) Cody, Memphis, Tenn., undated; Doughboy statue (5), Overton Park, Memphis, Tenn., undated; Columbia Institute, Columbia, Tenn., circa 1925 (3); Mrs. Podesta pictures, undated (4); Overton Park Zoo, Memphis, Tenn., includes copy print of bear "Natchez" by Lawrence H. Wyckoff, 1905, and bear cages; Mallory Air Force Specialized Depot, Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., circa 1950; Hillsborough, N.C., circa 1974.

Box 5

1 Unidentified, undated. Includes image of man taking fingerprints off a safe from the Memphis Police Bureau of Identification, photographer: Tuttle; photographers include: Biltmore Studio, 1944; Moffett, Chicago, Ill.; J. Mack Moore, Vicksburg, Miss; photographic processors in Meridian Miss., Memphis, Tenn.

2 Father Nicholas L. Vieron, Greek Orthodox Annunciation Church, Memphis, Tenn., undated (color, 9).

3 Depot House, Holly Springs, Miss., 1977 January (color, 17).

4 Mounted photographs: unidentified. Image of woman signed "...from Mamie"; photographers include: Ramsey, Gainesville, Ga., 1919; Outland & Stanton, Long Beach, California; Bingham, Memphis, Tenn.; Wootton, Martin, Tenn.

5 Negatives: Lumber trucks, Franklin Street, Corinth, Miss., circa 1930; Foley and Burk Shows, undated (color, 8).

6 Automobiles on roads in Tennessee and Kentucky, undated (c.1915). Automobile has Little Rock pennant on folded down roof. Refers to Dobbys family assisting the photographer near Fulton, Ky. Photographs processed in Atlanta, Ga.

7 Memphis, Tenn., downtown and waterfront, from Mud Island and Arkansas river bank, circa 1970, unknown photographer (b/w, 6).

8 Foundry workers. B/w image of 9 unidentified workers in front of a stack of ingots, n.p., circa 1930?.

9 Mounted photograph: James Henry Malone (1851-1929) seated in 11th floor office in Exchange Building, Memphis, Tenn., undated (circa 1910). Malone was mayor of Memphis from 1905 to 1910.

10 Vice-President Richard Nixon and wife Pat riding on a car, Beale Street, Memphis, Tenn., 1960 September 27. Nixon spoke at W.C. Handy Park. Photographer: Ernest C. Withers, Memphis, Tenn.

11 Mounted photograph: Group of men and boys of the postal telegraph force outside the

Postal Telegraph and Cable Office, Paducah, Ky., 1908. Photographer: W.W. Sacra, Paducah, Ky.

- 12 Post Office, Memphis, Tenn., 1914 and undated (3). Interior views of male and female employees at their desks. Names noted include: J.W. Meyers, Clarke, Jack Conners, Frank Ross, Paul Park, Johnnie Jones.

- 13 Copy print: Old hotel and depot, McKenzie, Tenn., undated.
Negatives: Unknown photographic studio, Memphis?, 1960s-1970s. Images of predominately African American individuals and groups:

Box 6 9 x 12 cm (832).

Box 7 6 x 8.5 cm (554).

Box 8

- 1 Downtown Memphis, 1990-1991. Color snapshots taken by Roy Brewer of buildings in the downtown area of Main, Front and Second Streets. (58)
- 2 Album pages, 1904-1917. 22 snapshots and a portrait, including views of Memphis waterfront, Gartley-Ramsey Hospital, Ellis-Hessig Wholesale Drug Company building, and Confederate Park. Names include Winnie Childress, Phil and Bernice Weinrich, Anne L. Schoefer, Leo Shoefer, George and Hattie Oran, Walter and Edward Fukbish? Donated by Donald Mabry, Starkville, Miss., and Cliff Coffey, El Cajon, Calif.
- 3 Park Field, Millington, Tenn., 1919 November 6. Donated by Barbara Plyler, Memphis, Tenn.
- 4 Houseboat at levee, Memphis, Tenn., undated (circa 1910). Houseboat has “DeSoto Fish...(undecipherable)” on the roof. Donated by David Doss, Allen Park, Mich.
- 5 Negatives, 35mm, b&w: Downtown Memphis, boat houses on the Mississippi River, Jefferson Davis Park, oldest house in West Tennessee, 1976 November; ice on Mississippi River near Mud Island, 1977 January. Photographer unknown.
- 6 Dan Stewart Murrell collection:
Dan Stewart Murrell (1933- 2010) served nine years in the regular army, including three years in Germany, before returning to the University of Mississippi to attend law school. Upon receipt of the Juris Doctor Degree, he joined the General Crimes Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and entered George Washington University School of Law where he earned the LL.M. He joined the faculty of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at Memphis State University in 1970 and taught until 2001. His courses included constitutional law, criminal law, criminal procedure and a course he developed, law in literature. He also served two years as university legal counsel. He was active in international law, spending time with the American Bar Association’s Center for Eastern European Legal Initiatives in Moldova and as a visiting professor in Budapest, Hungary. Murrell was an active member of and volunteer for multiple organizations, including the Lions Club, Boy Scout Troop 40, CASA, the Shelby County Juvenile Court, and St. Luke’s United Methodist Church.
The inscribed photographs were collected during Murrell’s time at the Justice Department.

William Ramsey Clark, U.S. Attorney General.
James O. Eastland, U.S. Senator for Mississippi.
John N. Mitchell, U.S. Attorney General.
Hubert H. Humphrey, U.S. Vice-President.
J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1970.
Richard M. Nixon, U.S. President, 1969.
Spiro T. Agnew, U.S. Vice-President.

7 James Alexander Hulbert (born 1906), librarian and author of *An Introduction to Library Service* (New York: Exposition Press, 1971), and two unidentified men, undated.

8 Hand-colored images of an unidentified woman standing and seated with bouquets of flowers, possibly from a wedding (2). One image dated August 5, 1918.

Photographer: Clifford H. Poland

Box 9

Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn., circa 1943 (41). U.S. Navy images of trainees and facilities with numbered descriptions, originally in album. The Naval Reserve Aviation Base was established in June 1942 at the former U.S. Army training ground, Park Field. It became a Naval Training Station for Aviation Maintenance before being designated NATTC in early 1943. As a primary flight training center in World War II, six hundred to eight hundred aviation cadets trained at a time. The ground crew training facility was designed for ten thousand students. The entire complex, which included unpaved satellite fields in a fifteen-mile radius, covered an area of more than 3,500 acres. Purchased from Newport Games and Photos, Covington, Ky., February 2017.

Oversize 1

Tennessee Soil Conservation Service photographs, 1947-1956 and undated. 9 b/w prints, 16" x 20", mounted on card. Images of farming activities in Tennessee, donated by Geography Department, Memphis State University, February 1984.

- 1 Beef cattle herd grazing, S.R. Moore farm, McMinnville, Warren County, Tenn., 1947 April 22. Photographer: Cal. L. Roark.
- 2 Sericea lespedeza field, T.E. Hackett farm, Monoville, Smith County, Tenn., 1949 August 4. Photographer: Charles L. Lehning, Jr.
- 3 Delivery and spread of fertilizer, James Brewington farm, Cannon Soil Conservation District, Tenn., 1951 May 26. Photographer: H.E. Holman.
- 4 Cornfield, between Pressman's home and Sneedville, Hancock County, Tenn., 1951 September. Photographer: Cal L. Roark.
- 5 Cornfield, between Pressman's home and Sneedville, Hawkins County, Tenn., 1951 October. Photographer: Cal L. Roark.
- 6 Phosphate mine dumps, Maury County, Tenn., 1953 October 27. Photographer: A.B. Harmon, Jr.
- 7 Multiflora rose fence, R.M. Benson farm, Ethridge, Lawrence County, Tenn., 1956 May 10.
- 8 Baling sericea hay with pickup baler, T.F. Muher farm, Millington, Shelby County, Tenn., undated. Photographer: C.E. Ishee.

9 Mr. Willis hay baling, undated. Photographer: D.H. Esry.

Oversize 2

- “Dedication of monument on Elks Rest, Memphis, Tenn., March 16, 1913.” Memorial to deceased members of Memphis Lodge No. 27, B.P.O. Elks, with participants listed. Photographer: J.C. Coover, Memphis.
- Large group of people, mostly men, standing on steps of unidentified building, with some individuals holding musical instruments, circa 1915. Photographer: Poland, Memphis.
- Print showing a nineteenth century and a twentieth century image of the waterfront, Memphis, Tenn.
- “Banquet and sales conference given in honor of Captain William Sparks and Sparton radio dealers of Memphis and Little Rock territory by Dealers Equipment Co. of Memphis, Tenn., held at Hotel Peabody, January 27, 1930.” Photographer: Goodman, Memphis.
- Aerial view of the A.C. Humko Company, E. L. Bruce & Company, and Memphis Hardwood Flooring Company, Memphis, Tenn., circa 1947. (3)
- Composite photograph: Senate, Sixty-fourth General Assembly, Tennessee, 1925. Photographer: W.G. Thuss, Nashville.
- Aerial view of downtown Memphis, Tennessee, from Exchange to Jefferson Streets, circa 1955. Photographer: 155th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Tennessee Air National Guard.
- “All Southern High School Orchestra and Chorus, Memphis, Tennessee, March 13, 1931”. Photographer: Goodman, Memphis.
- Regimental band, 115th Field Artillery, Memphis, Tenn., undated (c. 1918). Taken at Camp Jackson, S.C. Photographer: Sargeant Photo Co., Columbia, S.C.
- Rotary Club, Fourteenth District (Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee) conference delegates, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La., circa March 1922. Photographer: Ewing Inc., Baton Rouge, La.
- Unidentified military unit (National Guard?) with tents in background, address on verso: “214 North Vine St., Nashville, Tenn.”, undated (circa 1918?), photographer: Calvert Bros., Nashville, Tenn.
- Unidentified young boy, 4 views, undated.
- Unidentified U.S. Army Air Forces officer, undated.

Oversize 3

- Unidentified group of people standing behind two seated men, undated. Possibly related to H.C. McKellar, Memphis postmaster.
- Memphis downtown, sectional overlay aerial photograph, City of Memphis, Division of Public Works, sheet no. 786296, undated (1960s?).
- Illinois Central Business Club banquet, Hotel Chisca, Memphis, 1929 April 11. Photographer: Goodman.
- United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company (U.S.F. and G.), Memphis Office Davis Cup party, Edgewater Gulf Hotel, Edgewater Park, Miss., 1940 April 26-28. Photographer: Montell.
- Second stockholders meeting of the Big Pickery, McCallum and Robinson, Memphis,

1929 March 20. Photographer: Poland.

Oversize 4

Fourth degree class, Memphis Assembly #616, Knights of Columbus, Memphis, 1919
October 12. Photographer: Poland.

News Scimitar employees banquet, Hotel Gayoso, Memphis, Tenn., date obscured (circa
1925). Photographer: Poland.

Tri State Mayors of 3rd Annual Cotton Carnival, Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tenn., 1933
May 12. Photographer: Goodman.

Rock Island Line freight office, Calhoun and Fourth Streets, Memphis, Tenn., 1921.

Photographer: W.J. Covert, 572 Pontotoc Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. Four images:
1 exterior and 3 interior.

LgOS Overton Park pavilion and arbor, 1910. Photographer: Covert, Memphis. Tinted Cirkut
photograph.