

Finding Aid for the Stephen Deming Stover glass negatives Collection 128

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator - Photographer	Stover, Stephen Deming, 1872-1936
Title	Stephen Deming Stover glass negatives
Date [inclusive]	1900-1906
Extent	0.79 Linear feet Five boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Stephen Deming Stover was a printer and an amateur photographer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This collection contains 75 glass plate negatives for images from 1900 through 1906, taken by Stover. They depict various scenes from Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, Mich. and Chicago, IL., including churches, street scenes, people, social events and parades. Of note are the views of labor parades, baseball teams, bicycle racing, ice cutting on the Grand River, the Norton Indian mounds and Grand Haven harbor.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Stephen Deming Stover, a native of Canada, was born in 1872. After moving to Grand Rapids, Mich., Stover worked as a printer being employed successively by Bookus Printing Co., Valley City Printing & Engraving Co., Cargill Brothers, and the James Bayne Co. He also worked for the American Boxboard Co. in an unknown capacity.

In 1898 Stover married Agnes Littlefiled and the two had five children. A member of St. Marks Episcopal Church, Stover died on 13 July 1936. Stover was also an amateur photographer and the negatives were the result of this avocation.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains various landscape scenes of the Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, Mich. area during the first years of the twentieth century. Some of the specific topics present are baseball teams, labor parades, John Ball Park, bicycle racing, people, Highland Park at Grand Haven, Grand Haven harbor and a few scenes of the Lake Michigan shoreline at Chicago, IL.

Photoprints "*" A star by the negative number indicates that a photoprint from the glass negative is present in the collection.

Also, 1 historical photoprint was probably added later from an unidentified source. "Lena Stover in Ball Park Greenhouse".

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Unknown donor/accession number

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Haven (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs
 - Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs
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Glass negatives

Collection Inventory

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	Box	Folder
Cargill Press baseball team, 5/12/1906	1	*(2)128.01
Baseball team. "TT" [Timmer's Tigers], n.d.	1	128.02
Baseball team. "TT" [Timmer's Tigers], n.d.	1	128.03
Baseball team. "TT"[Timmer's Tigers], n.d.	1	*128.04
Bicycle Race. North Park, c.1900	1	*128.05
Bicycle Race. North Park, c.1900	1	*128.06
Bicycle Race. Comstock Park, 5/31/1902	1	128.07
Corn field, n.d.	1	128.08
Grand Haven, MI. Harbor, 6/21/1902	1	*128.09
Grand Haven, MI. Harbor, 6/21/1902	1	128.1
Grand Rapids view, n.d.	1	128.11

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Grand Rapids view, n.d.	1	128.12
Grand Rapids view, n.d.	1	128.13
Grand Rapids view, n.d.	1	128.14
Hemlock trees, n.d.	1	128.15
Highland Park, Grand Haven, MI, 6/16/1902	1	128.16
Highland Park, Grand Haven, MI, 6/16/1902	1	128.17
Highland Park, Grand Haven, MI. The ravine, 6/19/1902	2	128.18
Highland Park, Grand Haven, MI, 6/19/1902	2	128.19
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John Ball Park. Pond, n.d.	2	128.22
Labor Day Parade, c.1900	2	*128.23
Norton Indian Mounds, 4/22/1902	2	*128.24
Norton Indian Mounds, 4/22/1902	2	*128.25

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Labor Day Parade, [1903]	2	*128.26
Glass Workers Union #10, 9/7/1903	2	*128.27
People. Group, 5/1902	2	128.28
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Third Presbyterian Church picnic, 6/25/1903	2	128.36
Scene. Unidentified, n.d.	2	128.37
Bicycling, n.d.	3	128.38
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Ferris Wheel, n.d.	3	128.41
Grand Haven, MI. Harbor, n.d.	3	*128.42
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Horse and Wagon, n.d.	3	128.44
House. Interior, n.d.	3	128.45
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House. Interior. Christmas scene, n.d.	3	128.47
House. Interior, n.d.	3	128.48
House. Interior, n.d.	3	128.49
Houses, n.d.	3	128.5
Ice cutting. Grand River, n.d.	3	*128.51
Ice cutting. Grand River, n.d.	3	128.52
John Ball Park, n.d.	3	128.53

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John Ball Park, n.d.	3	128.54
John Ball Park, n.d.	3	128.55
John Ball Park. Arch, n.d.	3	128.56
John Ball Park, n.d.	3	128.57
Chicago, IL. Lake Michigan sea wall, 10/14/1899	3	128.58
Lake Michigan shoreline, n.d.	3	128.59
Chicago, IL. Lincoln Park, n.d.	3	128.6
Man climbing a fence, n.d.	4	128.61
People. Group, n.d.	4	128.62
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First Presbyterian Church Young People, n.d.	4	128.68
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Printing shop. Interior, n.d.	4	128.72
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People. Unidentified, n.d.	4	128.75
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