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Finding aid for the Grand Rapids Public Library color images collection Collection 325

including photographs and slides

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title:	Grand Rapids Public Library color images collection
ID:	Collection 325
ID [Archivists Toolkit Database::RESOURCE]:	331
Date:	circa 1950-
Physical Description:	3.3 Linear Feet Five boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	This is a devised collection that attempts to bring together by format various small accessions of color photographs. As an open collection, new images may be added. The collection includes images of scenes and of people.

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Scope and Contents

There are many different historical types of visual imagery available in the GRPL Archives. Some collections, such as the GRPL Stereocard Collection, are defined with that particular type of photography in mind. This organization by material type allows for the management of the materials by size, by type of preservation treatments, and also indirectly provides targeted access of age or type of views, such as black and white vs color.

Traditional color photographs produced with film cameras can fade more quickly in some cases than their black and white counter parts. And it is primarily in order to monitor the condition of the color print, as well as to more easily provide color vs black and white images at patrons requests, that Coll. 325 has been created as a sibling to Coll. 054. For those images believed created using a digital camera and printed using a digital process, though they may be color, should be processed for what is currently defined as the Fuji Collection. For those images know to be color laser copies, there is also a separate collector, for the better monitoring of the image, and provisions to researchers.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Various donors and accession numbers.

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Controlled Access Headings

- photographs
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- photographs

Collection Inventory

Series I. Scenes & People

Title/Description	Instances
Old City Hall Demolition, 1969. 1999.119.1-8	Box 1

Construction Photos

Michigan at Monroe Set, Mar. 12, 2001 (9 items)

Scope and Contents

Images show views of historical old canal structures along the Grand River found during 2001 excavation.

Title/Description	Instances
.1 View of Olds Manor left, & Press building beyond across Monroe. Large pipes & excavation in foreground. 2001.030.1	Box 1
.2 View of Post Office, with corner of Olds Manor right & large office building across the river in background. "CAT" yellow excavating tractor lifting a large pipe section. 2001.030.2	Box 1
.3 View of excavation showing the canal, just under the road surface. Press Building? In background. 2001.030.3	Box 1
.4 Large office building on other side of river. With river & Michigan/Bridge St. bridge. 2001.030.4	Box 1
.5 Excavation in front of Olds Manor, show hole (canal?) 2001.030.5	Box 1
.6 Man standing in the excavation hole, perhaps by collapsed canal pieces, across from Olds Manor, with Post office & large office building behind right. 2001.030.6	Box 1
.7 Large pipes on flat bed truck in front of Olds Manor. "CAT" digger, excavation in front. Press Building center right on far corner. 2001.030.7	Box 1
.8 Stop sign at ? Street. Excavation, with large pipes, 1 in claw of "CAT" digger, with Olds Manor behind. 2001.030.8	Box 1
.9 View through large pipe section, to man in cab of digger, with Olds Manor behind. 2001.030.9	Box 1

Grand River Views (2)

Title/Description	Instances
1. Bird's eye view of the river north? With multiple bridges, and dam toward the bottom.	Box 1
2. June 19, 1988. Drought. View of low river and banks to the south(?) of Grand rapids, with the city skyline in the background.	Box 1

Grand Rapids Railway/Grand Rapids Street Railway (2)

Biographical / Historical

This building was on the site of Gelock Heavy Movers, 450 Market S.W., and was torn down for the construction of their later building.

Title/Description	Instances
1. View of eave of red brick building showing date "1900" and lettering "Grand Rapids Railway Company" 2009.050	Box 1

2. Distant view of same building with field in foreground, other buildings, heavy equipment, telephone pole & wires and flue in the landscape. 2009.050	Box 1
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Herpolsheimer's and WOOD-TV 'Alive with Color' (36 snapshots)	Box 1
<u>Custodial History:</u>	
Custodial History	
Moved from 054-13-17	

547 Jefferson at Buckley St. House, later a four-plex unit. 1999.131.1-24	Box 1
General	
Numbered 1-4, 5a/b, 6a/b, 7a/b, 8a/b, 9a/b,10a/b, 11a/b, 12a/b, 13a/b, 14a/b	

Old Kent County Building just before demolition, 1968? 2002.095.1-3	Box 1
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Stanley Ketchel gravesite and tombstone at Holy Cross Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Michigan. (2)

Related Materials:

Related Materials

See also photos of the Funeral in Coll. 054-9-20

Title/Description	Instances
1. Near view of tombstone, Stanley ketchel, Sept. 14, 1886-Oct. 15, 1910. 2005.086.1	Box 1
2. View showing the cross on top of the tombstone and the surrounding trees and stones. 2005.086.2	Box 1
Barn, Patterson south of 28th St., ca. 2002, being removed. 2006.013	Box 1

Ice Jam, 2005 / William R. Modders, photographer (6)

Title/Description	Instances
1. G.R. 6th St. Dam, Jan. 2005. Looking East from the Fish Ladder, Brass Works Building on Monroe Ave., N.W. [Dam covered with ice in this view] 7 x 10 in. 2005.038.1	Box 2
2. G.R. 6th St. Dam, Mar. 2005. [Dam visible, orange colored, with men fishing in the Grand River, snow on the ground. Belknap Lookout Hill can be seen in this view. 7 x 10 in. 2005.038.2	Box 2
3. 4x6 version of Jan. 2005 view above. 2005.038.3	Box 1
4. 4x6 version of Mar. 2005 view above. Colors are more subtle in this version (not a orange, more brownish] 2005.038.4	Box 1

5. View South on the Grand River, Michigan Ave. bridge in foreground, DeVos Place on river left, with the McKay Tower behind. Amway Grand is tall building at center right, on Pearl St. 2005.038.5	Box 1
6. Mar. 6, 2005 version of same view above, but with a higher river, full of ice. More of DeVos Place is seen and more spans of the bridge to the East. 2005.038.6	Box 1

Kent County Community Correctional Facility (1)

Title/Description	Instances
1. Fall 1999 aerial view of complex. Includes old site 1958 construction. Moved from 054-17-2 11/26/2007.	Box 1

Michigan Street

Title/Description	Instances
Michigan Street, west of Lafayette. Includes 225 Michigan St., Hollywood Barber Shop, and Hill Drug Store, 2 images [2019.074], 1955	Box 1

Restaurants (2)

Title/Description	Instances
One Trick Pony. 2009.004.4.1	Box 1
Cottage Bar. 2009.004.4.2	Box 1

Skyline

Title/Description	Instances
Christmas Card showing a Grand Rapids Police car parked on the East Side Grand River bank, with part of the Grand Rapids skyline behind it. <u>Custodial History:</u> Custodial History Formerly located at 054-41-14	Box 1

Tornados

Title/Description	Instances
1956. Leonard / Richmond Road Area of Grand Rapids. (4 slides) <u>Processing Information:</u>	Box 1

Processing Information

Slides, currently housed with prints, to be removed to separate slide box when prepared.

Fuji Pictograph color prints from the slides. Shows primarily damage to trees, but also building parts in landscape. 2007.009.1-4, 5-8	Box 1
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Washington at State Streets.

Title/Description	Instances
Colorized black & white photo. Pictured is the point where two streets met, a horse-drawn wagon, and a residential neighbourhood. 1994.052.2	Box 1

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Series II. People.

General

For people in a scene, see Series I. Above.

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Series III. Grand Rapids Press Photographs

Processing Information:

Processing Information

These purchased color photos from the Press now processed as part of Coll. 297.

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Series IV. Corporate Color Collection

Calendars

Date Unknown

Title/Description	Instances
Nov.-Dec. calendar. View of downtown Grand Rapids / [photographer] Dietrich Floeter, Grand Ledge, Mi.	Box 3

1992

Title/Description	Instances
Mar./Apr. "West Michigan History" Showing First shipment of Furniture by Air. Morris Col. 43, Neg. #1553, colorized by Corp. Color.	Box 3

Aerial view of bridge / photo by John L. Wagner. Jan-Apr. calendar	Box 3
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1998

Title/Description	Instances
1998 Oct-Dec Calendar / Photo by Dr. Lee Pool (fall leaves)	Box 3

1999

Title/Description	Instances
Jan.-March / photo by Dan Watts (giraffe)	Box 3
Apr.-June. / photo by John Randall (field)	Box 3
July-Sept. / photo by Ken Scott (Orchard? Windmill, barn)	Box 3
Oct-Dec. / photo by Bob Mills, Jr. (goats)	Box 3

2000

Title/Description	Instances
Jan – Apr	Box 3
May – Aug	Box 3
Sept-Dec.	Box 3

2001

Title/Description	Instances
Jan.-Mar	Box 3
July-Sept. www.kenscottphotography.com	Box 3
Oct. -Dec. Shows Unidentified desolation western landscape. Photo by Joe Fletty.	Box 3

2002

Title/Description	Instances
Jan.-Feb. Shows winter snow scene, by Stan Taylor. Blue background. Note that the year is often not given.	Box 3
May-June Iris. Dr. Lee Pool	Box 3
July-August Bill Herbert	Box 3
Nov-Dec. Dr. Lee Pool	Box 3

Publications

1999

Title/Description	Instances
Corporate Color Sense (newsletter) v. 6, no. 1, Winter	Box 3
Corporate Color Sense (newsletter) v. 6, no. 4, Fall	Box 3

2000

Title/Description	Instances
Corporate Color Sense (newsletter) v. 7, no. 1, Winter on John L. Wagner.	Box 3

2002

Title/Description	Instances
Corporate Color Sense (newsletter) May/June	Box 3

Oversized

Title/Description	Instances
.1 Ryerson Library Building.	Box 3
.2 Rollable Graphics, Lambda Plastic Mural, with 15 mil LexGuard Uvtm "Tradeshaw Retail Display Graphics". A generic image, probably from a commercial national photo file source.	Box 3

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