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Finding aid for the William Ryland slides Collection 442

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center
Title:	William Ryland slides
ID:	Collection 442
Date [bulk]:	1976-1980
Date [inclusive]:	1973-1980
Physical Description:	2.0 Linear feet 7 Boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection is composed of slides that cover a wide geographical area including Baltimore, North Carolina, British Columbia, the Mississippi river, California, as well as Grand Rapids. The slides are organized neither by date nor subject and are stored in the order and sequence they were received.

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Biographical/Historical note

Little is known of William Ryland. Genealogical records show he was born in Georgia on April 11, 1917 and died on October 25 of 1983. The 1920 Census does not list his family but the 1930 census shows him living in Fairfield, Virginia with his parents William S. Ryland, Sr. and Isabel F. Ryland and his sister, Mary H. Ryland. In 1940 the census shows he was working as a government worker and living with several other boarders in Baltimore, Maryland and lists his 1935 residence as Richmond Virginia. Grand Rapids City Directories indicate he lived on Lafayette ave in 1970 by himself and then moved to 500 East Fulton in 1971 where his mother joined him. They lived there for a year and then moved to 1659 Millbrook SE where they resided until her death in 1977 and his in 1983. It appears he never married and has no obituary.

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Scope and Contents note

This collection consists exclusively of 35mm film slides that are dated from 1973 to 1980. The slides have been stored in the order in which they were received with many unrelated subjects mixed together and unsorted.

Geographically, the slides cover Yosemite National Park, the Grand Canyon, North Carolina, Baltimore, and Lake Okanagan in British Columbia as well as many locations that are undetermined. There are also several slides of the 1977-78 Chessie Steam Special Tour put on by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad celebrating the 150th anniversary of the creation of the company.

Local subjects include: South Haven, Mich; Johnson Park; Calder Plaza; the fish ladder; street scenes of Grand Rapids, Mich; view of the Grand River.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Buildings -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- Photographs
- Grand River (Mich.)
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

- Ryland, William, 1917-1983

Collection Inventory

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