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Edmund Trissell Collection

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INTRODUCTION

The Edmund Trissell Collection chronicles the life of Dayton photographer Edmund William Trissell. The collection was donated by Clark Trissell, Edmund's son. The collection is 3.5 linear feet filling 11 boxes. The collection includes negatives, photographs, newspaper clippings, and correspondence from the Mr. Trissell's daily life and photographic assignments. The collection shall be open to the research public without restriction. Copyrights are dedicated to the public, but any publication of material from the collection should contain the credit line, "From the Edmund Trissell Collection housed in Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries." The collection is divided into the following record series:

- Series I: Negatives**
- Series II: Negatives (Oversized)**
- Series III: Strip Negatives**
- Series IV: Photographs**
- Series V: Newspaper Clippings**
- Series VI: Correspondence**
- Series VII: Advertising**

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Edmund Trissell was born in Dayton, Ohio, but raised between Kansas City and Independence, Missouri. His first significant photographs as a photographer were of Harry S. Truman during his campaign for Senate in 1928. These photographs are currently housed in the Truman Library. Beginning in 1935, Trissell worked as a government surveyor in high precision mapping and charting. His work as a surveyor led to the network of longitude and latitude mappings used by modern aircraft. During World War II, he served in the First Photo Mapping and Charting Group at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C. and in the 13th Air Force as a photographer in the South Pacific. Trissell's photographs during the war include such dignitaries as Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin. After the war, Trissell worked in the photographic laboratory at Wright Field. He retired after 32 years in civil service and spent most of his time photographing his family, weddings, and local events in the Dayton area.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

SERIES I NEGATIVES

The collection contains over two thousand negatives from Edmund Trissell's personal and professional life. The date span of the negatives is 1940-1995. The series contains negatives relating to people, military life, social life. The military negatives consist of military ceremonies, aircraft, and World War II. The World War II negatives show life in the Philippines for the military personnel stationed there. The social life negatives contain hundreds of negatives of people in a variety of social situations. There are numerous copy negatives of the Wright Brothers. Most of these negatives are undated.

SERIES II NEGATIVES (OVERSIZED)

This series contains negatives of buildings, people, Jay's Eat Off event, copy negatives of the Wright Brothers, military, and Trissell Family. Of interest is the folder on the Trissell Family History. This folder contains information relating to the Trissell family tree.

SERIES III STRIP NEGATIVES

This series contains strip negatives from the professional life of Edmund Trissell ranging from the 1982 to 1993. The descriptions and categorization was maintained as it was previously defined by the photographer. The series contains strip negatives of contests, parades, clubs, organizations, ceremonies, and social life from Dayton and the surrounding area. Researchers interested in clubs and organizations during the late twenty-first century may find the strip negatives in this series particularly helpful. Most of the dates in this series were undated.

SERIES IV PHOTOGRAPHS

This series contains many photographs from both the personal and professional life of Edmund Trissell ranging from the early 1940s through the late 1990s. The series consists of people from the Miami Valley, ceremonies, the Wright and Kettering families, and a significant number of the Trissell family and their friends in various social activities. The collection would be of particular interest to researchers studying daily life and social situations. The majority of these photographs are undated.

SERIES V NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

The series contains newspaper articles covers obituaries, Wright Brothers family, and Edmund Trissell's Family. The Wright Brothers articles are clippings from the Dayton Daily News concerning the Wright Family. The series also contains clippings tracking career moves of other Trissell family members. The connection between the obituaries and the photographer are unknown. Researchers interested in additional Wright Brothers information should refer to the Wright Brothers Collection MS-1.

SERIES VI CORRESPONDENCE

The series, consisting of one folder, includes greeting cards and letters relating to Edmund Trissell's photography studio and family. The correspondence reflects Edmund Trissell's volunteer work and span from the 1982-1993. Researchers can gain a glimpse into the business ethics of Edmund Trissell through these two letters.

SERIES VII ADVERTISING

This series contains a single advertising flyer for Trissell Photographic Studios. The flyer is on a standard 8.5" x 11" piece of paper with pictures of the photographer and a wedding. White not dated, the picture appears to be from the 50's or 60's. Researchers may find the clothing, camera equipment, and social information conveyed in the photographs of interest.

Series I Negatives

Box	File	Description	Date
1	1	Animals (3 negs)	Undated
	2	Animals, Dogs (14 negs)	Undated
	3	Animals, (11 negs)	Undated
	4	Animals, Cats (12 negs)	Undated
	5-15	Landscapes, (113 negs)	Undated
	16	Art (13 negs)	Undated
	17-22	Buildings/Exterior, (63 negs)	Undated
	23-27	Buildings/Interior, (48 negs)	Undated
	28-30	Celebrities, Lawrence Welk (28 negs)	Undated
	31-33	Celebrities, Liberace (30 negs)	Oct 27, [?]
	34	Celebrities, Joe Namath (2 negs)	1979
	35-36	Correspondence, Ed and Helen (1 letter)	Undated
	37	Correspondence, Ronald Reagan (1 letter)	Undated
	38	Correspondence, Phil Kiddao (1 letter)	Undated
	39	Correspondence, Harry S. Truman to Trissell (1 letter)	Oct. 23, 1968
	40	Correspondence, Tom Wilson to Trissell (1 letter)	April 26, 1984
	41	Correspondence, Harry S. Truman to Trissell (1 letter)	Oct. 9, 1968
	42	Correspondence, Kampf to Trissell (1 letter)	Nov. 3, 1975
	43	Correspondence, Bess Truman to Trissell (1 letter)	Oct. 18, 1973
	44	Correspondence, Virginia Kampf to Trissell (1 letter)	Sept. 3, 1976
	45	Correspondence, John Bickmore, M.D. to Trissell (1 letter)	March 23, 1979
	46	Correspondence, 1903 Wright <i>Kitty Hawk</i> Original Fabric Certificate of Authenticity letter to Trissell	Undated
	47	Correspondence, Poems from Grandma	Undated
	48	Cultures, (3 negs)	Undated
	49	Cultures, New Guinea (8 negs)	Undated
	50	Cultures, Native American (8 negs)	Undated
	51	Documents, Trissell Awards (7 negs)	Undated
	52	Documents, Warranty Deed, (4 negs)	Undated
	53	Documents, Emma Trissell Birth Certificate (1 neg)	Undated
	54	Documents, Ida L. Follett Death Certificate (1 neg)	Undated
	55-57	Franklin, (14 negs)	Undated
	58-66	Group Shots, (84 negs)	Undated
	67	Headstones, Philipena and William Kramer (3 negs)	1861-1924;1858-1908
	68	Headstones, Daisy Monroe (1 neg)	1881-1976
Box	File	Description	Date
1	69	Headstones, Ida Snyder (3 negs)	1886-1980

70	Headstones, Penny Trissell (1 neg)	19[08]-1961
71	Headstones, William Wirsching (1 neg)	1879-1946
72	Headstones, Charles & Emma Wollenhaupt (1 neg)	1873-1957; 1881-1956
73	Headstones, Elizabeth Righter (1 neg)	1840-1923
74	Headstones, (4 negs)	Undated
75-76	Historic, (18 negs)	Undated
77	Kettering Family, (13 negs)	Undated
78	Kettering Plane, (7 negs)	Undated
79	Landscapes, (2 negs)	Undated
80	Local Events, Nancy Lopez Golf Tournament (16 negs)	1984
81	Local Events, Retirement Party for C.W. Skinner (7 negs)	Aug 7, 1974
82	Local Events, U.S. Air Force Museum Dedication (2 negs)	July 23, 1976
83	Local Events, Jay's 2 nd Annual Oyster Eat-Off (11 negs)	1979
84	Local Events, Druid's Team (2 negs)	Undated
85	Local Events, United Way (3 negs)	Undated
86	Local Events, Paul Guy's Golf Tournament, Kitty Hawk golf course (1 neg)	Undated
87	Local Events, Bogie Busters Celebrity Gala (3 negs)	1982
88	Local Events, Elsa's Mexican Open Golf Classic (1 neg)	1985
89	Local Events, An Affair of the Heart Dayton Heart Association (1 neg)	1989
90	Local Events, Goodwill Store Grand Opening (1 neg)	Undated
91-92	Local Events, (24 negs)	Undated
93	Local Events, Celebrity Bowl-a-thon (8 negs)	1982-1983
94	Local Events, (11 negs)	Undated
95	Local Events, Jay's 11 th Annual Oyster Eat-Off (3 negs)	1985, 1988
96	Local Events, Hearing & Speech Center Annual Report Meeting (1 neg)	1983
97	Local Events, BHA (19 negs)	Undated
98	T. Martin (9 negs)	Undated
99-101	Medical Hotline, (34 negs)	Undated
102-103	Melba Hunt, (19 negs)	Undated
104	Military, USAAF 614 Bomb Sq. Reunion, Dayton (4 negs)	Aug 1, 1970

Box	File	Description	Date
1	105	Military/Ceremonies, (4 negs)	Undated
	106	Military, (6 negs)	Undated

	107-112	Military/Korean War Era, (64 negs)	Undated
	113-114	Military/Korean War Era, Trissell (16 negs)	Undated
	115	Military/Celebration, (6 negs)	Undated
	116	Military/W.P.A.F.B., Aerial View (3 negs)	Undated
2	1-6	Morgenthal, (65 negs)	Undated
	7	Newspaper Clippings, Trissell (3 negs)	1983-1984
	8-10	People, (36 negs)	Undated
	11	People, Shakers (10 negs)	Undated
	12-13	People, (24 negs)	Undated
	14	People, Joe Namath (5 negs)	Undated
	15	People, Joe Michael Funeral (1 neg)	Undated
	16	People, Don Michael (3 negs)	Undated
	17-93	People, (768 negs)	Undated
	94-105	Snyder, (119 negs)	Undated
3	1-11	Social Life/Bar (109 negs)	Undated
	12	Social Life/Bar, New Year's Eve Party (10 negs)	Undated
	13-16	Social Life/Patio, (42 negs)	Undated
	17-28	Trissell Family, (123 negs)	Undated
	29-33	U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, (54 negs)	Undated
	34	Social Life, (11 negs)	Undated
	35	Social Life/Wedding, (3 negs)	Undated
	36-38	Social Life/Reunion, (33 negs)	Undated
	39	Wright Brothers, with Paul Laurence Dunbar in front of school (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
	40	Wright Brothers, by a car (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
	41	Wright Brothers, standing outside (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
	42	Wright Brothers, at a celebration (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
	43	Wright Brothers, walking by Wright Flyer (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
	44	Wright Brothers, sitting on porch (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
	45	Wright Brothers, Wilbur standing in field (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
	46	Wright Brothers, Wilbur profile (copy, 4 negs)	Undated
	47	Wright Brothers, Wilbur sitting in chair (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
	48	Wright Brothers, Wilbur with Surrey Equipment (copy, 3 negs)	Undated

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3	49	Wright Brothers, Wilbur sitting on banister (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
	50	Wright Brothers, Wilbur on Wright Flyer	Undated

	(copy, 1 neg)	
51	Wright Brothers, Orville head shots (copy, 3 negs)	Undated
52	Wright Brothers, Drawing with Uncle Sam (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
53	Wright Brothers, Orville (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
54	Wright Brothers, Orville sitting on porch at Hawthorn Hill (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
55	Wright Brothers, Orville in front of Wright Flyer (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
56	Wright Family, Milton Wright (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
57	Wright Family, Milton Wright walking down the sidewalk down the sidewalk (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
58	Wright Family, Milton Wright (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
59	Wright Family, Wright men standing by trees (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
60	Wright Family, Katharine Wright in front of Wright Flyer (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
61	Wright Family, Katharine Wright at celebration (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
62	Wright Family, (copy, 3 negs)	Undated
63	Wright Family, Susan Wright (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
64	Wright Family, Milton Wright sitting on porch at Hawthorn Hill (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
65	Wright Family, Milton Wright sitting in hammock (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
66	Wright Family, Milton Wright profile (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
67	Wright Family, 1 of Wright Family sitting on porch (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
68	Wright Flyer, (copy, 2 negs)	Undated
69	Wright Flyer, Wilbur flying at Pau (copy, 4 negs)	[Jan. 1909]
70	Wright Flyer, Orville autographed photograph to Mabel Beck of First Flight (copy, 2 neg)	[Dec. 17, 1903]
71	Wright Flyer, Flight at Huffman Prairie (copy, 1 neg)	[Aug 1911]
72	Wright Flyer, Wright Brothers Airship Factory (copy, 1 neg)	Undated
73	Wright Homes, Hawthorn Hill (5 negs)	Feb. 16, 1948
74-75	Wright Homes, Hawthorn Hill Exterior (4 negs)	Feb. 16, 1948
76	Wright Homes, Hawthorn Hill Parlor with fireplace (3 negs)	Feb. 16, 1948

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3	77	Wright Homes, Hawthorn Hill Study (2 negs)	Feb. 16, 1948
	78	Wright Homes, Hawthorn Hill Dining Room and Kitchen (6 negs)	Feb. 16, 1948
	79	Wright Homes, Hawthorn Hill Interior Hallways	Feb. 16, 1948

(6 negs)
 80 Wright Homes, Hawthorn Hill Bedrooms (9 negs) Feb. 16, 1948

Series II Negatives (Oversized)

4	1	Negatives, Building exteriors (3 negs)	Undated
	2	Negatives, Military (9 negs)	Undated
	3	Negatives, People (13 negs)	Undated
	4	Negatives, Jay's Eat Off (3 negs)	1979
	5	Negatives, Wright Brothers (10 negs, copy)	Undated
	6	Negatives, Trissell Family, Family Tree (50 negs)	Undated
	7	Negatives, Trissell Family (16 negs)	Undated

Series III Strip Negatives

5	1	Affair of the Heart (9 negs)	[1990]
	2	Affair of the Heart (13 negs)	[1989]
	3	Dave Agate (6 negs)	[Feb 1981]
	4	BHA (32 negs)	Undated
	5	Black-Diamond, 40 th Anniversary (4 negs)	[Nov 1990]
	6	Black Wedding, Xenia, OH (4 negs)	[1974]
	7	Bogie Busters (13 negs)	[June 5, 1982]
	8	Bogie Busters (26 negs)	[1984]
	9	Bogie Busters (20 negs)	[June 8, 1985]
	10	Bogie Busters (11 negs)	[1986]
	11	Bowl-A-Thon	[1984]
	12	Paul Brown (18 negs)	[1988]
	13	Century Memorial (2 negs)	[1984]
	14	Certoma Club (21 negs)	[June 27, 1993]
	15	Channel 2 Dayton (10 negs)	Undated
	16	Paul Creager 50 th (1 neg)	[1993]
	17	Cox Home (13 negs)	[1994]
	18	Dayton Parades (23 negs)	[1985-1993]
	19	Elsil's (14 negs)	[June 20, 1985]
	20	General Mills (9 negs)	[Dec 12, 1977]
	21	Dana Gil (3 negs)	Undated
	22	Goddard (12 negs)	[1979]
	23	Melba Hunt (4 negs)	[June 1995]

Box	File	Description	Date
	24	Hunt Museum (12 negs)	[1976]
	25	Hunt Museum (19 negs)	[Aug 1991]
	26	Irish Parade (7 negs)	[1987]
	27	Jay's Oyster Eat-Off (34 negs)	[1980-1981]
	28	Jay's Oyster Eat-Off (15 negs)	[1984]
	29	Jay's Oyster Eat-Off (47 negs)	[1985-1986]

	30	Jay's Oyster Eat-Off (28 negs)	[1988-1990]
6	1	Kettering Museum (3 negs)	[1978]
	2	Kettering Museum (8 negs)	[1987]
	3	Hall Kirsher (5 negs)	[1978]
	4	K. Kuhlman (3 negs)	[Oct 28, 1982]
	5	Leiea Club (4 negs)	Undated
	6	Leisure Club (5 negs)	[Dec 1993]
	7	Jerry Lewis (5 negs)	[1979]
	8	Lion's Club (5 negs)	[1980]
	9	Nancy Lopez Golf Outing (10 negs)	Undated
	10	Nancy Lopez Golf Outing (26 negs)	[1984]
	11	Nancy Lopez Golf Outing (19 negs)	[1985]
	12	Tom & Peggy Mooney (2 negs)	[1987]
	13	People (2 negs)	Undated
	14	John Poast (5 negs)	[1985]
	15	Reunion (8 negs)	[1986]
	16	Bob Semler (5 negs)	Undated
	17	Bob Schmitt (5 negs)	[1993]
	18	Shakers Farm (68 negs)	[Apr 1983-May 1985]
	19	Three Amigos (13 negs)	Undated
	20	Trail's End (2 negs)	[1982]
	21	Trissell Home (11 negs)	Undated
	22	Veterans (6 negs)	[1988]
	23	Lenny Wallace (1 neg)	[1996]
	24	Lawrence Welk (20 negs)	[1980]
	25	Wright Book Signing (5 negs)	[June 1990]
	26	Wright Brothers Memorial (15 negs)	[1981-1982]
	27	Wright Home (7 negs)	[1995]
	28	Aerial map of Oklahoma City, OK (1 neg)	Undated
	29	Boat (1 neg)	Undated
	30	Edmund Trissell (2 negs)	Undated
	31	City of Kettering (4 negs)	Undated
	32	People (9 negs)	Undated

Series IV Photographs

Box	File	Description	Date
7	1	Photographs, Kettering Family (19 photos)	Undated
	2	Photographs, Wright Residence, Hawthorn Hill (17 photos)	Undated
	3	Photographs, Cultures, Asian and Native American (7 photos)	Undated

	4	Photographs, Wright Flyer (28 photos)	Undated
	5	Photographs, Wright Brothers (32 photos)	Undated
	6	Photographs, Military, 2 nd Mapping Squadron (7 photos)	Undated
	7	Photographs, Melba Hunt/Kettering Museum (39 photos)	Undated
	8	Photographs, Daily Life (6 photos)	Undated
	9	Photographs, Art (4 photos)	Undated
8	1-2	Unidentified People (97 photos)	Undated
	3	Ivonna Wright and Wright Brothers (73 photos)	Undated
	4	Industrial Structures (5 photos)	Undated
	5	Building Architectural Features (6 photos)	Undated
	6	Landscapes (13 photos)	Undated
9	1	Military Personnel and Equipment (13 photos)	Undated
	2	Military Ceremonies and Celebrations (16 photos)	[ca. 1975-1995]
	3	Philippine Military Base and soldiers during World War II (17 photos)	[ca. 1940s]
	4	World War II aircraft nose art (7 photos)	Undated
	5	Pre-1970 aircraft (22 photos)	Pre 1970
	6	Modern Aircraft (14 photos)	Post 1970
10	1	Trissell Family (10 photos)	Undated
	2	Celebrities (10 photos)	Undated
	3	Nancy Lopez Golf Tournament (17 photos)	1984
	4	Unidentified Building Interiors (13 photos)	Undated

Series V Newspaper Clippings

11	1	Trissell Family (2 clippings)	Undated
	2	Wright Brothers Community Involvement (14 clippings)	1987-1995
	3	Obituaries (6 clippings)	1985-1997

Series VI Correspondence

Box	File	Description	Date
11	4	2 holiday card to Ed from Melba Hunt, letter to Ed from Melba Hunt (July 30, 1982), letter to Ed from Melba Hunt (May 13, 1993), letter to Melba Hunt from Ed Trissell (May 5, 1993), greeting card from Ed Trissell recipient unknown	1982-1993

