

Cheever glass negative collection, ca. 1910-1920

Descriptive Inventory for the Collection at Chicago Historical Society, Research Center.
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Title: Cheever glass negative collection, ca. 1910-1920

Storage: Glass negatives (6 4 x 5 in. boxes; 10 5 x 7 in. boxes--GN0093-GN0108)

Accession number: 1989.0403

Restriction: To consult this collection in the Research Center it is necessary to make an advance appointment (email: Research@chicagohistory.org).

Description of the Collection

Includes a mixed selection of ninety 4 x 5 in. and 174 5 x 7 in. images from an unknown but probably single photographer. The collection may have had some connection with a news publication as there are a number of copy negatives with images taken from news clippings and also what appears to be European military news.

The strength of the collection lies in the numerous images of an air meet at Grant Park (probably 1911 or 1912). There are also several photographs of Chicago beaches and people in swimming costume. A smaller group shows a parade down Michigan Avenue with what appears to be women's groups and women's rights advocates. Another small group shows racetrack scenes (probably Washington Park racetrack) and jockeys.

The collection also includes two scenes at a swimming pool (in a Chicago park?), children with buckets and wagons on residential streets, and assorted portraits of men and women.

Probably one-third of the plates have some emulsion damage, usually characterized

by crazing or bubbling which has caused the emulsion to chip away. It is estimated that approximately twenty plates are beyond restoration. In some cases

two plates are stuck together. The glass plates need cleaning and some are chipped--the pieces may or may not be present. There are some white stains and

very few brown stains on the plates.

Container List

4 x 5 in.

Box 1 GN0093

Art--Painting of people

Buildings--Rooming house

309-315 _____ St. (Painters District Council, No. 14)

Unidentified building complex and grounds

Construction (3)

Copy negatives (mostly from halftone clippings)

Aerial view with airplanes

Convict?

European royalty?/Military man

Group portrait/Cartoon soldier on horse

Group or queue of people with military men

Ladies' personals column

Man with (fencing?) sword

Military men

Police or military group at ease

Box 2 GN0094

Copy negatives (cont.)

Portrait of a man (3)

Portrait of a women (full-length)

People on mountain/soldiers by doorway

"Society girl with noble aim"--Mildred Armour

World War I military men?

Events--Parades & processions

Military group on parade ground

2 people on horseback during parade?

Parade (2)

Parade in front of C.D. Peacock store

Parade float for civil liberties

Box 3 GN0095

People--[Group portraits]

People with dog and monkey

People in horse drawn carriage

People in park?

Seated group (emulsion turned brown)

Portrait of seated couple

Portrait of standing couple

People--Children

- Boy standing on chair
- Boy sliding down bannister
- Boy with three men
- Girl with hat
- Two girls with hand carried boxes
- Kindergarten?

People--Men

- Portrait of a man in military uniform
- Portrait of a young man (2)
- Two men looking at vehicle or motorized equipment
- Crowd of men

Box 4 GN0096

Sports

- Ball game in gymnasium
- Ice hockey game
- Ice skating (6)
- Ice skating scenes?--Group with horse cart (2)
 - Man with horse cart
 - Woman with horse cart

Streets

- City sidewalk (2)
- Residential street (2)

Box 5 GN0097

Women

- Portrait of a woman (12)
- Woman in party hat at a vehicle decorated with flowers
- Woman at window of a vehicle decorated with flowers
- Woman in theatrical costume
- Two women
- Three women on vehicle (trolley?)
- Group of 5 women posed (2)

Women's rights group

Box 6 GN0098

Miscellaneous

- Vehicles--Funeral hearse
- Hands and fabric
- Manuscript note by J. Hackett to police confessing to murder
- Need treatment
 - 2 negatives stuck together; images undefinable (3)

5 x 7in.

Box 7 GN0099

Art

- Framed painting on wall (image almost gone)
- Framed painting of woman at piano
- Painting of women in dance hall or theater

Buildings

- Franklin Park State Bank (2)
- Lodge or dining room interior

Events

- Air meet (11) [unless stated otherwise, all air meet photographs are of flying airplanes]

Box 8 GN0100

- Air meet (18)

Box 9 GN0101

- Air meet--Retouched to show flight maneuver (2)
- Air meet or airport
- Air meet--Aerial view
 - Birds' eye view of crowd and airplanes on ground
 - Birds' eye view of airplane wreckage with bystanders
 - Airplane wreckage with policemen and bystanders
 - Airplane wreckage
 - Crowd? (5)
 - Crowd watching biplane in flight
 - Observer looking upward

Box 10 GN0102

- Air meet (cont.)
 - Man at controls of plane (6)
 - Men and plane on ground (3)
 - Group before airplane on ground (2)
- Biplane
 - Man before biplane
 - Two men before plane on ground (2)
- Men and plane #57 on ground
- Men and plane #32 on ground

Box 11 GN0103

- Events--Parade on Michigan Avenue (8)
- Land--Waterfronts--Beach scene with bathers (14)

Box 12 GN0104

Land--Waterfronts

- Beach scene with bathers (3)
- Beach scenes with sand sculpture
- Woman at beach (5)
- Beach scenes with women bathers (5)
- Oak Street beach?
- Women and children at beach

Box 13 GN0105

People

- People in park
- People in open automobile
- Mail bags? with men bystanders
- People on street in rain or snow?
- Man & woman on veranda

People--Children

- Children with buckets on residential street
- Children with wagon on residential street
- Two girls with buckets on residential street (2)
- Women and children opening packages
- Children opening packages (2)
- Children on residential street
- Woman and children in snow
- Girl with horse and carriage
- Three children in park? with water spray

Box 14 GN0106

People--Men

- Lifeguards in rowboats
- Portrait of a man
- Portrait of a man in hat and coat (2)
- Man on veranda
- Man in vehicle? (dark plate)
- Two men
- Two men in crowd
- Men with crowd in background
- Group of men with water spigot
- Seated man and boy (3)
- Four men on street (2)
- Four men in top hats
- Men on street with horse drawn vehicles
- Men in open automobile
- Group of men (most of image gone)
- Man shoveling snow

Box 15 GN0107

People--Peddlers

Peddler on stairway

Peddlers on stairway (2)

Sports

Racetrack (4)

Jockey and man

Jockey on horseback

Swimming pool

Swimming pool competition (2)

Transportation facilities

Railroad station [small] and tracks

Railroad station interior

Women

Portrait of a woman (6)

Box 16 GN0108

Undefinable images (12) [some are two or three plates stuck together]

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