Information Sheet

Reynolds, Frank, 1901-1981.
Photograph collection, ca. 1925-1942.
Three folders.

This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri. If you would like more information, please contact us at shsresearch@umsystem.edu.

These are postcards and photographs collected by Frank Reynolds when he worked on construction projects including Bagnell Dam in Missouri, Lock and Dam No. 14 on the Mississippi River at LeClaire, Iowa, and Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Frank Reynolds and his wife, Augusta, were natives of Newton County, Missouri. During the 1930s and 1940s, Reynolds was a carpenter and rigger working on large engineering projects such as construction of Bagnell Dam, Missouri, the Missouri River bridge at Hermann, Missouri, and locks and dams at LeClaire, Iowa, and Fulton, Illinois. During World War Two, Reynolds worked in construction crews at Camp Crowder in Newton County, Missouri, and at Maywood Supply Depot in California. After the war, Reynolds returned to Newton County where he operated an egg ranch and built houses. He died in 1981.

The Reynolds collection consists of black and white postcards, snapshots, and photographs of various construction projects. Folder One contains eighteen postcards showing construction of Union Electric’s Bagnell Dam on the Osage River in Missouri. Many of the cards bear captions referring to the “Osage Project” and are rubber-stamped on the reverse “Haarstick Photo, Damsite, Mo.” Damsite was the U. S. Post Office, 1930-1931, during construction of Bagnell Dam. The postcards show various stages of construction of the dam, some of the hoisting and material-handling equipment, and the offices of Stone and Webster, contractors at Damsite. The cards are postally-unused.

Folder Two contains four 8” x 10” photographs. Included are views of the Miami Port Power Station of the Columbia Power Company (1925), Bagnell Dam nearing completion (n.d.), a steel gang at Lock and Dam No. 14 on the Mississippi River at LeClaire, Iowa (1937), and the carpenter crew of foreman Mike Keegan at Camp Crowder, Missouri (1942). Frank Reynolds is identified in the steel gang shown at LeClaire, Iowa, and he appears to be one of the carpenter crew at Camp Crowder.

Folder three includes twenty-two unidentified snapshots of various construction projects. Some of the views may be from the Osage River project, while others show a lock and dam. Frank Reynolds appears in at least one of the photographs.

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Shelf List

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Folder 1: Construction of Bagnell Dam (Mo.), postcards, ca. 1930-1931.
   Eighteen items

Folder 2: Photographs, Miami Port Power Station, LeClaire (Iowa), and
   Camp Crowder (Mo.), 1925-1942.
   Four items.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous unidentified snapshots, n.d.
   Twenty-two items.

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