17 Folders, 54 Photographs, 12 Tapes

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Arthur Witman worked for the St. Louis Post Dispatch from October 1932 until his retirement in 1969. In addition to local news stories, Witman covered Winston Churchill’s “Iron Curtain” speech, and the presidential campaigns of Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson for the Post. He also documented the construction of the St. Louis Arch from 1963 to 1967.

After his retirement Witman taught a photography class at Southern Illinois University and a workshop for the Winona School of Professional Photography. He also planned to publish a book using his photos of the St. Louis Arch. This project evolved into a panoramic book of St. Louis for Doubleday & Company publishers. Unfortunately he never finished the book. Witman did some freelance work in his retirement for Monsanto, the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Saturday Evening Post.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Arthur Witman Addenda includes documents, photographs and audio tapes spanning from 1954 to 1987. The documents include newspaper clippings, correspondence, and pamphlets from freelance work. Series 1 encompasses Witman’s personal files and correspondence. Series 2 contains records relating to the publication of the St. Louis Arch and St. Louis panoramic books. The photographs in the collection include professional work and personal photos. The collection also contains several pages of 35mm contact sheets of professional photographs. Series 3 contains all of these photographs. The audio tapes include lectures and interviews with Arthur Witman and various radio programs on photography. Series 4 contains all audio tapes

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SERIES 1 – FILES, 1954-1981, FOLDERS 1-9

2. Freelance Work, 1962-1987
3. Freelance Work, 1970-1976
5. Mason Files, 1974-1981
7. PSA (Photographic Society of America), PAofA (Photographers Association of America) and Sigma Delta Chi, 1954-58


10. Arch Documents, 1965-1967


AAA Auto Club 1977 (3 sheets), (3 sheets of 120mm)
Abright Farm, Hannibal, MO. Bexton for Milo 6/26/80
African tribal musicians and dancers (5 sheets)
Badth Farm – Greenville, IL. 7/7/80
Blender – Hatfield, IN. Lindaur Farm Yield Test 10/5/78
Bob Berner Royalton Agriculture Service. Nancy? Office girl. 6/7/80
Bob Hoffman, Bond Co. F.S. (1-5) AND Dan Crawford on Barth Wheat 4/22/80
Buffalo and Bolivar MO. 4/25/78
Charles Mitroka and his son-in-law Steve Battaglia 6/7/80
Chester Herschbach 6/26/81
Chocolate Bayou 3/23/79 (7 sheets), (3 sheets of 120mm)
DOW 10/13/77-10/14/77(2 sheets)
DOW Ollie Smith 11/22/77
DOW Ollie Smith AND Sievers 10/22/77
DOW Sievers 10/22/77
Farmers with corn crops
Goldman Far Yield Hatfield, IN. 10/5/78
Harold Pope and son Kent. Harvel, IL. 11/2/76
Harvel, IL. 10/28/76 (3 sheets)
Hemming Hauf Farm Greenville IL. N-Serve 6/14/79
Hillsboro, IL. 5/16/79
IBM 8/23/76
Ice Storm Algentry – Debbi Columbo AND Camellias 1/3/79 (2 sheets)
Jack Smith Farm – Divernon, IL. Auburn IL F.S. 5/24/79
Jerry Johnston Macon, IL. 5/2/80
John Manns – Alton, IL. Applying Lorsban 6/4/80 (2 sheets)
Kaiser Farm – Jonesburg, MO with Larry Brattan and Weigh Wason 7/8/80
Kombrink – O'Fallon, IL. Vernon K. Gombine, Mrs. Steve Ausur. 7/6/80
Lincoln, IL. 5/10/79 (2 sheets)
Litchfeld Airport 5/26/79 (2 sheets)
Lorsban – 15 G. AND Jerry Johnston – Macon, IL. 5/2/80
Lorsban treatments (2 sheets)
McDonnell Douglas Hornet aircraft launch 9/13/78 (6 sheets)
Meramec Float 6/12/81
Meyers – La Belle, MO. AND Mitrouica Royalton, IL.
Monsanto P.R. 6/18/79
Morrisonville, IL. 5/24/79
N-Serve 5/12/77 (2 sheets)
N-Serve S.I.U. Experiment Station 7/27/78
N-Serve treatments (3 sheets)

15. Contact Sheets, nd, 1976-1981

Pawnee, IL. 5/16/79.
People visiting an exhibit.
Raber Farm Test Blairsville, IN. 9/29/78
Randolph Brothers Rockbridge Farm Replanting 5/26/79
Randolph Brothers, Jersey Co. 5/25/79 (3 sheets)
Regional Air Pollution Study ‘RAPS’ (3 sheets)
Ron Riffey farm. Virden, IL. 11/2/76 (2 sheets)
Royal Order of Night Riders 4/14/81
Sam Leake Ladonna, MO. 7/17/81
Scientists performing animal tests in a laboratory (5 sheets)
St. Joseph institute for the deaf 4/5/77 (7 sheets)
Stockton, MO. 4/25/78
Sturgeon, MO 5/14/79
Taylorville, IL. N-Serve 5/3/79
Texas City 3/23/79 (4 sheets)
Triplett, MO 5/14/79
Two men examining (eggs?) with a microscope.
V. of MO test. Dr. Hansen – Jonesburg, MO. 7/8/80
Workers at a Monsanto factory producing Silicon Discs. (7 sheets)
Workers in a factory, several women and men (2 sheets)
Workers in a factory. Interior and Exterior views (20 sheets)

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