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Aerial Photographs of Missouri, 1938-1979
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INTRODUCTION

The records of the Department of Agriculture contain the aerial photography created for the State of Missouri by the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by multiple donors over the years. The records were largely transferred from county court offices, whose mission in part is to oversee federal agricultural programs.

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The federal government has sponsored numerous programs since the 1930s to assist farmers. To help administer these programs at the county level, aerial photography was used to document land use and obtain accurate field measurements. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, referred to as the Farm Service Agency since 1994, was one such program. Precursors to the ASCS were the Commodity Stabilization Service, 1953-1961, and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, which was established in 1933. The mission of these agencies was to support farmers through commodity programs, loans, conservation, and disaster aid. The aerial photography created by the various agricultural agencies helped establish acreage and production for crops and create conservation programs, all of which help to sustain agricultural productivity.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records are arranged alphabetically by county and then chronologically by date within each county. Where possible, the images are in flight line order. Index maps are available at the beginning of each county and identify the flight lines. Oversize images are included in the list if they are available. Also included in the collection are composite photographs showing counties in their entirety.

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