K0329
Joseph H. “Jack” Wally, Jr. Collection
1933-ca. 2005
12 cubic feet, 9 reels motion picture film

Photographs and film taken by Jack Wally, a professional photographer with the Kansas City Journal, a businessman, and inventor. Included are photographs of famous local and national individuals, places and events.

BIOGRAPHY:

As a recent graduate of the University of Missouri, School of Journalism, Jack Wally joined the Journal-Post in 1935. Within the year, he was hired by William Randolph Hearst’s Los Angeles Examiner. He shot photos of movie stars, gangsters, and studio bosses. The Kansas City Journal-Post hired him back as chief photographer. His best friend at the time was a young reporter named John Cameron Swayze, later a famous television newscaster. In 1938, with Swayze’s help, Wally captured photographs of Kansas City’s illegal gambling trade. Many of these photos appeared in Life magazine, with no credits, to ensure Wally’s safety. In 1940, Wally left journalism to join his father’s business, Western Blue Print Co. Later he became a world-class designer of high-tech industrial cameras and optical equipment.

PROVENANCE:

This gift was received from Jack Wally as accession KA0954 on June 16, 1997 and KA1200 on September 6, 2002. An additional accession, KA1302 was received on July 12, 2004.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection consists of photographs and negatives of famous local and national individuals; and Kansas City related places and events. The motion picture film includes family activities as well as Wally’s interest in trains and aviation. Other materials relate to the production and promotion of Wally’s businesses and inventions.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

PHOTOGRAPHS

Folder 1      Allen, Harry Family 1930s
Folder 2      Arefkian, Satrek Murder
Folder 3      Burton, Thomas Hart
Folder 4      Bill, Pawnee 1930s
Folder 5      Cantor, Eddie 1930s
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Folder 8      Davis, Selva Iron Lung 3/21/1938
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Folder 12     Fitzgerald, Scott F. ca. 1940
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Folder 14     Holmes, Katherine McDonald (LA) 6/10/1937
Folder 15  Howard, Benny 1935
Folder 16  Hunt, John West in court (LA) 6/22/1937
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Folder 19  Keenan, Joseph B. (LA) 4/1937
Folder 20  Kennedy, John F. 1963
Folder 21  La Guardia, Fiovella / Shaw, Frank L. 1937
Folder 22  Landon, Alf 1936
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Folder 24  Lugge, Willie 1938
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Folder 26  McCarthy, Clem 1930s
Folder 27  McElroy, H.F.
Folder 28  McKeever, George/McNeiley, Frances 1934
Folder 29  Miller, Charles III/Havens-Monteagle, Jeanne 4/17/1937 (LA)
Folder 30  Montague, John (LA) 1937 in court
Folder 31  Milligan
Folder 32  Muehlbach, George
Folder 33  Newton, Rev. C.E. Murderer 1938
Folder 34  Pendergast by Larsen and Hulston
Folder 35  Pendergast, T.J.
Folder 36  Ratner, Payne 1938
Folder 37  Regnier, Roy (Relative of Edna Wally)
Folder 38  Richetti, Adam
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Folder 40  Judge Rooney 1937
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Folder 50  Aerial of Country Club Plaza ca. 1940
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Folder 52  Aerial of GM Fairfax Plant ca. 1940
Folder 53  Aerial of KC Downtown ca. 1940
Folder 54  Aerial of Pratt and Whitney ca. 1940
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Folder 58  Bert Hall
Folder 59  2 Car Crash at Wilshire and Figuerew, LA 8/16/1937
Folder 60  Fire – Grain Silo 1930s
Folder 61  Own Bros Horse and Mule Barn Fire 7/31/1935 (KCMO)
Folder 62  Flood July 18, 1938
Folder 63  KC Police Dept.
Folder 64  KC Main St. Photos (not by Wally)
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Folder 67  Girl Who Married Own Brother…1937
Folder 68  Girls Home Scandal 6/25/1938
Folder 69  Lightning Strike at Hillcrest Country Club 6/6/1938
Folder 70  Hollywood/Los Angeles 1937
Folder 71  German Storm Trooper 1934
Folder 72  Mixed Match 1938
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Folder 74  AM Bar Asso General Session – KC Municipal Auditorium 1938
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Folder 76  Prisoner (Death Row) 1930s
Folder 77  Funeral Pyre for Two Reserve Corps Fliers
Folder 78  Riverside Race Track
Folder 79  Rupert Stadium Opening Day 1938
Folder 80 11th St. Suicide 1937
Folder 81 Columbus, KS Tornado
Folder 82 Union Station/Actor + Actresses
Folder 83 Western Blue Reprographics ca. 1930s
Folder 84 Zoo 1930s
Folder 85 Photos w/ Captions
Folder 86 Personal/Family Photos
Folder 87 ProArchiva Scanner Photos ca. 1990s
Folder 88 Wally Misc. Photos
Folder 89 Wally. Misc. Photos and Articles

BOX 001 - old

PHOTOGRAPHS

Folder 1 Thomas Hart Benton
Folder 2 Bert Hall
Folder 3 H.F. McElroy
Folder 4 George Muehlbach
Folder 5 T.J. Pendergast
Folder 6 Pendergast
Folder 7 “Pendergast” by Larsen & Hulston (not WHMC)
Folder 8 Adam Richetti
Folder 9 John Cameron Swayze
Folder 10 Electric Park, aerial
Folder 11 Gambling in KC
Folder 12 K.C. scenes (not Wally)
Folder 13 K.C. Speedway, 95th & Troost, aerial
Folder 14 Riverside Racetrack
Folder 15 Ruppert Stadium, opening day, 1938

MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL – REMOVED TO UNPROCESSED

Folder 16 Walt Disney, Harry Truman, Thomas Hart Benton, misc
Folder 17 Amelia Earhart, flying history
Folder 18 Gambling & corruption in KC
Folder 19 Material on Bert Hall
Folder 20 Jesse James related
Folder 21 Lewis & Clark and trails

BOX 002 (unprocessed)

PHOTOGRAPHS

BOX 003 (unprocessed)

PERSONAL HISTORY/BUSINESS FILES

BOX 004 (unprocessed)

BUSINESS FILES

BOX 005 (unprocessed)

BUSINESS FILES

BOX 006 (unprocessed)

4X5 NEGATIVES

BOX 007 (unprocessed)

8X10 NEGATIVES/PRINTS

BOX 008 (unprocessed)

8X10 NEGATIVES/PRINTS

BOX 009 (unprocessed)

8X10 NEGATIVES/PRINTS

BOX 010 (unprocessed) (not full)

VIDEO FILM/VHS

BOX 011 (unprocessed)

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

BOX 012 (unprocessed)

BOOKS/COMPUTER DISCS

NEGATIVES: (KA1302) (See complete listing in Negative.mdb)

FLAT BOX 001 (KA1302)

PHOTOGRAPHS
Kansas City Street scenes
Horse racing at Riverside, Mo
Tom Pendergast and his nephew, Jim Pendergast 190?
Adam Richetti with Jackson County Sheriff, Prudomme, in jail
Bookie joint in basement of Dixon Hotel, 12th & Baltimore
Rupert Stadium, opening day 1938
Fairyland Park fire
Dwight Eisenhower parade on Grand Boulevard near 12th
Harry Truman parade, Grand at 9th
Jean Harlow
Ginger Rogers (2)
Joan Crawford (2)
William Powell, Myrna Loy

**BOX 001X3 (unprocessed)**

Miscellaneous maps, and documents.

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**Box 016x3**

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