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Manuscript Collections

Van Gundy Photograph Collection

Abstract: Photographs of the New Capitol Day celebration in Jefferson City, of the Schmidt Apartment Building construction in Jefferson City and Ha Ha Tonka Castle in Camden County.

Extent: 75 photos, 0.08 cubic ft.

Record Description: Photographic prints and negatives.

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Location: Missouri State Archives.

Administrative Information

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Historical and Biographical Notes

Ha Ha Tonka

Ha Ha Tonka (aka HaHaTonka or Ha-Ha-Tonka) is a natural area near the Niangua River in Camden County. It is known for its scenic views and large bluffs. In the early 1900s, Kansas City businessman Robert Snyder, Sr. purchased much of the land in Ha Ha Tonka. He began constructing a large mansion in 1905 that soon became known as the Castle because of its size,

shape and stone building materials. Snyder was killed in a car accident shortly after construction began.

Snyder's three sons continued construction of the Castle, which was ultimately completed in 1922. The building opened to the public as a hotel in 1937. It was destroyed by fire in 1942. The stone exterior walls of the Castle were all that survived the fire.

In 1978, the State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources purchased the old Snyder estate, including the Castle ruins. The site is open to the public. In addition to the Castle, there are a spring, a natural bridge and two caves.

New Capitol Day

An elaborate celebration and parade were held in Jefferson City on October 6, 1924 to formally dedicate the new Capitol Building. The Capitol Dedication Pageant was directed by Mrs. Blanche Leach and divided into five parts: a prologue and four epochs.

Prologue:

Features a woman dressed as the "Spirit of Jefferson City" accompanied by the four epoch queens and a children's choir.

Epoch One: Epoch of the Pioneer

Picturing the early settling of the Louisiana and Missouri Territories, presided over by Mrs. Herbert S. Hadley, wife of the former Governor.

Epoch Two: Epoch of Development

Showing the growth of the state after settlement, presided over by Mrs. Elliott W. Major, wife of the current Governor.

Epoch Three: Epoch of the World War

Depiction of war scenes, presided by Mrs. Frederick D. Gardner.

Epoch Four: Epoch of Progress

An attempt to exhibit the rapid strides toward a greater civilization that have been taken in the past few years, presided by Mrs. Arthur M. Hyde.

Rain, thunder, and lightning cut the pageant short at the end of Epoch Three. The pageant closed with a fireworks display.

Schmidt Apartments

Paul Schmidt (1835-1920) of Jefferson City built his wagon business Paul Schmidt Carriage and Wagon in Jefferson Street in the 1870s. His brick residential home was next door and he and his family lived there for approximately 50 years. When he died on October 1, 1920, his sons closed the business. It remained closed until 1928 when his grandson, also named Paul Schmidt (1898-1975), bought the properties. The younger Schmidt had the defunct buildings gutted down to the brick. Then Ed H. Kuehn, contractor and builder from Jefferson City, began construction on a new structure designed by architects Kennerly & Stegemeyer of St. Louis. The new building used the existing brick “bones” of the two old buildings. The two buildings were joined in the middle with new materials and ultimately formed a Spanish-style apartment and business building in its place. Six apartments were on the top floor and business spaces in the ground floor.

Additional Descriptive Information

Bibliography

“New Schmidt Apartments Combine Beauty and Utility.” Jefferson City Post-Tribune Vol. 65 No. 262. 16 November 1929: pp. 14-15.

Other Finding Aids

Item-by-item listing of photographs, appended to the end of this finding aid.

Related Material

From the Missouri State Archives:

MS006 Edwin William Stephens Collection
MS013 Theodore Lacaff Diaries
MS027 Thomas Garfield Cooper Photograph Collection
MS066 Peter Herman Rackers Photograph Collection
MS111 Ralph Miller Capitol Fire Photograph Collection
MS163 Blanche Leach Capitol Dedication Scrapbook
MS192 Gerald Massie Photograph Collection
MS257 Paul N. Doll Photograph Collection
MS314 Tom Sater Capital City Collection
MS321 James C. Worth Photograph Collection
MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Photograph Collection
MS441 Alfred A. Speer Capitol Collection
RG110 Department of Natural Resources
RG395 State Capitol Commission Board
RG395 State Capitol Commission Board Photographs
RG395.2 Missouri State Capitol Commission
RG395.2 Missouri State Capitol Commission Photographs
RG396 Capitol Decoration Commission

From Other Institutions:

Ha Ha Tonka State Park: <https://mostateparks.com/park/ha-ha-tonka-state-park>.

The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia maintains collections with photos of Ha Ha Tonka:

[#P0016 Gerald R. Massie Photographs](#)

[#P0131 Mary Dalton Newell Collection](#)

[#P0184 A.G. Taubert Photograph Collection](#)

[#P0685 Nellie Moulder Collection](#)

The State Historical Society of Missouri Kansas City branch maintains collections on Ha Ha Tonka:

[#K0025 Robert M. Snyder, Jr. Collection, 1701-1981](#)

[#K0310 Ha Ha Tonka Collection, 1905-1942](#)

Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Ha Ha Tonka, 1937-1942

New Capitol Day, 1924

Schmidt Apartments, 1929

Ha Ha Tonka, 1937-1942

Extent: 3 photos; 0.001 cubic ft.

Arrangement: None.

Scope and Content

Three copy prints and copy negatives made of original photographs (retained by the donor) of Ha Ha Tonka Castle and water tower before the Castle burned in 1942. The Castle opened to the public in 1937 and these images were likely taken between 1937-1942. These photographs are currently under copyright.

All photographs have been digitized at 600dpi and are available in-house.

Container List

See the Excel spreadsheet for an item-by-item list.

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	100	254-256	Ha Ha Tonka Photographs. Photographer(s) unknown.	1937-1942

New Capitol Day, 1924

Extent: 44 photos; 0.05 cubic ft.

Arrangement: Parade photos first, then pageant photos.

Scope and Content

Forty-four copy prints and copy negatives made of original photographs (retained by the donor) of the New Capitol Day parade and pageant in Jefferson City on October 6, 1924. Images feature parade floats, cars and pageant actors. A few of the images may be found as .jpgs on the Archives's New Capitol Day Flickr album here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/missouristatearchives/albums/72157648499718289/>. All are in the public domain.

All photographs have been digitized at 600dpi and are available in-house.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	100	210-240	New Capitol Day Parade photographs. Photographer(s) unknown.	10/06/1924
	100	241-253	New Capitol Day Pageant photographs. Photographer(s) unknown.	10/06/1924

Schmidt Apartments, 1929

Extent: 28 photos; 0.029 cubic ft.

Arrangement: None.

Scope and Content

Twenty-eight copy prints made of original photographs (retained by the donor) of the destruction of Paul Schmidt Wagon and Carriage Co. building and the home next door and then of the subsequent construction of the Spanish-style Schmidt Apartments. The building opened on November 16, 1929. All are in the public domain.

All photographs have been digitized at 600dpi and are available in-house.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	103	1-28	Demolition and construction photographs, including images of the completed new structure. Photographer(s) unknown.	1929

Box	Folder	Subject	Description	Date	Location	Format	Photographer
100	210	New Capitol Day Parade	Grundy County float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	211	New Capitol Day Parade	Missouri Power & Light Service Mexico MO float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	212	New Capitol Day Parade	Missouri Farm Bureau Federation float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	213	New Capitol Day Parade	Four ladies in a car holding ceremonial trumpets	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	214	New Capitol Day Parade	Four ladies in a car holding ceremonial trumpets; float behind them	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	215	New Capitol Day Parade	Floats and cars as seen from behind; crowd on side of street	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	216	New Capitol Day Parade	Horse-drawn wagons	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	217	New Capitol Day Parade	Military procession	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	218	New Capitol Day Parade	St. Charles County float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	219	New Capitol Day Parade	St. Charles County float; car behind it	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	220	New Capitol Day Parade	"Good Roads Mean...A Better State" float, possibly of the Highway Department	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	221	New Capitol Day Parade	Cole County float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	222	New Capitol Day Parade	Cole County float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	223	New Capitol Day Parade	Cole County float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	224	New Capitol Day Parade	Car with a woman in a cap and gown and six decorated columns; only visible word is "Missouri," but this is probably a University of Missouri float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	225	New Capitol Day Parade	Audrain County float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	226	New Capitol Day Parade	An unidentified float, looks like one person in the back has a trumpet; Greek costumes	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown

100	227	New Capitol Day Parade	An unidentified float; Greek costumes	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	228	New Capitol Day Parade	Greater Missouri float with a line of cars behind it	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	229	New Capitol Day Parade	Greater Missouri float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	230	New Capitol Day Parade	Greater Missouri float	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	231	New Capitol Day Parade	William Woods University parade car	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	232	New Capitol Day Parade	Lindenwood College for Women of St. Charles parade car	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	233	New Capitol Day Parade	Men on horseback, military unit	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	234	New Capitol Day Parade	Marching band	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	235	New Capitol Day Parade	Military marching band	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	236	New Capitol Day Parade	Horse-drawn military wagons; A TC-5 dirigible from Scott Field (now Scott Air Force Base) floats overhead during the parade	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	237	New Capitol Day Parade	Marching band	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	238	New Capitol Day Parade	Marching bands	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	239	New Capitol Day Parade	A blimp flies overhead	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	240	New Capitol Day Parade	The parade crowd mills about High Street either before or after the parade; Warrensburg Teachers College float and a streetcar are visible	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	241	New Capitol Day Pageant	Governor Arthur Hyde sits in the audience	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	242	New Capitol Day Pageant	Members of the Commission sit in the audience	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown

100	243	New Capitol Day Pageant	Overhead view of the Pageant and audience, including the Capitol Building and St. Peter's Church	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	244	New Capitol Day Pageant	People sit on the Pageant stage; sign below reads "Ku Klux Klan"	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	245	New Capitol Day Pageant	Girls' choir with women in white gowns holding flags behind them	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	246	New Capitol Day Pageant	Girls' choir with women in white gowns holding flags behind them	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	247	New Capitol Day Pageant	Pageant performers	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	248	New Capitol Day Pageant	Pageant performers	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	249	New Capitol Day Pageant	Missouri First Lady Hortense Clara Cullers Hyde in a gown with trailing cape held by an attendant girl on stage with other women	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	250	New Capitol Day Pageant	Performers crouching on stage holding wooden crosses	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	251	New Capitol Day Pageant	Performers on stage holding wooden crosses	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	252	New Capitol Day Pageant	Pageant performers	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	253	New Capitol Day Pageant	Military battle reenactment	10/6/1924	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	254	Ha Ha Tonka	Ha Ha Tonka Castle intact before the 1942 fire; the Castle was opened to the public in 1937	1937-1942	Camden County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	255	Ha Ha Tonka	Ha Ha Tonka water tower	1937-1942	Camden County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
100	256	Ha Ha Tonka	Ha Ha Tonka water tower with people posing at its base	1937-1942	Camden County	5x7 copy print; 4x5 copy neg.	unknown
103	1	Schmidt Apartments	Paul W. Schmidt, entrepreneur and owner of the Schmidt Apartments	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	2	Schmidt Apartments	Paul W. Schmidt, entrepreneur and owner of the Schmidt Apartments	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	3	Schmidt Apartments	Schmidt Wagon & Carriage Co. building demolition	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown

103	4	Schmidt Apartments	Schmidt Wagon & Carriage Co. building demolition	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	5	Schmidt Apartments	Schmidt Wagon & Carriage Co. building demolition	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	6	Schmidt Apartments	Schmidt Wagon & Carriage Co. building demolition	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	7	Schmidt Apartments	Schmidt Wagon & Carriage Co. building demolition	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	8	Schmidt Apartments	Brick façade	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	9	Schmidt Apartments	Brick façade	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	10	Schmidt Apartments	Brick walls and debris	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	11	Schmidt Apartments	A man laying bricks; bricklayer	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	12	Schmidt Apartments	A man laying bricks; bricklayer	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	13	Schmidt Apartments	Brick façade	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	14	Schmidt Apartments	Demolition phase	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	15	Schmidt Apartments	Demolition phase	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	16	Schmidt Apartments	Finishing demolition, beginning construction	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	17	Schmidt Apartments	Construction is beginning; pile of bricks; plank walkway	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	18	Schmidt Apartments	Construction phase	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	19	Schmidt Apartments	Construction phase	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	20	Schmidt Apartments	Construction phase; front gate; horse-drawn wagon	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	21	Schmidt Apartments	Construction phase; front gate; cars	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	22	Schmidt Apartments	Construction phase; window frames	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown

103	23	Schmidt Apartments	Construction phase; scaffolding	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	24	Schmidt Apartments	Construction phase	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	25	Schmidt Apartments	The completed Schmidt Apartments building, exterior	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	26	Schmidt Apartments	The completed Schmidt Apartments building, exterior	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	27	Schmidt Apartments	The completed Schmidt Apartments building, exterior	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown
103	28	Schmidt Apartments	The completed Schmidt Apartments building, exterior	1929	Jefferson City, Cole County	5x7 copy print	unknown