

Missouri State Archives

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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Fairchild Aerial Survey Photograph Collection

Abstract: Aerial large-format negatives of industrial sites in St. Louis, Kansas City, and St. Charles, 1946-1951

Extent: 50 images

Physical Description: Negatives; Photographs

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIF

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Sherman Mills Fairchild (1896-1971) was a revolutionary aerial photographer who developed his own equipment (cameras and airplanes) and techniques of capturing images of U.S. cities from above. He was based in New York and his company Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc. employed many pilots and photographers over the years, including the nation's first female aerial photographer Edith Keating. The company took the photographs in order to make mosaic maps of rural and developed areas.

These particular Missouri aerials were presented to the Missouri State Archives by the New Jersey State Archives in July 2004. The bulk of Fairchild's aerials are held by the University of California-Santa Barbara. UCSB has 750,000 negatives acquired from Whittier College in 2013 as well as their original gift made in 1986 from Teledyne Geotronics (the company that bought out Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc. in 1958).

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

MS192 Gerald Massie Photograph Collection
RG104 Department of Economic Development Division of Commerce and Industrial
Development Photographs

Additional External Resources

Aerial Imagery Research Service
University of California-Santa Barbara
<http://www.airscalifornia.com/collection/fairchild-aerial-surveys/>

Mitchell, Kent A. Fairchild Aircraft, 1926-1987. Santa Ana, CA: Narkiewicz/ Thompson, 1997.

New Jersey State Archives
Division of Archives and Records Management
225 W. State St., PO Box 307
Trenton, NJ 08625-0307
<http://www.nj.gov/state/archives/guides/pfair001.pdf>

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, 1946-1951

Arrangement: Geographic then by date then negative number

Scope and Content

This series contains 51 negatives and 5 prints of 50 individual aerial photographs of industrial sites in St. Louis, Kansas City, and St. Charles.

These images have been digitized and are on Manuscript DVD #4 in Reference.

Container List

For an item-by-item list, see the Excel spreadsheet.

Location	Folder	Contents	Date
	1-34	St. Louis City aerials (34 images)	1946-1951
	35-48	Kansas City aerials (14 images)	1948
	49-50	St. Charles aerials (2 images)	1948-1949

Location	Folder	Original Fairchild Negative Number	Subject	Description	Date	Location	Dimensions	Photographer
	1	93933	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	2	93937	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	3	93938	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	4	93942	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	5	93943	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	6	93945	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	7	93948	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	8	93951	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	9	93957	Aerial Survey	Monsanto Chemical Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	10	93960	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	11	93961	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	12	93962	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	13	93963	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	14	93964	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	15	93965	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	16	93966	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	17	51-3120	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	18	51-3121	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	19	51-3136	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	20	51-3138	Aerial Survey	National Lead Company and surrounding area	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.; 7.5" x 9.25" Print	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	21	93967	Aerial Survey	American Car Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	22	93968	Aerial Survey	American Car Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	23	93969	Aerial Survey	American Car Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	24	93970	Aerial Survey	American Car Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.; 7.5" x 9.25" Print	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	25	93971-C	Aerial Survey	American Car Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 10" Copy Neg.; 7.5" x 9.25" Print	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	26	93972	Aerial Survey	American Car Company and surrounding area	11/26/1946	St. Louis City	8" x 9.5" Neg.; 7.5" x 9.25" Print	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.

	27	51-3110	Aerial Survey	Procter & Gamble and surrounding area	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	28	51-3111	Aerial Survey	Procter & Gamble and surrounding area	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.375" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	29	51-3151	Aerial Survey	Procter & Gamble and surrounding area	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	30	51-3286	Aerial Survey	Procter & Gamble and surrounding area	8/7/1951	St. Louis City	7.375" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	31	51-3274	Aerial Survey	Emerson Electric Company and surrounding area	8/7/1951	St. Louis City	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.; 7.375" x 9.25" Print	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	32	51-3629	Aerial Survey	Foundries, industry; railroad tracks	8/30/1951	St. Louis City	7.625" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	33	51-3100	Aerial Survey	Downtown St. Louis City; Mississippi River and bridges; Courthouse	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.625" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	34	51-3101	Aerial Survey	Downtown St. Louis City; Mississippi River and bridges	8/5/1951	St. Louis City	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	35	102007	Aerial Survey	American Corn Products and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.625" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	36	102010	Aerial Survey	American Corn Products and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.625" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	37	102013	Aerial Survey	Staley Milling Company and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	38	102014	Aerial Survey	Staley Milling Company and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	39	102015	Aerial Survey	Staley Milling Company and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	40	102016	Aerial Survey	American Brake Shoe Company and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	41	102017	Aerial Survey	American Brake Shoe Company and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	42	102022 & 102022-C	Aerial Survey	American Brake Shoe Company and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.625" x 9.5" Neg.; 8" x 10" Copy Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	43	102018	Aerial Survey	Wabash Elevators and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.625" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	44	102025	Aerial Survey	Wabash Elevators and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	45	102026	Aerial Survey	Wabash Elevators and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	46	102020	Aerial Survey	Standard Steel and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	47	102021	Aerial Survey	J&L Steel Barrel Company and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.5" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	48	101994	Aerial Survey	Chevrolet Plant and surrounding area	8/23/1948	Kansas City, Jackson County	7.625" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.

	49	102030	Aerial Survey	American Car and Foundry Company and surrounding area	8/28/1948	St. Charles, St. Charles County	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.
	50	104839	Aerial Survey	American Car and Foundry Company and surrounding area	10/8/1949	St. Charles, St. Charles County	7.75" x 9.5" Neg.	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc.