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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Early Photo Album

Abstract: This collection consists of an early photo album of Missouri images, including the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, family shots and a few other sites in Missouri.

Extent: One 25-page photo album

Physical Description: Paper; 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

This is a photo album of unknown origin, meaning that the original creator is not known. Its photographs cover roughly 1895-1905, the first 17 of which are of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. The album was disbound at some point and each page is now in a protective Mylar sleeve. The photographs are glued to the dark gray construction paper pages.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

Related to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair:

MS105 St. Louis 1904 World's Fair Photograph Book

MS193 St. Louis 1904 World's Fair Photograph Books

MS207 Early Postcards of St. Louis

MS249 Beauty of the World's Fair and St. Louis 1904 Photograph Booklet

MS270 The Universal Exposition Book

MS305 Meet Me At the Fair

MS398 Missouri Postcards

MS513 John Schwob 1904 World's Fair Photograph Collection

RG550 General Assembly

All of these World's Fair sources are in the catalog collection in the Archives Reference Room.

Bennitt, Mark. History of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition: Comprising the History of the Louisiana Territory, the Story of the Louisiana Purchase and a Full Account of the Great Exposition, Embracing the Participation of the States and Nations of the World, and Other Events of the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904. St. Louis: Universal Exposition Publishing Company, 1905. Call #R 917.78 B4399.

Clevenger, Martha. "Indescribably Grand:" Diaries and Letters from the 1904 World's Fair. St. Louis: Missouri Historical Society, 1996. Call #R 907.4778 In222.

Fox, Timothy J. and Duane R. Sneddeker. From the Palaces to the Pike: Visions of the 1904 World's Fair. St. Louis: Missouri Historical Society Press, 1997. Call #R 907.4778 F8301.

Francis, David Rowland. The Universal Exposition of 1904. St. Louis: Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, 1913. Call #R 917.78 F8471.

Hanson, John Wesley. The Official History of the Fair, St. Louis, 1904: The Sights and Scenes of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. 1904. Call #R 917.78 H1986.

Harper, Christine Froechtenigt. The Water Wizard: John F. Wixford and the Purification of the St. Louis Water Supply in 1904. PhD Dissertation: St. Louis University, 2001. Call #R 628.1 H231.

Kurtz, Charles M. The Saint Louis World's Fair of 1904, in Commemoration of the Acquisition of the Louisiana Territory: A Handbook of General Information Profusely Illustrated. St. Louis: Gottschalk Printing Company, 1903. Call #R 917.78 K9673.

Matthews, George R. America's First Olympics: The St. Louis Games of 1904. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2005. Call #R 796.48 M4321.

Additional External Resources

Boone County Historical Society's postcard collection of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition / World's Fair is online through Missouri Digital Heritage:

<http://cdm16795.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/bchspsterds>.

The Library of Congress has nearly 1,000 photographs and other records on the World's Fair:

<https://www.loc.gov/>.

The Missouri History Museum in St. Louis has extensive collections devoted solely or partly to the World's Fair. In particular, see collection [#A0934 Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company Records, 1898-1925](#) and [#A0816 George E. Kessler Papers, 1886-1923](#). [NOTE: The Archives has the Kessler papers on microfilm, manuscript collection MS279.] They have also digitized both volumes of David R. Francis's [The Universal Exposition of 1904](#) and placed them on Missouri Digital Heritage:

<http://cdm16795.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/expo>.

The St. Louis Art Museum's Cass Gilbert's Palace of Fine Arts collection is online through Missouri Digital Heritage:

<http://cdm16795.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/cgilbert>.

The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia has many collections involving the Exposition. In particular, see collections [#C0806](#), [#C4123](#), [#P0093](#), [#C0051](#), [#C1228](#), [#S0085](#) and an [online photograph collection](#).

Washington University Library's World's Fair Collection contains four linear feet of records:

<http://archon.wulib.wustl.edu/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=489>.

PHOTO ALBUM, 1895-1905

Arrangement: Original order maintained

Scope and Content

This 25-page photo album has been disbound. The photographs are silver prints ranging in size from about one square inch to 5"x8". There are 69 prints in the album, most of which are not labeled. Additionally, there are two 8½"x11" copy prints of Missouri's second Capitol Building. Topics include the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair (aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition), outdoors, family groups, ice-skating and the railroad tie industry.

All images have been digitized and are available as 400dpi TIFs on Manuscript DVD #4 in the Reference Room.

Container List

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

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	166	5	Photo album and two loose copy photographs	1895-1905

Location	Box	Folder	Image	Description	Date	Coverage	Format	Photographer
	166	5	Page01	A man rides in the tethered hot air balloon at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page02A	A few people ride in float no. 42 in a parade. The float is a car with an oblong dome-shaped flower trellis that goes from the front of the car to the back. Possibly this is part of the St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Spectators watch from the sidewalk.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States [?]	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page02B	Visitors mill about the fairgrounds of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The building on the right is the Palace of Fine Arts. There is a gazebo in front of the Palace, the Wireless Telegraphy tower in the center of the image, and another building on the left (possibly the Jerusalem Building).	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page03A	A marching band stands by a flag pole in a field. The background shows some tents and trees. Possibly this band is part of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States [?]	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page03B	View of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fairgrounds, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition. View shows the Grand Basin lake and surrounding buildings. Print is damaged.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	2.875x4.625 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page03C	A unique ride on the Pike of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fairgrounds, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The ride is somewhat like a roller coaster and a single rider in a car is upside down in a double loop.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	Page04A	The stone archway that served as the entrance to the Ireland exhibit at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition, has been abandoned. Snow covers part of the ground.	1904-1905	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page04B	A boat full of people travels on the Grand Basin lake. Festival Hall is on the back left, part of the St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x5.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page04C	The Tyrolean Village complex of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair (Louisiana Purchase Exposition) looks abandoned. It is covered with a layer of snow.	1904-1905	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page05A	View of Festival Hall from the Grand Basin lake. The Hall is the centerpiece of the Terrace of States at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page05B	View of the Fairgrounds of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held in St. Louis in 1904. The background shows the Mines and Metallurgy Building, then the Germany Building, and part of the entrance to Festival Hall.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page05C	View of railroad tracks next to a river. There is snow on the ground, and it looks like the picture was taken from the back car of a moving train.	1904-1905	Missouri, United States	3.625x4.75 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	Page06A	Overhead view of the west end of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fairgrounds, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition. It is winter and snowy, and the grounds seem to be abandoned. The Tyrolean Alps exhibit is in the center of the image. The "Model City" street is in front of the Alps; buildings are New York City, the Bungalow, San Francisco, and Guild Hall. The tiny New Jersey Road District building is at the bottom center of the image.	1904-1905	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page06B	Overhead view of the center of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fairgrounds, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition. It is winter and snowy, and the grounds seem to be abandoned.	1904-1905	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page07A	View of the St. Louis World's Fairgrounds, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition, showing the Palace of Electricity and Machinery.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page07B	View of one of the lagoons on the grounds of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Festival Hall, the top of a restaurant at the end of the Terrace of States, and the Ferris Wheel are in the background. Lush plants are in the foreground.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States	2.75x3.625 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page07C	A marching band stands by a flag pole in a field. The background shows some tents and trees. Possibly this band is part of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, aka Louisiana Purchase Exposition.	1904	St. Louis City, Missouri, United States [?]	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page08	Seven people pose outside. A few people relax on chairs, the rest stand. They are possibly in an orchard; one of the men holds a fruit tree branch.	c1900	Missouri, United States	5x8 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	Page09	Indoor shot of a living room. There is a fire place on the left. The fireplace itself has a heavy iron gate. A wood mantel is above and has a clock, vases, and photographs on it. There are a mirror and another shelf above the mantel. The right of the picture features a bookcase with glass doors inlaid with decorative lead. One of the books is <u>Red Rock</u> by Thomas Nelson Page (1898). The walls are papered.	c1900	Missouri, United States	4.75x7.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page10A	A group of picknickers poses for the camera. The album creator captioned this, "Just Unloaded."	c1900	Missouri, United States	3x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page10B	Nine young women pose outside. They all wear bonnets or hats. The album creator captioned this, "Part of the [illegible]."	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.25x2.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page10C	Four young women and a young man pose outside. All wear bonnets, including the man. The album creator captioned this, "What Do We Care for Experiences?"	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.25x2.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page10D	Two young women in dresses, belts, and hats pose outside.	c1900	Missouri, United States	1.5x2.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page10E	A group of young adult picknickers sits around a tablecloth on the ground. One man holds up a bottle. The album creator captioned this, "Lunch."	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.125x3.5 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page10F	Four young men pose outside for the camera. Three of the men are wearing ladies' dresses and hats. The one not dressed up is sitting on the lap of another. The album creator captioned this, "Guess Who We Are." "Mrs. Smith" is written below the figure on the far right.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	Page11A	Corner view of the Jasper County Courthouse. One boy stands on the sidewalk. Trees are budding: spring.	c1900	Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri, United States	3.625x4.375 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page11B	A woman and young girl sit on a hammock in a yard behind a house. There is a rocking chair in the yard as well. The picture has been cut in an oval. The album creator captioned this, "Bert & [illegible, possibly Burnum]."	c1900	Missouri, United States	3x4.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page11C	A man and woman pose outside of a wooden building. The album creator captioned this, "Nell & Ray [Ivelin?]."	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.25x3 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page11D	Four young people sit on the railroad tracks seemingly in the middle of nowhere and eat snacks from a box. There is a telephone line, a pond, and a field behind them. The album creator captioned this, "Have Some?"	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page12A	Portrait of two young women. Both of them have high collars.	c1900	Missouri, United States	1.25x1.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page12B	Humorous portrait of three young men who make funny faces at the camera. All three wear hats, suspenders, and bow ties. The album creator captioned this, "Goo Goo Eyes."	c1900	Missouri, United States	1.25x2.125 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page12C	A large group of people poses outdoors. The women wear dresses and the men wear slacks, long-sleeved shirts, suspenders, bow ties, and hats. Two ladies hold guitars.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.375x4.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page12D	A large group of people poses outside next to a bluff and two fallen logs. A man and a boy have climbed halfway up one of the logs; the man holds a gun. One woman holds a guitar, the other a mandolin.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.625x4.5 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	Page12E	Members of the Wordman Band stand outside a small railroad depot. The depot's sign says that Bagnell, MO is 12 miles away.	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.125x3 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page13A	A man and woman pose outside in a garden. The woman is mostly behind a wall.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page13B	Marriage proposal! A man is down on one knee in a rocky area outdoors. He is handing his bride-to-be a box presumably with a wedding ring inside. The album creator captioned this, "At the Spring."	c1900	Camden County, Missouri, United States [?]	3.125x5 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page13C	Image shows a river, bluff, and steamboat. The bluff looks like it could be the future site of the Ha Ha Tonka Castle, which would make this the Niangua River.	c1900	Camden County, Missouri, United States [?]	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page14	Hilltop view of the Bagnell Tie Yards on the Osage River showing logs in the water. There is a cluster of buildings on the left.	1896	Miller County, Missouri, United States	4.5x7.625 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page15	View of the Bagnell Tie Yards on the Osage River. Men stand on a wooden walkway made of ties. Some cross the tie yard itself. These logs will serve as railroad ties.	1896	Miller County, Missouri, United States	4.75x7.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page16	The Osage River flooded its banks in Tuscumbia, MO. Riverside buildings in the "Goosebottom" area are mostly submerged.	12/25/1895	Tuscumbia, Miller County, Missouri, United States	4.625x7.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page17	The Osage River flooded its banks in Tuscumbia, MO. Riverside buildings in the "Crackerneck Hill" area are mostly submerged, including Anchor Roller Mills.	12/25/1895	Tuscumbia, Miller County, Missouri, United States	4.5x7.625 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	Page18A	Four young women stand or sit on the front porch of a house. The album creator captioned this, "Four Juniors [illegible]."	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page18B	A man sits on the ice, presumably after a fall while ice skating. His skate looks broken. The album creator captioned this, "Darn It!"	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.75x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page19A	A group of people is gathered outside a railroad depot; some of them hold luggage. The album creator captioned this, "Going Away to See the [illegible - Wedding?]."	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.5x4.625 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page19B	A man walks his bicycle across the railroad tracks. Another man sits on the tracks. The album creator captioned this, "Jim Going to Turners."	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.5x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page19C	Col. Reeves and others stand on the back of a train stopped at a small depot.	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.625x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page20A	Hilltop view of the Osage River and farmland in winter.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x4.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page20B	Portrait of a man and two women. The women wear elaborate hats.	c1900	Missouri, United States	1x1.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page20C	Two young men and a young woman stand outside a Western Union Telegraph Office building.	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.5x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page20D	Farm life: a woman stands in the distance in the yard of a log home. Split rail fences surround the yard. Trees on the hillside are bare: winter. There is a ladder behind the woman that leads to the roof of the home.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.5x4.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page21A	A young woman in a long skirt ice skates on a pond. The album creator captioned this, "Just Learning."	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.375x2.5 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	Page21B	Two women and a man sit on the ground for a picnic lunch. They are in a wooded area. The album creator captioned this, "Lunch On Top of the Tunnel."	c1900	Near Rocheport, Boone County, Missouri, United States [?]	3.25x4.5 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page21C	Two women and a man stand inside a large railroad tunnel. Possibly this is the one near Rocheport.	c1900	Near Rocheport, Boone County, Missouri, United States [?]	3.375x4.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page22A	Three young ladies sit on a bench outside a brick building. Part of the street is reflected in the window behind them. The album creator captioned this, "Three Queens."	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.5x4 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page22B	Image of a church building or school building behind some trees and a lawn. There is a large pile of stacked firewood on the lawn.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.625x4.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page22C	A group of people enjoys ice skating on a pond. A large barn with snow on its roof is in the distance.	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.875x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page23A	A group of young women poses outdoors. It looks like they might be washing their skirts in a creek. The album creator captioned this, "Hard At It."	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.25x2.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page23B	Two young men inside a building. Most of the image is dark. Album creator's caption is illegible.	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.25x2.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page23C	A group of people stands outside eating ice cream from bowls. The album creator captioned this, "Ice Cream the Old Way."	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.25x2.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page23D	A young man reclines on a rock pile in a wooded area. The album creator captioned this, "On the Road to Iberia."	c1900	Miller County, Missouri, United States	2.25x2.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page23E	Four young women in dresses and hats sit outside a building. Two of them hold pamphlets on their laps that read "Bible Study."	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	Page23F	A boy looks like he is trying to slide across a frozen pond on a broom or a shovel. Other boys watch. The barns or houses in the background have snow on their roofs.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page24A	Six women stand on a pile of firewood outside a church or school building. The album creator captioned this, "The Whole 'Dam' Family."	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page24B	View from the street of Missouri's second Capitol Building. The top of the dome has been cut off in this image. The stone and rail fence that surrounds the grounds is visible. There is a cannon on the lawn next to the right hand corner of the Capitol.	c1900	Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page24C	This image shows some sort of amusement ride. It is an elevated wooden track and riders sit on a two-car miniature train. The track seems to be in a wooded area and there are two buildings in the background.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x4.875 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page24D	A train engine stops to load a car with coal. The album creator captioned this, "The Engine That Killed Hickock."	c1900	Missouri, United States	2.5x3.75 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page25A	Three women and a man pose outside the front door of a home.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3x3.25 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page25B	Men and women stand on top of a large pile of dirt. The site appears to be a construction site of a bridge or possibly a dam.	c1900	Missouri, United States	3.25x4.375 Silver Print	Unknown
	166	5	Page25C	Image of a wooded bluff overlooking a river. Possibly this is the site of the Ha Ha Tonka Castle before it was built, which would make the river the Niangua. The photo is damaged and glued in three separate pieces to the album page.	c1900	Camden County, Missouri, United States [?]	3.5x4.75 Silver Print	Unknown

	166	5	LooseA	Slightly blurry picture of Missouri's second Capitol Building as seen from the railroad tracks.	c1900	Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri, United States	8.5x11 Copy Print	Unknown
	166	5	LooseB	View from a dirt road of Missouri's second State Capitol Building, most of which is obscured behind trees. The image also shows part of the fence that fences in the Capitol Grounds.	c1900	Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri, United States	8.5x11 Copy Print	Unknown