

Missouri State Archives

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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Big Piney Tornado Photograph Collection

Abstract: A small collection of picture postcards showing tornado damage to Big Piney in Pulaski County, MO on November 25, 1926.

Extent: 10 Items

Physical Description: Picture postcards

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIFF

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: Permission Granted

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

A tornado struck the small town of Big Piney, MO on November 25, 1926. The storm killed one person and injured approximately 30 others. Almost the entire town was flattened. The Thanksgiving Day tornado and storm system were responsible for several other deaths throughout Arkansas and Missouri as well.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

MS264 Robert S. Wiley Collection

Missouri Disasters Collection on Missouri Digital Heritage, online here:
https://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/mdh_splash/default.asp?coll=disasters.

Additional External Resources

The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia maintains the following collection:
[#R1272 Big Piney \(Mo.\) Photograph, 1926](#)

PICTURE POSTCARDS, 1926

Scope and Content

These are picture postcards of extensive tornado damage done to the small town of Big Piney, Pulaski County, MO on November 25, 1926. The photographs were likely taken the next day; the photographer is unknown.

These images have been digitized as 400dpi TIFFs on Manuscript DVD #5 in the Reference Room. Three are also on Flickr in the Missouri's Extreme Weather album:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/missouristatearchives/albums/72157689191856113/with/50927062222/>.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	165	93	This street scene shows piles of rubble in the foreground with a mostly-intact large building in the background. (Same building as Image 99.) Two or three people walk on the rubble on the right, their figures blurred.	11/26/1926
	165	94	Several people stand on a dirt road in Big Piney. There is one car in the road and piles of wood rubble on either side.	11/26/1926
	165	95	One building has been completely flattened and another damaged but still standing.	11/26/1926
	165	96	A large pile of rubble takes up half this image. In the background a few people linger on the street. There is a car on the road and one barn is severely damaged but still standing.	11/26/1926
	165	97	A man sits cross-legged on the stone foundation of what used to be the school building. The rest of the building is completely gone. Two women stand off to the right.	11/26/1926
	165	98	Five young women stand in front of the mostly-collapsed remains of Sneed's Store and Post Office.	11/26/1926
	165	99	A few people mill around a vehicle parked next to a completely collapsed building. A mostly-intact large building is in the background (same building as Image 93).	11/26/1926
	165	100	A collapsed roof rests on the ground next to a large pile of a wholly-flattened building. A few people stand on top of the rubble in the distance.	11/26/1926
	165	101	A man, woman, and baby stand on a pile of rubble of what used to be a residence.	11/26/1926
	165	102	Image shows the nearly-flattened rubble pile of a church.	11/26/1926