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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Ott Construction Company Photograph Collection

Abstract: Photographs and newspaper clippings concerning construction and demolition by the Sterling Excavating and Erection Company, Inc. owned by Wilmer Ott of Jefferson City. Projects include Bagnell Dam, the Missouri River bridges in Jefferson City, Fulton State Hospital, and more. Also includes some images of the 1951 flood in Cedar City.

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BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Wilmer A. Ott (1919-1996) formed Wilmer A. Ott Investment Company in 1948. Less than two years later, the company became Sterling Excavating and Erection Company, Inc. The name "Sterling" comes from Sterling Beer, Ott's favorite. Sterling Co. was a construction and demolition company operating out of Cedar City and Jefferson City and served the mid-Missouri area.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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MS064 David Denman Photograph Collection
MS266 Historic City of Jefferson Collection
MS272 Ehrhardt Photograph Collection
MS297 Mark Schreiber Photograph Collection
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MS360 Dr. Arnold G. Parks Jefferson City Postcard Collection
MS369 Bob Priddy Collection
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MS394 Priesmeyer Shoe Factory Photograph Collection
MS399 Bill Fannin Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS400 Gary Kremer Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS402 Jefferson City Circus Photograph Collection
MS421 Henry Gensky Photograph Collection
MS426 Jefferson City News Tribune Photograph
MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Collection
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MS479 Joe Kleene Photograph Collection
MS481 Martha Rutledge Jefferson City Photograph Collection
MS483 Mary Wilhite Jefferson City Photograph Collection
RG107 Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Photograph Collection

Additional External Resources

The State Historical Society of Missouri maintains the following collections:

[#C2645 James A. Roark Papers, 1896-1940](#)

[#C4275 Sherman Matthews Papers, 1923-1930](#)

SERIES

Documents, 1953-1977

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

This series primarily contains newspaper clippings. The original newspaper clippings were adhered to photo album pages beneath plastic sheets. The series now contains photocopies on archival paper of the original clippings. There are two original documents as well, both of them from State government officials (John Dalton and James Blair).

Container List

Newspaper Clippings:

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	211	71	"Houses Are Cleard [sic] for Bridge Approach," possibly the <u>Jefferson City News-Tribune</u>	c1953
	211	71	"South Bridge Approach Cleared" and "Making Way for South Bridge Approach," possibly the <u>Jefferson City News-Tribune</u>	c1953
	211	71	"Bgin [sic] Clearing Rubble," <u>Fulton Daily...</u> p. 1 (about a fire at State Hospital No. 1)	March 1956
	211	71	"TV Tower Goes Up," (KRCG-TV), <u>Jefferson City Sunday News and Tribune</u>	November-December 1957
	211	71	1) "Walls Come Down," (Newberry Store fire clean-up), possibly the <u>Jefferson City News-Tribune</u> 2) Cheeseborough Ponds construction begun, unknown publication	1) December 1957 or January 1958
	211	71	"Giant Inverted 'Mushroom,'" <u>Fulton Sun-Gazette</u>	1962
	211	71	"Old Prison Buildings Toppled," <u>Jefferson City Post-Tribune</u> p. 1	05/25/1966
	211	71	"Engineers' Picket Line Halts Work on University's Commercial Television Station," possibly the <u>Columbia Tribune</u>	December 1969
	211	71	"Crippled Bird: Governor's Airplane Crash Lands," <u>Jefferson City Post-Tribune</u> p. 1	07/31/1970
	211	71	"Ice Plant Razed, Store Planned," <u>Jefferson City Post-Tribune</u> p. 13	04/26/1972
	211	71	"Work Begins Next Week: Park Contract Signed," unknown paper, pp. 1-2	September 1972
	211	71	"Campground Contract Signed," <u>Branson Beacon</u> p. 1	09/28/1972
	211	71	"Mid-Missouri Memories," <u>Jefferson City News-Tribune</u>	11/03/1977

Documents:

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	211	72	Letter from James T. Blair, Jr., Democratic candidate for Governor, thanking William Ott for his campaign contribution. Includes a receipt.	10/29/1956
	211	73	Letter from John M. Dalton, candidate for Attorney General, thanking William Ott for his campaign contribution.	10/31/1956

SERIES

Photographs, 1951-1969

Arrangement: By subject, then chronological

Scope and Content

Photographs taken primarily by Wilmer Ott of Sterling Excavation and Erection Company, aka Sterling Construction Company, Jefferson City. Images cover construction and demolition of buildings in Jefferson City, Cedar City, Fulton, Bagnell Dam, and more, as well as the 1951 flood in Cedar City. The 159 photographs are black and white.

All images have been digitized and are available on DVD in Reference.

Container List

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

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	203	70-158	<u>Photographs 5"x7" or smaller</u>	1951-1969
	211	1-70	<u>Photographs larger than 5"x7"</u>	

Location	Box	Folder	Subject	Description	Date	Coverage	Format	Photographer
	203	70	Construction	A new I-44 bridge across the Gasconade River just west of Hazelgreen, Missouri is under construction.	c1955	Laclede County	3"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	71	Construction	Ground-level view of the new I-44 bridge across the Gasconade River just west of Hazelgreen, Missouri under construction.	c1955	Laclede County	3"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	72	Construction	Two men (presumably with Sterling Construction Company) pose at the end of the new I-44 bridge over the Gasconade River. The bridge is under construction just west of Hazelgreen, Missouri.	c1955	Laclede County	3"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	73	Construction	Workers use a cement truck to lay a driveway at a business or home owned by Russell Bushie.	09/07/1961	Russellville, Cole County	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	74	Construction	View of the front yard of a business or home owned by Russell Bushie. The yard has been torn up. A new driveway is going in.	09/07/1961	Russellville, Cole County	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	75	Construction	A Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. crane is being used to install the bells in the newly-built Faith Lutheran Church on Industrial Drive.	1962	Jefferson City, Cole County	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	76	Construction	A Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. crane is being used to install the bells in the newly-built Faith Lutheran Church on Industrial Drive.	1962	Jefferson City, Cole County	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	77	Construction	A Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. crane is being used to install the bells in the newly-built Faith Lutheran Church on Industrial Drive.	1962	Jefferson City, Cole County	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	78	Construction	A Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. crane is being used to install the bells in the newly-built Faith Lutheran Church on Industrial Drive.	1962	Jefferson City, Cole County	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	79	Construction	A Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. crane is being used to install the bells in the newly-built Faith Lutheran Church on Industrial Drive.	1962	Jefferson City, Cole County	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	80	Construction	Heavy equipment sits at the build site for Capital House Apartments on the 1800 block of St. Mary's Boulevard.	c1963	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	81	Construction	Heavy equipment sits at the build site for Capital House Apartments on the 1800 block of St. Mary's Boulevard.	c1963	Jefferson City, Cole County	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	82	Construction	Heavy equipment sits at the build site for Capital House Apartments on the 1800 block of St. Mary's Boulevard.	c1963	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	83	Construction	Men use a crane to unload large pipes from a Southern Railway train car. They will be used by Sterling Construction Company.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	84	Construction	Long pipes are being loaded onto the back of a Sterling Construction Company truck from a railroad car using a crane.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	85	Construction	Many long pipes are stacked onto the back of a truck owned by Sterling Construction Company.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	86	Construction	Many long pipes are stacked onto the back of a truck owned by Sterling Construction Company.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer

	203	87	Construction	Distant view of pipes being loaded with a crane onto the back of a Sterling Construction Company truck at a railyard.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	88	Construction	The base of a water tower lies on the ground. There is a crane behind it. The tower will be going up in Ashland or Westphalia, MO.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	89	Construction	The base of a water tower lies on the ground. There are two cranes behind it. The tower will be going up in Ashland or Westphalia, MO.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	90	Construction	Crew members use two cranes to raise the base of a water tower in Ashland or Westphalia, MO.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	91	Construction	Crew members use two cranes to raise the base of a water tower in Ashland or Westphalia, MO.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	92	Construction	Crew members use two cranes to raise the base of a water tower in Ashland or Westphalia, MO.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	93	Construction	Close-up of a truckload of exterior walls decorated with pebbles.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.25" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	94	Construction	A man works to secure some walls that are faced with stone pebbles to a truck.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	95	Construction	Two men work to secure some walls that are faced with stone pebbles to a truck.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	96	Construction	Sonny Bradley operates a Sterling Excavation and Erection, Inc. company crane at a construction or demolition site.	n.d.	Missouri	2.625"x4" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	97	Construction	A man operates a bulldozer at a steep angle into a pit. There are piles of tires in the foreground and debris in the background along with a few buildings.	n.d.	Missouri	2.75"x4" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	98	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 H bulldozer. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.75"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	99	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 H bulldozer. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	100	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 bulldozer and dumps a load of dirt into a dumptruck. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	101	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 bulldozer and dumps a load of dirt into a dumptruck. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	102	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 H bulldozer. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	103	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 H bulldozer. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer

	203	104	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 H bulldozer. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	105	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 H bulldozer. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	106	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 H bulldozer and knocks down a tree. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	107	Demolition	A Sterling employee operates a Caterpillar CAT 955 H bulldozer. He is clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River Bridge in Jefferson City.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	108	Demolition	A Lorain crane owned by Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. is being used to demolish what's left of the administration building and surrounding structures at Fulton State Hospital No. 1 following a fire on March 15, 1956.	1956	Fulton, Callaway County	5"x7" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	109	Demolition	A Lorain crane owned by Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. is being used to demolish what's left of the administration building and surrounding structures at Fulton State Hospital No. 1 following a fire on March 15, 1956.	1956	Fulton, Callaway County	5"x7" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	110	Demolition	A Lorain crane owned by Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. is being used to demolish what's left of the administration building and surrounding structures at Fulton State Hospital No. 1 following a fire on March 15, 1956.	1956	Fulton, Callaway County	5"x7" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	111	Demolition	A man fills a dumptruck from a bulldozer belonging to Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. The company is working to clear rubble from the administration building and surrounding structures at Fulton State Hospital No. 1 following a fire on March 15, 1956.	1956	Fulton, Callaway County	5"x7" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	112	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. man uses a bulldozer to clear rubble from the administration building and surrounding structures at Fulton State Hospital No. 1 following a fire on March 15, 1956.	1956	Fulton, Callaway County	5"x7" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	113	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. man uses a bulldozer to clear rubble from the administration building and surrounding structures at Fulton State Hospital No. 1 following a fire on March 15, 1956.	1956	Fulton, Callaway County	4.5"x6.625" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	114	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. man uses a bulldozer to clear rubble from the administration building and surrounding structures at Fulton State Hospital No. 1 following a fire on March 15, 1956.	1956	Fulton, Callaway County	4.5"x6.625" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	115	Demolition	A Sterling construction company crane is being used to demolish the Newberry Store building on High Street after it was destroyed by fire in late December 1957.	1957-1958	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer

	203	116	Demolition	A hearse belonging to Tanner Funeral Home is lifted out of a garage following a fire that destroyed the Home on July 5, 1969. Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc.'s crane is doing the heavy lifting.	July 1969	Jefferson City, Cole County	5"x7" b&w print	Mueller, E.H.
	203	117	Demolition	Wilmer Ott, owner of Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc., operates a crane. The crane is lifting a hearse out of a garage belonging to Tanner Funeral Home that was damaged by fire on July 5, 1969.	July 1969	Jefferson City, Cole County	5"x7" b&w print	Mueller, E.H.
	203	118	Demolition	Wilmer Ott, owner of Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc., operates a crane. The crane is lifting a hearse out of a garage belonging to Tanner Funeral Home that was damaged by fire on July 5, 1969.	July 1969	Jefferson City, Cole County	5"x7" b&w print	Mueller, E.H.
	203	119	Equipment	Heavy machinery is being used to grade some land: scraper, bulldozer.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	120	Equipment	Image shows a large piece of machinery / equipment, possibly a scraper.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	121	Equipment	A man sits in the driver's seat of a large piece of equipment / machinery: LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournapull. The company's name is on the side: Jefferson City, MO Sterling.	n.d.	Missouri	3"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	122	Equipment	A man sits in the driver's seat of a large piece of equipment / machinery: LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournapull. The company's name is on the side: Jefferson City, MO Sterling.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	123	Equipment	A man sits in the driver's seat of a large piece of equipment / machinery: LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournapull. The company's name is on the side: Jefferson City, MO Sterling.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	124	Equipment	A man uses a bulldozer to pull a large piece of equipment / machinery: possibly a scraper.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	125	Equipment	A man uses a bulldozer to pull a large piece of equipment / machinery: possibly a scraper.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	126	Equipment	A man drives a scraper on top of a dirt hill in order to level the ground.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	127	Equipment	A man sits atop a Caterpillar bulldozer on a dirt lot.	n.d.	Missouri	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	128	Equipment	Image of a CAT D 9 Bulldozer: Caterpillar.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	129	Equipment	Image of a McCormick tractor hitched to a roller.	n.d.	Missouri	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	130	Equipment	Image of two bulldozers and a scraper.	n.d.	Missouri	3"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	131	Equipment	A bulldozer is in action on a dirt lot or field in the country.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	132	Equipment	Image of a farm with a couple tractors: winter.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	133	Equipment	Image of a tractor in a rural setting: gravel road. The back wheel seems to be bent.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	134	Equipment	Two bulldozers and a scraper are in action in a large dirt lot or field.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer

	203	135	Equipment	A LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournapull tractor / scraper is in action in a large dirt lot or field. It is marked Jefferson City, MO Sterling [Construction Co.].	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	136	Equipment	A LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournapull tractor / scraper is in action in a large dirt lot or field. It is marked Jefferson City, MO Sterling [Construction Co.].	n.d.	Missouri	3.5"x4.75" b&w print	Construction Digest, St. Louis, MO
	203	137	Equipment	Two LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournapull tractors / scrapers are in action in a large dirt lot or field. They are marked Jefferson City, MO Sterling [Construction Co.].	n.d.	Missouri	3.5"x4.625" b&w print	Construction Digest, St. Louis, MO
	203	138	Equipment	A LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournapull tractor / scraper is in action in a large dirt lot or field. It is marked Jefferson City, MO Sterling [Construction Co.].	n.d.	Missouri	3.625"x4.75" b&w print	Construction Digest, St. Louis, MO
	203	139	Floods	View of Missouri River floodwaters in Cedar City, just north of Jefferson City.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	140	Floods	View of Missouri River floodwaters near Cedar City, just north of Jefferson City. Image shows partially-submerged billboards and telephone poles.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	141	Floods	Buildings in Cedar City are partially underwater after the Missouri River flooded. Image is blurry and a telephone pole is in the foreground.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	142	Floods	Blurry image of homes flooded by the Missouri River in Cedar City, just north of Jefferson City.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	143	Floods	Blurry image of a general store flooded by the Missouri River in Cedar City, just north of Jefferson City. There are Coca-Cola signs on the store's porch roof.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	144	Floods	View of flooded buildings and a road in Cedar City, just north of Jefferson City: Missouri River.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	145	Floods	Image of buildings and roads flooded by the Missouri River in Cedar City, just north of Jefferson City.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	146	Floods	View from a barge on the Missouri River of high river levels during the July 1951 flood. The Union Pacific Railroad train can be seen near the bluffs on the left.	July 1951	Cole and Callaway Counties near Jefferson City and Cedar City	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	147	Floods	A few men stand on a partially-flooded bridge near Cedar City, just north of Jefferson City: Missouri River.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	148	Floods	The intersection of Highways 50, 54, and 63 (aka Five Points intersection) in Jefferson City has been flooded by the overflowing Missouri River. A few cars and trailers are visible.	July 1951	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	149	Floods	A home in Cedar City has been partially flooded by the Missouri River.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer

	203	150	Floods	A large brick building has been flooded by the Missouri River, either in Cedar City or Jefferson City. The sign is mostly illegible, but the first word is "Jubilee."	July 1951	Cole or Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	151	Floods	A home in Cedar City has been partially flooded by the Missouri River.	July 1951	Cedar City, Callaway County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	152	Floods	Blurry view of the flooded Missouri River as seen from the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks.	July 1951	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	153	Miscellaneous	A truck hauls a Lorain crane belonging to Sterling Excavating and Erection company on the side of the road. A Zephyr gas station is visible in the background. It's possible this image was taken around the time of the July 1951 flood.	n.d.	Jefferson City, Cole County	2.5"x3.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	154	Miscellaneous	A couple cranes, a dumptruck, and pickup truck are parked next to a building. There are two gas pumps visible at the corner of the building.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	155	Miscellaneous	Four men stand outside next to two cars.	n.d.	Missouri	3.25"x4.125" b&w Polaroid print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	156	Miscellaneous	Wilmer Ott poses in a dirt lot with a second-generation Ford Fairlane 500 car.	n.d.	Missouri	2.625"x3.75" b&w print	Unknown
	203	157	Miscellaneous	Russ Bushey poses outside with his car.	n.d.	Missouri	2.875"x3.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	203	158	Miscellaneous	Two men (presumably with Sterling Construction Company) stand together in a dirt lot.	n.d.	Missouri	4"x5.125" b&w print	Construction Digest, St. Louis, MO
	211	1	Construction	Sterling Excavating and Erection, Inc. has been hired to build a new power station on Bagnell Dam. Here a crane is put to use.	1952-1953	Miller County	7.75"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	2	Construction	Sterling Excavating and Erection, Inc. has been hired to build a new power station on Bagnell Dam. Here a crane is put to use.	1952-1953	Miller County	7.75"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	3	Construction	Sterling Excavating and Erection, Inc. has been hired to build a new power station on Bagnell Dam. Here a crane is put to use.	1952-1953	Miller County	7.75"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	4	Construction	Sterling Excavating and Erection, Inc. has been hired to build a new power station on Bagnell Dam. Here a crane is put to use.	1952-1953	Miller County	7.75"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	5	Construction	Sterling Excavating and Erection, Inc. has been hired to build a new power station on Bagnell Dam. Here a crane is put to use.	1952-1953	Miller County	7.75"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	6	Construction	Construction of the IGA Sav-Mor grocery store at the corner of Missouri Boulevard and Dix road is underway using a Lorain crane. The grocery store was the first of its kind in Missouri to use conveyor belts at the check-out line. It opened in May 1953.	1953	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x7.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	7	Construction	Construction of the IGA Sav-Mor grocery store at the corner of Missouri Boulevard and Dix road is underway using a Lorain crane. The grocery store was the first of its kind in Missouri to use conveyor belts at the check-out line. It opened in May 1953.	1953	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x7.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer

211	8	Construction	Construction of the IGA Sav-Mor grocery store at the corner of Missouri Boulevard and Dix road is underway using a Lorain crane. The grocery store was the first of its kind in Missouri to use conveyor belts at the check-out line. It opened in May 1953.	1953	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x7.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	9	Construction	Construction of the IGA Sav-Mor grocery store at the corner of Missouri Boulevard and Dix road is underway using a Lorain crane. The grocery store was the first of its kind in Missouri to use conveyor belts at the check-out line. It opened in May 1953.	1953	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x7.75" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	10	Construction	Construction of the IGA Sav-Mor grocery store at the corner of Missouri Boulevard and Dix road is underway using a Lorain crane. The grocery store was the first of its kind in Missouri to use conveyor belts at the check-out line. It opened in May 1953.	1953	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x8" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	11	Construction	A 1,000,000 gallon toriconical reservoir that is 70 feet in diameter has been built on the ground south of Fulton by Rogers-Schmidt Engineering Company out of St. Louis. In the background a 500,000 gallon spheriod water tower is under construction, which is being built by Dorcon Company out of Warren, Pennsylvania.	1962-1963	Callaway County	8"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	12	Construction	View of the 500,000 gallon spheriod water tower under construction. It is being built by Dorcon Company out of Warren, Pennsylvania.	01/09/1963	Callaway County	8"x9.875" b&w print	McAllister's Studio, Fulton, MO
211	13	Construction	An accident has occurred when constructing a concrete building: a wall fell on one of Sterling Excavating and Erection Company's Lorain cranes and crushed it.	n.d.	Missouri	7.625"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	14	Construction	Close-up of the crushed cab of a Sterling Excavating and Erection Company Lorain crane. A concrete wall fell on it.	n.d.	Missouri	7.625"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	15	Construction	An accident has occurred when constructing a concrete building: a wall fell on one of Sterling Excavating and Erection Company's Lorain cranes and crushed it. (L to R) Wilmer Ott, Paul Ott, and Denver Kroeger survey the damage.	n.d.	Missouri	7.625"x10" b&w print	Unknown
211	16	Construction	An accident has occurred when constructing a concrete building: a wall fell on one of Sterling Excavating and Erection Company's Lorain cranes and crushed it.	n.d.	Missouri	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	17	Construction	Two cranes owned by Sterling Excavating & Erection Inc. are being used to move a large piece of machinery. The machine is going to be installed at a turkey processing plant in California, Missouri. The plant will later be owned by Cargill. (2 copies)	n.d.	California, Moniteau County	7"x8.25" b&w print; 4"x4.875" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	18	Construction	Wilmer Ott operates a crane, which is being used to lift and place large pipes underground.	n.d.	Missouri	7.625"x10" b&w print	Unknown

	211	19	Construction	Wilmer Ott stands on the back of a crane, which is being used to lift and place large pipes underground. Russell Allen is in the crane's cab.	n.d.	Missouri	7.625"x10" b&w print	Unknown
	211	20	Construction	Cranes are being used to build a clock tower or bell tower on a church.	n.d.	Missouri	7.625"x9.75" b&w print	Patton, R.S.
	211	21	Construction	Cranes are being used to build a clock tower or bell tower on a church.	n.d.	Missouri	8.125"x10" b&w print	Patton, R.S.
	211	22	Construction	Construction using beams and a crane on an industrial building next to a large smokestack.	n.d.	Missouri	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	23	Construction	Construction using beams and a crane on an industrial building next to a water tower.	n.d.	Missouri	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	24	Construction	Construction using beams and a crane on an industrial building next to a water tower.	n.d.	Missouri	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	25	Construction	A new HVAC unit is being lifted to the top of the combined Post Office and U.S. District Court building using a crane.	n.d.	Jefferson City, Cole County	8"x10" b&w print	Galbreath Photo Service, Jefferson City, MO
	211	26	Construction	A Sterling Excavating & Erection Co. crane is being used on an industrial build site.	n.d.	Missouri	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	27	Construction	A new HVAC unit is being hoisted on top of a brick building using a crane.	n.d.	Missouri	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	28	Construction	A new HVAC unit is being hoisted on top of a brick building using a crane.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	29	Construction	A new HVAC unit is being hoisted on top of a brick building using a crane.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	30	Construction	A new HVAC unit is being hoisted on top of a brick building using a crane.	n.d.	Missouri	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	31	Construction	A crane is supporting a concrete wall on this construction site.	n.d.	Missouri	7.5"x9.375" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	32	Demolition	View looking east down Main Street toward the Capitol Building. Sterling's construction crew is at work on the north side of the street clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River bridge.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	33	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating & Erection Inc. company crane and truck are at work clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River bridge.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.75"x9.625" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	34	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating & Erection Inc. company crane dumps a load of dirt into a G.W. Coots company dumptruck. They are at work clearing land for the approach to the new Missouri River bridge.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.75"x9.625" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	35	Demolition	A brick structure is being demolished in order to clear land for the approach to the new Missouri River bridge.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x9.625" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	36	Demolition	A brick structure is being demolished in order to clear land for the approach to the new Missouri River bridge.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x9.625" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	37	Demolition	Men from Sterling Excavating Company stand around and watch a debris and brush fire. They are in the process of clearing land for the new Missouri River bridge approach.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.625"x9.625" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer

211	38	Demolition	Rex Ott drives a bulldozer and clears land for the new Missouri River bridge approach.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	8"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	39	Demolition	A building is demolished in order to make way for the Missouri River bridge approach.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	8.25"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	40	Demolition	A building is demolished in order to make way for the Missouri River bridge approach.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	41	Demolition	A building is demolished in order to make way for the Missouri River bridge approach.	1953-1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	8.125"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	42	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating and Erection Company Moto Crane is being used to remove parts of the old 1896 Missouri River bridge piece by piece. The bridge was replaced with a new one in 1955. The Missouri River is in flood stage.	1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	43	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating and Erection Company Moto Crane is being used to remove parts of the old 1896 Missouri River bridge piece by piece. The bridge was replaced with a new one in 1955. The Missouri River is in flood stage.	1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	44	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating and Erection Company Moto Crane is being used to remove parts of the old 1896 Missouri River bridge piece by piece. The bridge was replaced with a new one in 1955. The Missouri River is in flood stage.	1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	45	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating and Erection Company Moto Crane is being used to remove parts of the old 1896 Missouri River bridge piece by piece. The bridge was replaced with a new one in 1955. The Missouri River is in flood stage.	1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.5"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	46	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating and Erection Company Moto Crane is being used to remove parts of the old 1896 Missouri River bridge piece by piece. The bridge was replaced with a new one in 1955. The Missouri River is in flood stage.	1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.625"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	47	Demolition	Wilmer Ott sits in the cab of his crane at the end of the old 1896 Missouri River Bridge, which is being dismantled. The Missouri River is in flood stage.	1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	8"x10" b&w print	Unknown
211	48	Demolition	A Sterling Excavating and Erection Company crane is parked at the end of the Missouri River bridge. The Company is dismantling the old 1896 bridge. The Missouri River is in flood stage.	1955	Jefferson City, Cole County	8"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	49	Demolition	Wilmer Ott operates his Lorain crane from inside a pit. A school, possibly off Clark Avenue, is in the background.	n.d.	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Unknown
211	50	Demolition	A bucket crane is being used to remove part of a building nextdoor to a church.	n.d.	Missouri	7.625"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	51	Demolition	A building is being demolished with a bucket crane.	n.d.	Missouri	7.625"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
211	52	Demolition	Demolition of a building with an entryway shaped like a keyhole and surrounding buildings. (2 copies)	n.d.	Jefferson City, Cole County	8.125"x10" b&w print; 7.625"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer

	211	53	Demolition	A Lorain crane belonging to Sterling Excavation and Erection Company is being used inside a partly-demolished industrial building.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	54	Demolition	A cement truck is being used inside a partly-demolished industrial building. There is a crane visible as well.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	55	Demolition	A Moto Crane belonging to Sterling Excavation and Erection Company is being used inside a partly-demolished industrial building.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x10" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	56	Demolition	A building is being demolished. This is possibly a building called Uptown.	n.d.	Missouri	8.25"x10" b&w print	Massie, Gerald
	211	57	Equipment	Missouri Attorney General John Dalton sits aboard a LeTourneau-Westinghouse Tournapull.	c1956	Unknown location	8"x10" b&w print	L.W. News Bureau, LeTourneau- Westinghouse Co., Peoria, IL
	211	58	Equipment	Rex Ott drives a bulldozer or excavator in a rock pit and scoops up a load of rubble. The excavator is equipped with a Hyster D4N winch.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	59	Equipment	Rex Ott drives a bulldozer or excavator in a rock pit and scoops up a load of rubble. The excavator is equipped with a Hyster D4N winch.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	60	Equipment	Rex Ott drives a bulldozer or excavator in a rock pit and scoops up a load of rubble. The excavator is equipped with a Hyster D4N winch.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	61	Equipment	Rex Ott drives a bulldozer or excavator in a rock pit. The excavator is equipped with a Hyster D4N winch.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	62	Equipment	Rex Ott drives a bulldozer or excavator in a rock pit and empties a shovel load into a dumptruck. The excavator is equipped with a Hyster D4N winch. The dumptruck is labeled John Nichols Fulton, MO.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	63	Equipment	A Sterling Excavating and Erection Inc. company truck is towing a large piece of equipment on an oversized flatbed trailer.	n.d.	Missouri	7"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	64	Equipment	Paul Ott drives away with Sterling Construction company's second new Lorain crane, purchased and picked up in Lorain, Ohio.	n.d.	Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio	7.625"x9.625" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	65	Equipment	Paul Ott drives away with Sterling Construction company's second new Lorain crane, purchased and picked up in Lorain, Ohio. (2 copies)	n.d.	Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio	8"x10" b&w print; 7.625"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	66	Equipment	Paul Ott drives away with Sterling Construction company's second new Lorain crane, purchased and picked up in Lorain, Ohio. (2 copies)	n.d.	Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio	7.5"x9.5" b&w print; 7.625"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	67	Equipment	An Inslay crane is parked outside a garage, probably in Jefferson City.	n.d.	Missouri	6.5"x9.5" b&w print	Ott, Wilmer
	211	68	Equipment	Wilmer Ott is operating one of his Sterling Excavating & Erection, Inc. cranes.	n.d.	Missouri	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	Unknown
	211	69	Miscellaneous	Aerial of Chesebrough-Ponds Company site. Gibler Estate.	n.d.	Jefferson City, Cole County	7.75"x9.5" b&w print	The Wright Studio, Jefferson City, MO
	211	70	Miscellaneous	View of the Cedar City water tower and surrounding buildings.	n.d.	Cedar City, Callaway County	8.125"x10" b&w print	Wright Studio, Jefferson City, MO