



## **Aerial Photographs Between Sikeston and Morehouse (CG0092)**

**Collection Number:** CG0092

**Collection Title:** Aerial Photographs Between Sikeston and Morehouse

**Dates:** 1941

**Creator:** Unknown

**Abstract:** This collection consists of six B&W aerial photographs of the farmland between Sikeston and Morehouse, Mo., following along Missouri Route 114.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic feet  
(6 photographs)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Donor Information:** The photographs were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Harry Sharp on May 14, 2026 (Accession No. CGA0096).

**Processed by:** Processed by Natalie Arbuckle on June 3, 2026

**Historical Note:**

Taken in 1941, the aerial photographs in this collection originate from a period where the United States was increasingly interested in the development of aerial photography, pilot training, and photointerpretation. During World War II, aerial imagery was an integral part of military planning, reconnaissance, and geographic documentation. Given their date and location near Sikeston, Missouri, the photographs may reflect military interest in expanding aerial photographic capabilities, with a possible connection to Sikeston's regional Harvey Parks Airport and military pilot training. However, no direct military connection has been confirmed. The rural location of the photographs also suggests a possible agricultural or land use purpose. As a result, the collection exhibits the developing use of aerial photography in the 1940s, as well as its more practical value in documenting rural geography.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in a single series housed in one folder.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains photographs depicting farmland, townships, and rural communities between Sikeston and Morehouse, Missouri. Handwritten notes by an unknown author identify land ownership and mark specific roads, suggesting that the photos may have been used for local surveying, property identification, or agricultural documentation.

**Container List:****Box 1**

- f. 1 Photo showing town of Matthews, Missouri
- Photo showing eastern half of Sikeston, Missouri
- Photo showing all of Sikeston, Missouri
- Photo showing extreme western edge of Sikeston, Missouri
- Photo showing farmland between Sikeston and Morehouse (neither town is visible)
- Photo showing Morehouse, Missouri

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