Lewis Photograph Collection  
(CG 0055)

Collection Number: CG0055

Collection Title: Lewis Photograph Collection


Creator: Unknown

Abstract: Collection of photographs found by landlord whose former tenant had obtained photos from a dumpster. Included is a letter addressed to Jerry Gene Lewis, congratulating him for finishing high school. Photos of a young man in a cap and gown (assumed to be Jerry) seen across several other photos provides continuity.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(20 folders, 1 Oversized)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau. If you would like more information, please contact us at capegirardeau@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] Lewis Photograph Collection (CG0055); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Cape Girardeau].

Donor Information: The Photographs were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Drew Blattner on 10-27-2021 (Accession No. CGA 0055).

Processed by: Processed by Randy Greeves 11-9-2021
Historical Note:

Collection of photographs found by a landlord whose former tenant had obtained these photos from dumpster diving. According to Lewis’s obituary, Jerry Gene Lewis was born December 9, 1937 to Charles T. Lewis and Anita E. (Sandvoss) Lewis. Lewis graduated from College High School in 1956, and a year later he married Beverly Ann Carr. Together they had two daughters, Teresa and Anna, and a son, Guy. During his life, Lewis served in the Missouri National Guard, worked for the Cape Girardeau Fire Department, and worked for Colonial Bread Co. In 2020, Lewis passed away.

Arrangement:

Collection has been arranged into one series.

Scope and Content Note: The Lewis Photograph Collection is made up mostly of photographs and negatives with one letter and envelope. Included in the collection is a letter addressed to Jerry Gene Lewis, congratulating him on finishing High School. Among the photographs is one of a young man wearing a cap and gown; this is assumed to be Jerry Gene Lewis. Lewis is seen in several other photographs, a house he is pictured in front of is seen in several other images, animals he is pictured with are seen in even more photos, and similar lines of continuity are followed. There are three oversized photos of soldiers being stored in a separate box. As a significant number of pictures relate to Lewis it is assumed that all photos are from the same or similar source and belong together. No information is known of the other people in the photos, presumed to be friends or relatives of Lewis. Student portraits in f. 21 are addressed to Jan.

Container List:

Box 01

f. 1 Letter from Paul C. Jones to Jerry Gene Lewis
f. 2 Images of man suspected to be Jerry Gene Lewis
f. 3 Images of a tractor in a field (construction?)
f. 4 Images of the Mississippi from Cape Girardeau riverfront
f. 5 Images from Cape Girardeau County Courthouse (old)
f. 6 Images from a basketball game
f. 7 Images of a play in blackface
f. 8 Film of three negatives: of a building, of a man, and of a group & building photo
f. 9 Images of a trip to the levee
f. 10 Images of girls on a pony (one captioned “Mrs. Otis Bess 211 Pearl St. Paint Poney[sic] in collors[sic] 98” other captioned “217 Pearl St. 98”)
f. 11 Images of landscapes, farmscapes, and buildings
f. 12 Image of people gathered around a bus in the woods
f. 13 Images of animals
f. 14 Images of winter
f. 15 Images of various unknown people
f. 16 Images of a man with cattle
f. 17  Images of gift opening
f. 18  Images from hunting
f. 19  Images from a party
f. 20  Images from a convenience store
f. 21  School portraits, majority unidentified
Oversized  Images of military company photos

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