

P0072 Frazee, Douglas R. (1925-2014), Photographs, ca. 1880-1985

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INTRODUCTION

Photographs of the Missouri River and life on the towboat Brownville, 1963-1985 by Frazee, an engineer on the vessel. Photos of Marshall, MO, 1948-1950, and Marthasville, MO, area in the early 1900s. Aerial photographs of Saline County, Marshall, Brookfield, and Pettis County, 1946-1949. Aerial photographs of farms and buildings along Highways 20, 24, 41 in Saline and Lafayette Counties, ca. 1947. Also include a variety of images of Missouri scenes and Missourians.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Douglas R. Frazee on October 16, 1985. A portion of the materials were loaned for copying.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Born in Wellington, February 26, 1925, to Stephen A. and Lula Wilhemine Bierbaum Frazee, Douglas R. Frazee graduated from Wellington High School in 1943. His military service included a stint in Europe with the U.S. Army 104th Infantry Division, 1944-1945. After his discharge from the army in December 1945, Frazee returned to Missouri and took a job with Fox Midwest Amusement Corp. He worked as a projectionist at the Auditorium Theater in Marshall and remained with the company until 1959. During this time, Frazee also did aerial photography work as the Frazee Aerial Photo Service. In October 1963, the Sioux City and New Orleans Barge Lines of Houston and St. Louis employed him. Frazee became an engineer on the new motor vessel Brownville. This SCNO towboat operated almost exclusively between Kansas City and St. Louis on the Missouri River. He continued to work in that capacity until he retired in April 1985. In retirement, he worked as a greeter at Wal-Mart until his second retirement in 2012. Frazee died on November 30, 2014.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

An amateur photographer since the mid-1940s, Douglas R. Frazee recorded, with his cameras, day-to-day life and activities aboard the towboat Brownville and views of the Missouri River. Before his time on the towboat, he took photographs of farms and the communities where he lived. Frazee also collected historic images, including portraits, images of buildings, and agricultural scenes. The bulk of the collection is original photographs, both black and white negatives and prints, but some items were loaned for copying. Images are arranged by subject. See Folder List and Image List for additional detail.

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IMAGE LIST

f. 1 Frazee Aerial Photo Service, ca. 1947-1950

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Location	Format
014139	Missouri Pacific Railroad	aerial view of shops and train	Sedalia	b/w photo
014222	Airplanes	airplanes damaged at Marshall MO airport	Marshall	b/w negatives
014223	Airplanes	airplanes damaged at Marshall MO airport	Marshall	b/w negatives
014224	Airplanes	airplanes damaged at Marshall MO airport	Marshall	b/w negatives
014225	Airplanes	airplanes damaged at Marshall MO airport	Marshall	b/w negatives
014226	Airplanes	airplanes damaged at Marshall MO airport	Marshall	b/w negatives
014227	Airplanes	airplanes damaged at Marshall MO airport	Marshall	b/w negatives
014228	Barling airplane	2 views of plane damaged in storm	Marshall	b/w negatives
014229	Aeronica Champion Airplane	Aeronica Champion airplane at Marshall MO airport	Marshall	color transparency
014230	Cessna	Cessna airplane at Marshall, Mo. Airport.	Marshall	color transparency
014334	Collier Farm	aerial photos of Bob Collier farm		negative
014335	Collier Farm	aerial photos of Bob Collier farm		negative
014336	Collier Farm	aerial photos of Bob Collier farm		negative
014337	Collier Farm	aerial photos of Bob Collier farm		negative
014338	Collier Farm	aerial photos of Bob Collier farm		negative
014339	Collier Farm	aerial photos of Bob Collier farm		negative
015307	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015308	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015309	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015310	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015311	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015312	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015313	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015314	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015315	Farms	aerial views of farms and buildings along Hwy's 20, 24, 41		contact sheet & negatives
015316	Airplane	view of airplane used for aerial photography		b/w photo, negative
015317	Airplane	view of airplane used for aerial photography		b/w photo, negative

015318	Airplane	view of airplane used for aerial photography		b/w photo, negative
015319	Airplane	view of airplane used for aerial photography		b/w photo, negative

f. 2 Aboard the M/V Brownville - prints Note: Most prints in f. 2 have a corresponding negative in f. 3

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Location	Creation Date
014131	Douglas R. Frazee	full view seated in engine room of M/V Brownville		
014143	M/V Omaha	view of towboat near shore on Missouri River		
014144	M/V Mo.Ark.	view of towboat		
014145	M/V Melinda B.	view of towboat		
014146	M/V Neville (?)	view of towboat		
014147	M/V Jefferson City	view of tow boat		
014148	M/V Lesta K	view of towboat		
014149	M/V Sally B	two views A & B		
014178	M/V Brownville	three crew members on deck		
014179	Water Tower	water tower at Lexington MO	Lexington	1965 ca.
014180	M/V Brownville	Captain of crew "Binky" Lane, foreground, and two other crew members preparing sides of boat for painting		
014181	M/V Brownville	crew member Joe Hopkins on boat		
014182	M/V Brownville	crew member Walton "Sleepy" O'Neil preparing a hand rail for painting		
014183	Glasgow	view of Glasgow, MO	Glasgow	
014185	M/V Brownville	deck hands preparing to tie up		1965
014186	M/V Brownville	crewman on barge		1965
014187	Store boat Irene E.	view with Hermann Bridge in background	Hermann	
014188	Steamer Replica	replica of St. Charles steamer at mile 8 just above Bellefontaine Bridge		
014189	M/V Brownville	exterior view		
014190	Store boat Irene E.	on Missouri River, Hermann bridge in background	Hermann	
014191	M/V Brownville	crew member Tommy McMillen seated on capstan, Captain Johnny Johnson standing on stairs		
014193	Hermann	view of Hermann from the Missouri River	Hermann	
014194	M/V Brownville	crew member out on tow of Brownville		
014195	M/V Brownville	Tommy McMillen in front seat of skiff, Jefferson City in background		

014196	M/V Brownville	Tommy McMillen and pilot, in skiff leaving Brownville		
014197	M/V Brownville	crew members Tommy Ponder and "Funny Boy," painters of the deck		1965 ca.
014198	M/V Brownville	Brownville with barges "out on tow"		
014199	M/V Brownville	deck hands coiling rope		
014200	M/V Brownville	two views of deck hands getting channel reports		
014201	Ship Stern Rock	three views of Ship Stern Rock on Missouri River		
014202	M/V Brownville	three crew members splicing eyes into ends of wires		1965
014203	M/V Brownville	four crew members splicing wires		1965
014204	M/V Brownville	four crew members splicing eyes into ends of wires		1965
014267	M/V Brownville	crew member and skiff used on the Missouri River		1967
014296	Store boat Irene E.	two views on river approaching towboat		
014298	M/V Brownville	crew members soogeing on deck		
014302	Store boat Irene E.	Pete and Irene Staude on their storeboat		1965
014303	M/V Brownville	probably Omar Keel seated inside pilot house		
014309	M/V Brownville	interior view of the pilot house with pilot seated in pilot's seat		
014312	M/V Brownville	crew member Walton "Sleepy" O'Neil standing on deck		1965 ca.
014316	Gasconade County Courthouse	courthouse seen from Missouri River, Hermann slope river gauge, Irene E. store boat on the river	Hermann	
014317	M/V Brownville	crew member painting deck		
014319	M/V Brownville	two views of crew members lounging on tow		
014327	M/V Brownville	deck hands coiling rope		
014328	M/V Brownville	crewman on barge and on tow knee		1970s ca.
014329	M/V Brownville	two views of barge passing the barge Fort Pierre		
014330	M/V Brownville	two views of crewmen painting the deck		
014331	M/V Brownville	deck hands making up a tow		
014332	Missouri River	view of town and bridges across the Missouri River	Glasgow	
014389	M/V Brownville	four crew members splicing eyes into ends of wires		1965
014390	M/V Brownville	three crew members splicing wires		1965
014391	M/V Brownville	three crew members splicing wires		1965
014392	Barges	sunken barge at Boonville on Missouri River	Boonville	1965
014393	M/V Brownville	crewman on deck striking a cable cutter with a sledge hammer		1965

014394	M/V Brownville	crew member, James M. Fields outside pilot house		1964
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f. 3 Aboard the M/V Brownville - negatives

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Location	Creation Date
014192	M/V Brownville	crew member Tommy McMillen seated on capstan		
014205	Veterans Memorial Bridge	view of bridge with Gateway Arch under construction	St. Louis	1960s
014206	Veterans Memorial Bridge	view of Kahoka Power Plant	St. Louis	1960s
014207	Veterans Memorial Bridge	scene on Missouri River		1960s
014208	Veterans Memorial Bridge			1960s
014209		four views of barge that hit Boonville Bridge and sank	Boonville	
014278	M/V Brownville	crew member sitting on tow knee		
014280	M/V Brownville	crew member on upper deck close to wheel house		
014281	M/V Brownville	Tommy Ponder and another crew member with capstan on forward deck		
014282	M/V Brownville	Captain Lane and Walton "Sleepy" O'Neil		
014283	M/V Brownville	Captain Lane and Walton "Sleepy" O'Neil		
014284	M/V Brownville	Captain Lane and Walton "Sleepy" O'Neil		
014285	M/V Brownville	Captain Lane, Walton "Sleepy" O'Neil, and Joe Dacus		
014286	Houses on top of Missouri River bluffs	views A & B		1960s, late
014287	Houses on top of Missouri River bluffs	Views A & B		1960s, late
014288	Houses on top of Missouri River bluffs	Houses on bluffs about va mile above Jefferson City	Jefferson City	1960s, late
014289	Houses on top of Missouri River bluffs	Crewman going ashore on skiff to Jefferson City	Jefferson City	1960s, late
014290	Houses on top of Missouri River bluffs	Views A & B houses above Jefferson City bridges	Jefferson City	1960s, late
014291	Houses on top of Missouri River bluffs	Views A & B houses above Jefferson City upstream	Jefferson City	1960s, late
014292	Houses on top of Missouri River bluffs	Views A & B more scenes of houses and bluffs on river near Jefferson City		1960s, late
014293	Price's Hill	view from Missouri River of Price's Hill, Glasgow	Glasgow	1965 ca.
014294	Store boat Irene E.	Pete and Irene Staude on their storeboat		1965

014295	Store boat Irene E.	view with Hermann Bridge and part of town in background	Hermann	
014297	Store boat Irene E.	view with Hermann Bridge and part of town in background	Hermann	
014299	M/V Brownville	two crew members engaging in "horse-play" while sooging		
014300	M/V Brownville	crew lacing old tires with rope to use as fenders		
014301	M/V Brownville	Pilot standing on upper deck		
014304	Rocheport Bridge	view of Rocheport bridge from river	Rocheport	
014305	Rocheport Missouri River Access	view of river access point at Rocheport	Rocheport	
014306	Skiffs on Missouri River	crewmen from M/V Brownville on skiff heading for Jefferson City		1960s, late
014307	Skiffs on Missouri River	crewmen leaving skiff to ascend river bank at Jefferson City	Jefferson City	1960s, late
014308	M/V Brownville	exterior view of pilot house		
014310	M/V Brownville	Joe Hopkins, mate on upper deck		
014311	M/V Brownville	crew member wearing required life jacket while on tow		
014313	M/V Brownville	crew member		
014314	M/V Brownville	crewman standing on deck		1965 ca.
014315	M/V Brownville	Captain "Binky" Lane on deck, crew member in background		
014318	Cement City	3 views of Missouri River from boat-possibly towboat Brownville	Cement City	1970s ca.
014320	Fishing river fleet	two views of crib fuel deck across river from Levasy		
014321	Missouri River Bluffs	bluffs at Rocheport as seen from the Missouri River	Rocheport	
014322-1	St. Louis Shipyard	St. Louis Shipyard as seen from the river: shore line with shipyard	St. Louis	
014322-2	St. Louis Shipyard	St. Louis Shipyard as seen from the river: shore line showing shipyard, large cruiser on river and tall buildings in background	St. Louis	
014324-1	Mississippi River	view of sunken boats near bridge, St. Louis	St. Louis	
014324-2	Mississippi River	2 views of sunken boats near bridge, St. Louis	St. Louis	
014325A-B	M/V Brownville	crew member on upper deck		
014326	M/V Brownville	Joe Dacus, engineer of Brownville on deck with Jefferson City in background		
014333	Cement City			

f. 4 Wellington

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Date	Format
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011763	Bierbaum Home	exterior view		b/w photo, negative
011773	St. Luke Evangelical Church	exterior view.		color photo
014153	German Evangelical Church	exterior view	1913	photographic postcard
014154	Methodist Church	exterior view	1924	photographic postcard
014155		view of unidentified street	1913	photographic postcard
014156	Wellington Elevator	exterior view	1920s	photographic postcard
014271	Highway 24	view of highway 24	1946 ca.	negative
014275	Highway 24	view of highway 24	1946 ca.	negative
014276	Highway 24	view of highway 24	1946 ca.	negative
015574	Paving Highway 24	men paving Highway 24 in Wellington, MO	1926 ca.	b/w photo

f. 5 Brookfield – Easter 1946

Identifier	Title	Description
014255	Mrs. Bowden's house	exterior view
014262	Brookfield Episcopal Church	exterior view of Episcopal Church
014263	DeGraw Theatre	front of building with name on marquee
014264	Easter Sunrise Services	members of choir and church leaders around improvised pulpit in park
014265	Easter Sunrise Services	robed and unrobed participants in church service in the park
014266	DeGraw Theatre	workman changing name of movie on front display case of theatre

f. 6 Missouri River, ca. 1946-1947

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Location
014268	Missouri River	view of Missouri River at Kansas City	Kansas City
014269	Missouri River bridge at Lexington	approach to bridge in foreground	Lexington
014272	Material Yard	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, material yard,	Napoleon
014273	Material Yard	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers material yard, located at Napoleon, MO	Napoleon
014274	Material Yard	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers material yard, located at Napoleon, MO	Napoleon
014279	Missouri River bridge at Lexington	view of bridge from below on river	Lexington

f. 7 Marshall, ca. 1947-1950

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Date	Format
014212	Homecoming Parade	float on north side of square	1950 ca.	negative
014213	Homecoming Parade	Queen's float with queen seated in front	1950 ca.	negative
014214	Homecoming Parade	football player riding on float	1950 ca.	negative
014215	Homecoming Parade	float in front of Penney's store with spectators	1950 ca.	negative
014239	Eastwood School	exterior view of school	1948 ca.	color transparency
014240	Tom Clark, Atty. Gen.	Arrival of Tom Clark and group of greeters at Marshall Airport	1948-05-31	negative
014241	Powerhouse	exterior view of courthouse	1948	b/w photo, negative
014242	North side of Courthouse Square	night view of square decorated for Christmas		color transparency
014243	Rampage Mill	exterior view	1948 ca.	color transparency
014244	Marshall Square	north side of square, snow-covered	1948 ca.	color transparency
014245	Tom Clark, Atty. Gen.	Atty Gen. Clark seated in airplane, Wayne Elsea, H. Roe Bartle	1948-05-31	negative
014246	Tom Clark, Atty. Gen.	Atty Gen. Clark, H. Roe Bartle, Wayne Elsea	1948-05-31	negative
014247	Tom Clark, Atty. Gen.	Atty Gen. Clark and welcoming party arriving at Missouri Valley College for Convocation	1948-05-31	negative
014248	Tom Clark, Atty. Gen.	Atty Gen Clark and H. Roe Bartle	1948-05-31	negative
014249	Carnival at night	view of ferris wheel & concessions	1948 ca.	b/w photo
014250	Carnival at night	view of ferris wheel & concessions	1948 ca.	b/w photo
014251	Carnival at night	entrance to carnival side show	1948 ca.	b/w photo
014252	Carnival at night	cotton candy stand	1948 ca.	b/w photo
014253	Carnival at night	Coca Cola stand	1948 ca.	b/w photo
014254	Carnival at night	refreshment stand featuring Hires Root Beer	1948 ca.	b/w photo
014257	Highway 65	view of Highway 65 south of Marshall	1947	
014258	Saline County Country Club	exterior view		negative
014259	Van Meter Park	exterior view of large shelter house	1947	negative
014260	Van Meter Park	view of park grounds with shelter house and picnic tables	1947	negative
014261	Van Meter Park	footbridge in park	1947	negative
014277	South side of Courthouse Square	view of buildings from square		b/w negative

014342-A	Powerhouse	exterior view of powerhouse		b/w negative
014342-B	Powerhouse	exterior view of powerhouse		b/w negative
014343	Powerhouse	exterior view of powerhouse		b/w negative
014344	Powerhouse	exterior view of powerhouse		b/w negative

f. 8 Price's Hill, Glasgow, 1965-1966

Identifier	Title	Description
014142	Price's Hill	Front porch with white columns and portion of front yard
014152	Price's Hill	photo Christmas card showing house in snow on hill
014184	Price's Hill	view of houses on hill

f. 9 Warren County

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Location
011762	Bierbaum Home	Exterior view; Gustav H. Bierbaum, Christine Borgman Bierbaum and their children Erna, Selma, and Eugenia standing in front of fence. Relatives and neighbors on the right: Carl Bierbaum, Gustav's brother, Fred Borgman, Christine's brother, and Carl Freese, neighbor.	Marthasville area
014210	Church	exterior view of church	Marthasville
014216	Gustav H. Bierbaum house	exterior front of house	Warren County
014217	Gustav H. Bierbaum house	exterior of smaller house on property	Warren County
014218	Gustav H. Bierbaum house	exterior showing smaller house in rear	Warren County
014219	School near Emmaus	exterior view	Warren County
014220	Unknown log house	exterior view	Warren County

f. 10 Wornall Plaza Apartments, Kansas City, 1968

Eight black and white negatives showing the exterior of the Wornall Plaza Apartments, identifier #s 014231, 014233-014238

f. 11 Agriculture

Identifier	Title	Description	Format
014158	Farming	old man seated on disc drawn by two mules. Small boy standing by disc	cabinet card
014211	Haystack		

014221	Chicken Yard	view of shed and chicken yard	negative
014270	Farmer Moving Shed	near Wellington, MO in Lafayette Co	negative

f. 12 Portraits

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Location	Creation Date	Format	Photographer
014150	Selma Bierbaum Cagley	full view, seated	Kansas City		b/w photo	Bell
014151		unidentified young woman, with marcelled hair, wearing dress with lace front panel, pearl necklace	Kansas City	1920's ca.	b/w photo	Nicholson Studios
014157	Alice Roten	3/4 view, dressed in plumed hat, suit, fur scarf and muff	Kansas City	1910 ca.	photographic postcard	
014159		three small children	New Haven	1890 ca.	cabinet card	King, George
014160		infant in dress of 1890 period	Lexington	1890 ca.	cabinet card	Saunders & Son
014161		infant in fancy dress posing for studio portrait	Independence	1890s ca.	cabinet card	Gregory
014162		unidentified infant in elaborate dress with lace collar	Lexington	1890 ca.	cabinet card	Grieger
014163		two small girls dressed alike, probably sisters. Unidentified.	New Haven	1890s ca.	cabinet card	Boley
014165		Bust view of young woman	St. Charles	1910 ca.	b/w photo	Goebel
014166		infant in high chair	St. Charles	1890 ca.	carte de visite	Goebel
014167		unidentified young woman, full view, in elegant dress with taffeta collar	St. Charles	1880 ca.	carte de visite	Goebel
014168		full view of girl in silk taffeta dress, white stockings, high black boots		1880s	carte de visite	
014169		unidentified young man, seated, waist view	Washington	1885 ca.	carte de visite	Parks, G. C.
014170		infant in checked dress in large chair	Lexington	1880 ca.	carte de visite	Saunders
014171		portrait of three young unidentified boys dressed in long trousers and suit coats; oldest boy sits in fringe chair, background is plain		1890 ca.	carte de visite	G. L. Collier's Car Gallery
014172		small infant dressed in dark dress with lace collar and long striped wool stockings. Unidentified.		n.d.	carte de visite	Boley, J.W.
014173		small girl sitting in large arm chair, dressed in dark wool dress with lace collar and wearing black stockings, black boots. Unidentified.	New Haven	1890 ca.	carte de visite	Boley, J.W.

014174		portrait, waist view of unidentified mustached man in three piece suit, c. 1880	Washington	1880 ca.	carte de visite	G. C. Parks
014175	General Charles Decker	portrait view	St. Louis		carte de visite	Fox, A.J.
014176		full view, of unidentified teenage girl, c. 1890	Washington	1890 ca.	carte de visite	Zoff, E. A.
014177		waist view of unidentified young boy in buttoned up suit coat	Washington	1878 ca.	carte de visite	Perkins, W. C.

f. 13 Frazee Family Photographs

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Location	Creation Date
011767	Frazee, Norman	3/4 view-standing by portrait camera at Gilky Studio	Marshall	1949 ca.
011768	Lexington Intelligencer, or News	interior view of press room or printing shop; Stephen Frazee, second from left; all others unidentified	Lexington	1920 ca.
011769	Printing Shop	interior view of printing shop	Lexington	1920 ca.
011770	Stephen A. Frazee Retirement	Stephen A. Frazee standing by his intertype machine at the Lexington Advertiser-News	Lexington	1963-10
011771 (A)	Frazee, Stephen A.	seated at his Intertype machine at Lexington Advertiser-News	Lexington	1963-10
011771 (B)	Frazee, Stephen A.	seated at his Intertype machine at Lexington Advertiser-News	Lexington	1963-10
014130	Frazee, Douglas R.	seated in armchair, reading, self-portrait		1969
014140	Douglas R. Frazee	seated in armchair, holding open bible		1969
014141	Douglas R. Frazee	seated in armchair, resting elbows on chair arms		1969
015320	Douglas Frazee	view of Douglas Frazee operating his camera and tripod on a photographing trip		1947-1948 ca.