



Jim Stebbings Photograph Collection (S0811)

Collection Number: S0811

Collection Title: Jim Stebbings Photograph Collection

Dates: 1968-2008, bulk 1968-1987

Creator: Stebbings, James Henry, 1937-2021

Abstract: This collection contains photographs taken by Dr. James Stebbings between 1968 and 2008. The images depict the National Stockyards Company, St. Louis Soulard Market and Soulard neighborhood, downtown St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, and Times Beach and Gray Summit, Missouri. Dr. Stebbings was an epidemiologist who studied environmental conditions, and the collection documents instances of environmental disasters.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot
(532 photographs)

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-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org.

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Donor Information: The collection was donated to the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection by James H. Stebbings on October 27, 2008 (SA3820). An addition was made on February 20, 2009 (SA3838).

Alternate Forms Available: Digital images of this collection are available online at the State Historical Society of Missouri Digital Collections: <https://digital.shsmo.org>.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Jim Stebbings Photograph Collection can be found in the following collections:

James Stebbings collection (COU:1512), University of Colorado Libraries

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Biographical Note:

James Henry Stebbings was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1937. He was married in 1989. From 1955 to 1966, he attended St. Louis University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geography in 1960. In 1969, Stebbings received his Doctor of Science in epidemiology from The Johns Hopkins University. James Stebbings produced considerable scholarly and medical articles with numerous journals and publications, but frequently with journals such as; *Environmental Research*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, and *Health Physics*. His research in the health effects of radium, plutonium, and other radionuclides was of particular importance.

He took the photographs in this collection between 1968 and 2008. In 1967, he became the Project Director of a Respiratory Disease Study at the Medical and Health Research Association of New York City until 1970. Dr. Stebbings was an Assistant Professor from 1970 to 1973 in the Division of Epidemiology at the School of Public Health in the University of Minnesota. In 1974, he became an Epidemiologist in the Air Pollutants Branch at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) until 1977. He was a Group Leader in the Epidemiology Group at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico from 1977 to 1979. He held a tenured Associate Professor position in the Division of Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota from 1980 to 1981.

Stebbing retired and lived in Naperville, Illinois. He died in 2021.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one box.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains 532 photographs taken by James Stebbings between 1968 and 2008. Many of the photographs are related to Dr. Stebbings' work as an epidemiologist who studied environmental conditions. The bulk of the photographs are of the National Stockyards Company, most of which were taken between 1970 and 1976, while a small group is from Stebbings' return trip to the stockyards in 2008. The remaining photographs were all taken between 1967 and 1987, and depict the St. Louis Souldard Market and Souldard neighborhood, downtown St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, and Times Beach and Gray Summit, Missouri. Formats include 35mm film negatives, 120mm film negatives, and photographic prints, which are in either black and white or color.

The photographs were left in their original order and are arranged by subject.

The collection also includes images of the town of Times Beach during the 1982 Meramec River Flood and in 1987 which seem to be related to the EPA cleanup and federal buyout of Times Beach.

Container List:

f. 1 Photographs S0811_001 to S0811_532, 1967–2008

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Cattle	1	Yes
Compton Hill Reservoir Park (Saint Louis, Mo.)	1	Yes
Eads Bridge	1	Yes
Floods	1	Yes
Gateway Arch	1	Yes
Meramec River (Mo.)	1	Yes
Saint Louis National Stockyards Company	1	Yes
Sainte Genevieve (Mo.)	1	Yes
Soulard (Saint Louis, Mo.)	1	Yes
Soulard Market (Saint Louis, Mo.)	1	Yes
Stebbins, James		
Times Beach (Mo.)	1	Yes
United States. Environmental Protection Agency	1	Yes
Wainwright Building (Saint Louis, Mo.)	1	Yes