



## **Ruby Rose Stauber Photographs (SP0014)**

**Collection Number:** SP0014

**Collection Title:** Ruby Rose Stauber Photographs

**Dates:** 1959-1982

**Creator:** Stauber, Ruby Rose, 1928-2018

**Abstract:** The photographs of Ruby “Rose” Stauber depict life in the Woman’s Army Corps from 1952-1978. Of particular interest are the photographs of women in basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort McClellan, Alabama. Rose’s photographs also contain images of female generals at Fort McClellan, such as Mildred Inez Caroon Bailey and Elisabeth Hoisington. The collection also documents the people she encountered in her world travels during her military career.

**Collection Size:** 5 cubic feet  
(246 folders)

**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-Springfield](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-springfield). If you would like more information, please contact us at [springfield@shsmo.org](mailto:springfield@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

**Restrictions on Use:** The Donor has given, assigned, and transferred to the Society all copyrights, and associated rights the Donor may possess in the materials.

**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Ruby Rose Stauber Photographs* (SP0014); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Ruby Rose Stauber on June 9, 2016 (Accession No. SPA0016). An addition was made on March 30, 2018 by Shirley McCallister (Accession No. SPA0046)

**Related Material:** Additional Materials related to the Ruby Rose Stauber Photographs can be found in the following collection:

*Ruby Rose Stauber Papers* (SP0015)

**Processed by:** Processed by Erin Smither, February 3, 2017, revised February 19, 2020

**Historical Note:**

Ruby Rose Stauber was born on August 6, 1928, on the Stauber farm near Noel, Missouri. Rose was the oldest child of Anna Pearl Rose Stauber and Martin Stevens Stauber. Graduating from Noel High School in 1946, Rose went on to Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) graduating in 1949. She then taught eighth and ninth grade in Springfield before enlisting in the army in 1951. She had a 31-year career in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) where she commanded at platoon, company, and battalion level. She was one of the first female officers, public affairs officer for V Corps, editor-in-chief of *Military Review*, deputy public affairs officer for the U.S. European command, and commander/editor-in-chief of *Stars and Stripes*.

In 1952, Rose joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC). The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) was established in 1941 to work with the U.S. Army. Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts championed the WAAC as an equal opportunity for women to serve in the army. In 1943, the WAAC was converted into the Women's Army Corps (WAC) and incorporated into the U.S. Army. When the WAC bill was signed into law on July 3, 1943, WAC service members gained officers rankings and overseas pay equal to men. WACs served around the world in a myriad of critical positions for the duration of the war. Over 150,000 American women served in the army during World War II and were a crucial part of the war effort. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act. The act established a permanent place for women in the armed forces. By 1952, when Rose Stauber joined the Women's Army Corps, this law was in effect and the WAC increased its recruitment goals.

During her service Rose served at several U.S. bases: Fort Lee, Virginia, Fort McClellan, Alabama, Fort Slocum, New York, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Collectively, she served four tours overseas, eleven of those years in Germany and one tour in Vietnam, April 1966 to April 1967. While in Vietnam, Stauber served under General Westmoreland as a public affairs officer. She also served as the in-country distributor of the *Stars and Stripes*. Stationed in Saigon, Stauber made trips to other military bases in Vietnam.

During her career she earned the Bronze Star and Legion of Merit. Following Vietnam, Rose earned her master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri.

Rose retired in 1982, and returned to the home in Grove, Oklahoma, constructed during her last tour in Germany. Soon after, Rose attended a family reunion and was designated the family historian. What began as personal family research eventually led to aiding others in their searches. This research led to a series of publications on local cemeteries and local history. Rose Stauber passed away in 2018.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following four series with six subseries:

**Slides**

- Military
- Domestic Travel
- Personal
- International Travel

**Photographs**

- Prints
- Snapshots

**Negatives****Artistic Photography****Scope and Content Note:****Slides**

This series contains slides documenting Rose's military career and her extensive travel throughout the United States and the world. The series has been divided into four subseries; Military, Domestic Travel, Personal, and International Travel. The series contains images of women in Basic training at Fort McClellan, Georgia, images of wartime Saigon, Vietnam, personal images of Rose, and photographs taken during a lifetime of travel all over the United States and Europe. The slides have been arranged chronologically.

**Photographs**

This series consists of printed photographs documenting Rose's personal and professional life. The photographs depict people and places she encountered during her life and travels, including her time in Vietnam in 1966. The series has been divided into two subseries; Prints and Snapshots. The Prints subseries consists of 8x10 prints on heavy cardstock used in competitions and photography shows. Snapshots are informal and candid in nature. The photographs have been arranged chronologically.

## Negatives

This series consists of negatives representing every aspect of Rose's photographic career. They document her time in the military as well as the people and places she encountered throughout her life and travels. Many of the images are artistic and represent the work she displayed widely through competitions and photography shows. The negatives are arranged in their original order.

## Artistic Photography

This series contains large prints of Rose's artistic photography, which may have been displayed in photography contests. Folder 245 contains award-winning images. Paperwork documenting the entry, prize notification letters, and newspaper articles about the contests are included with the relevant photograph. Folder 246 contains images that may have been entered into contests but contained no documentation.

## Container List:

f. 1-192	Slides
Box 001	f. 1-34 Military
	f. 1 Rose in Basic Training, 1951
	f. 2 Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, 1961
	f. 3 Starflight '64, Northern Area Command Headquarters Frankfurt, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Infantry (Old Guard), 1964
	f. 4 Rockets, 1965
	f. 5 Fort McClellan, Alabama, 1965
	f. 6-7 Saigon, Vietnam, 1966
	f. 8 Vietnam, William Westmorland, 1966
	f. 9 Danang, Vietnam, 1966
	f. 10 Bien Hoe, Vietnam, 1966
	f. 11 Vietnam, 1966
	f. 12 National Day Parade, 1966
	f. 13 Penang, Vietnam, 1967
	f. 14 Qui Nhon-Pleiku, Vietnam, 1967
	f. 15 Vietnam, Rose Stauber, 1967
	f. 16 Bat-Xau Heim, Vietnam, 1966-1967
	f. 17 Saigon, Vietnam, 1968
	f. 18 Women's Army Corps band, 1968
	f. 19 Women's Army Corps, 1968-1969
	f. 20 Fort McClellan Color Guard and Women's Army Corps Parade, 1969
	f. 21 Women's Army Corps Retreat, Anniston, Alabama, 1969
	f. 22 Fort McClellan, Alabama, 1969
	f. 23 Fort McClellan, Alabama and Tampa, Florida, 1969

f. 24	Women's Army Corps, 1969
f. 25	Helicopters, 1969-1973
f. 26	Women's Army Corps, 1970
f. 27	Women's Army Corps band home show, 1971
f. 28	Women's Army Corps Ft. McClellan, Alabama and St. Augustine, Florida, 1971
f. 29	General Elizabeth Hoisington, 1971
f. 30	Women's Army Corps Fort McPherson, Georgia, 1972-1973
f. 31	130 <sup>th</sup> on the Rhine, 1973
f. 32	General Shirley Heinze reception and parade, 1974
f. 33	Change of command and reception, 1974
f. 34	Parade, Fort McClellan, Alabama, 1974
f. 35	Fort McClellan, Alabama, 1974
f. 36	Women's Army Corps basic training, 1974-1976
f. 37	Women's Army Corps parade, 1974
f. 38	Fort McClellan, Alabama, 1975
f. 39	Parade and reception, 1975
f. 40	General Mildred Inez Caroon Bailey retirement, 1975
f. 41	Women's Army Corps basic training, 1975-1976
f. 42	Rose Stauber promotion ceremony, 1976
f. 43	Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1976
f. 44	Noncommissioned officer's lunch, 1976
f. 45	Women's Army Corps parade, 1978
f. 46	Women's Army Corps color guard, no date
f. 47-69	Domestic Travel
f. 47	Washington, D.C., 1965
f. 48	Washington/Virginia/Maryland, 1965
f. 49	Fishing, 1965
f. 50	Washington, D.C., 1966
f. 51	San Francisco, California, 1967
f. 52	San Diego, California, 1967
f. 53	Fort Morgan, Alabama, 1969
f. 54	President Eisenhower's funeral, 1969
f. 55	Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama, 1969
f. 56	Moon Landing, 1969
f. 57	Key West, Florida, 1972
f. 58	Gulf Shores, Alabama, 1972
f. 59	Advertisements, 1973
f. 60	Chimney Sweep, 1973
f. 61	Maine Market, 1973
f. 62	Veteran's Day Birmingham, Alabama, 1974
f. 63	Gulf Shores, Alabama, 1974-1976
f. 64	Alabama, 1975
f. 65	Photography contest entries, 1975
Box 002 f. 66	Sheridan, Wisconsin, 1976
f. 67	Miscellaneous, 1976

- f. 68 Rodeo, 1976
- f. 69 Houston, Texas and Washington D.C., 1977
- f. 70-82 Personal
  - f. 70 Rose at the University of Missouri, 1967-1968
  - f. 71 Christmas, 1968
  - f. 72 House and home, 1968
  - f. 73 horse pens, 1968
  - f. 74 landscapes and interview, 1969
  - f. 75 portraits with dogwoods, 1970
  - f. 76 Fall scenery, 1970
  - f. 77 Stauber farm, Noel bluffs, Noel, Missouri, 1971
  - f. 78 fire, 1971
  - f. 79 flowers, 1971
  - f. 80 leisure time, 1976
  - f. 81 house, 1979-1980
  - f. 82 pictures of Rose, no date
- f. 83-192 International Travel
  - f. 83 Belgium, Denmark, Paris, 1956
  - f. 84 Holland, 1956
  - f. 85 Landshut Wedding festival, 1956
  - f. 86 Heidelberg, Germany, 1956
  - f. 87 Koln, Rothenburg, Mainz, Berlin, Germany, 1956
  - f. 88 Oktoberfest, Germany, 1956
  - f. 89 Bavaria and Munich, Germany, 1957
  - f. 90 Athens, Greece and Mediterranean cruise, 1957
  - f. 91 Berlin, Germany, 1957
  - f. 92 Pisa, Italy, 1950s
  - f. 93 Garmisch, Oberammergau, Chiemsee, Berchtesgaden (Germany), 1957
  - f. 94 Black forest, Innsbruck, Lindau, Ludwigsburg Palace, Augrburg (Austria) 1957
  - f. 95 Passau, Wagner Festival-Beyreuth, Nurnberg, Oktoberfest grounds (Germany), 1957
  - f. 96 Mittenwald, Luxembourg, Regensburg (Belgium) 1950s
  - f. 97 Odense, Denmark, 1963
  - f. 98 Oktoberfest, Germany, 1963
  - f. 99 Copenhagen, Elsinore, Tivole (Denmark), 1963
  - f. 100 Bangkok, Thailand, 1966
  - f. 101 Japan, 1966
  - f. 102 Spain, 1972
  - f. 103 Stuttgart area, Germany, 1972
  - f. 104 Interlaken, Switzerland, 1973
  - f. 105 Unknown location, 1972-1973
  - f. 106 Black Forest, Germany, 1973

	f. 107	Franconia, 1973
	f. 108	Switzerland, 1973
	f. 109	European windows and doors, 1973
	f. 110	Taunus area, Germany, 1973
	f. 111	Johannesburg, South Africa, Mosel, Germany, 1973
	f. 112	Frankfurt, Germany, 1973
	f. 113	Limburg, Belgium, 1973
	f. 114	Garmisch area, Germany, 1973
	f. 115-116	Munich, Germany, 1973
	f. 117	Oktoberfest, Germany, 1973
	f. 118	Sachsenhausen, Germany, 1973
	f. 119	Heidelberg, Germany, 1973
	f. 120	Heppenheim, Germany, 1973
	f. 121	Michelstadt, Germany, 1973
	f. 122	TKFT Fest (unknown acronym), 1973
	f. 123	Bad Kreuznach, 1973
	f. 124	Golden Arrow, 1973
	f. 125	Rhine, Germany, 1973
	f. 126	Germany, 1973
	f. 127	Homburg, Oppenheim, Kronberg (Germany), 1973
	f. 128	Segovia, Spain, 1973
	f. 129	Costa del-Sol, Spain, 1974
	f. 130	Granada and sea mountain villages, 1974
	f. 131	Toledo, Spain, 1974
	f. 132	Cordoba, Granada, 1974
	f. 133	Flohmarkt, (Flea Market), Germany, 1974
	f. 134	Wagrain area, Austria, 1974
Box 003	f. 135	Madrid, Spain, 1974
	f. 136	Golden Arrow II, 1974
	f. 137	Fishermen on beach, 1974
	f. 138	Oberammergau and area, Germany, 1974
	f. 139	Schliersee, Garmisch Area, Swans Fussen (Germany), 1974
	f. 140	Bingen, Gmunden, Germany, 1974
	f. 141	Spain Special, 1974
	f. 142	Bavaria, 1974
	f. 143	Rome, Italy, 1978
	f. 144	Darmstadt, Germany, 1979
	f. 145	Primosten, Croatia, 1981
	f. 146	Bled, Austria, Mostar-Dubrovnik, Croatia, 1981
	f. 147	Trieste and Venice, Italy, 1981
	f. 148	Garmisch, Germany, 1981
	f. 149	Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, 1981
	f. 150	Switzerland, 1981

- f. 151 Darmstadt, Germany, 1982
- f. 152 Germany, 1982
- f. 153 European landscapes, no date
- f. 154 Scandanavia, no date
- f. 155 England, no date
- f. 156 Bodo, Norway, midnight sun to Trondheim, no date
- f. 157 Frankfurt, Germany, no date
- f. 158 Garmisch, Austria, no date
- f. 159 Majorca, Spain, no date
- f. 160 Majorca, Palma-Bellver, Alcadia (Spain), no date
- f. 161 Heidelberg castle illumination, Germany, no date
- f. 162 Scandanavia, no date
- f. 163 Wales, Stonehenge, Salisbury, no date
- f. 164 Ireland, no date
- f. 165 Edinburgh, Scotland, no date
- f. 166 Scotland highlands, Loch Ness, Loch Lomand, no date
- f. 167 Sachsenhausen and flea market, Germany, no date
- f. 168 Church of Ottoheuren, no date
- f. 169 Germany, no date
- f. 170 Frankfurt, Germany, no date
- f. 171 Bergen and Oslo, Norway, no date
- f. 172 Stockholm and Gripsholm, Sweden, no date
- f. 173 Bodo, Trondheim and Bergen, Norway, no date
- f. 174 Rathaus and Oslo, Norway, no date
- f. 175 Bavaria-Kungisee, Szilzburg, Bulchtesgaden area, no date
- f. 176 England and Scotland, no date
- f. 177 Rothenburg, Wurzburg and Wertheim, Germany, no date
- f. 178 Neuschwanstein, Wieskirche and Oberammergan, Bavaria,  
no date
- f. 179 Majorca, Spain, no date
- f. 180 France and Italy, no date
- f. 181 Pisa, Florence and Rome, Italy, no date
- f. 182 London, England, no date
- f. 183 Venice, Italy, no date
- f. 184 Nurnburg, Christkindmarkt Castle, Germany, no date
- f. 185 Toledo, Spain and Shepherds of Cordoba, no date
- f. 186 London, Windsor, Stratford, and Wales, Great Britain,  
no date
- f. 187 Bacharach, Oppenheim, Strasbourg, Wald Kirch's-Rodt  
(Rhine region of Germany), no date
- f. 188 Mosel, Trier, Bernczstle, Odenwald, Spessart, Michzelstadt  
and Mespelbrun, Germany, no date
- f. 189 England, Ireland and Scotland, no date

	f. 190	Taunus and Saalburg, Germany, no date
	f. 191	Black forest, Germany, no date
	f. 192	Barcelona, Spain, no date
f. 193-229	Photographs	
	f. 193-206	Prints
	f. 193-197	Prints, no date
Box 004	f. 198-206	Prints, no date
	f. 207-229	Snapshots
	f. 207	Photography contest award winners, 1971-1973
	f. 208	Portraits of Rose, no date
	f. 209	Saigon, Vietnam, 1966
	f. 210	Saigon, Vietnam - Robert McNamera, 1966
	f. 211	Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Thanksgiving, no date
	f. 212	Fishing at Bennett Springs, Missouri, with Carol Kelm, no date
	f. 213	Paratroopers at Portuguese Point, California and University of Missouri, no date
	f. 214	Unknown location, no date
	f. 215	Negatives of baby boy, no date
	f. 216	Miscellaneous, 1959 and no date
	f. 217	Snow, no date
	f. 218	Antietam, Maryland, West Virginia, and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in snow, no date
	f. 219	Road bound and Oktoberfest, 1957
	f. 220	Jean, no date
	f. 221	Craig, 1962
	f. 222	Parade at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, no date
	f. 223	Women's Army Corps Parade, no date
	f. 224	Picnic in Germany, no date
	f. 225	Rose playing basketball, no date
	f. 226	Richard Nixon, no date
	f. 227	Leisure time, 1959
	f. 228	Hags Head, Ireland, negatives, no date
	f. 229	Women's Army Corps picnic in Southeast, Missouri, 1961
f. 230-244	Negatives	
	f. 230	Great Britain, no date
	f. 231	Europe, no date
	f. 232	Women's Army Corps parade, no date
	f. 233	Non-military parade, no date
	f. 234	Military, 1974-1975
	f. 235	Spain and Germany, 1974
Box 005	f. 236-244	Miscellaneous negatives, no date
f. 245-246	Artistic Photography	
Box 006	f. 245	Award winners, 1971-1973
	f. 246	Artistic prints, no date

**Index:**

<b>Index Term</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Image</b>
Alabama	5, 21-23, 28, 34-35, 38, 53, 55, 58, 62-64	Yes
Austria	94, 134, 146, 158	Yes
Bailey, Mildred Inez Caroon, 1919-2009	5-7, 20, 22, 32-35, 37-40, 45	Yes
Belgium	83, 96, 113	Yes
California	51-52, 213	Yes
Croatia	145-146	Yes
Denmark	83, 97, 99	Yes
Eisenhower, Dwight David, 1890-1969	54	Yes
England	155, 176, 182, 186, 189, 230	Yes
Florida	23, 28, 57	Yes
Fort Lee (Va.)	1	Yes
Fort Leonard Wood (Mo.)	2, 211, 218, 222	Yes
Fort McClellan (Al.)	5, 20, 22, 32-35, 37-40, 45	Yes
Fort McPherson (Ga.)	30	Yes
Fort Morgan (Al.)	53	Yes
Germany	3, 86-89, 91, 93, 95, 98, 103, 106, 110-112, 114-121, 125-127, 133, 138-140, 144, 148, 151-152, 157, 161, 167, 169-170, 177, 184, 187-188, 190-191, 219, 224, 235	Yes
Granada	130, 132	Yes
Heinze, Shirley Rowell, 1924-2015	5-7, 20, 22, 32-35, 37-40, 45	Yes
Holland	84	Yes
Ireland	165, 189, 228	Yes
Italy	92, 143, 147, 180-181, 183	Yes
Kelm, Carol	212	Yes
Maryland	48, 218	Yes
McNamara, Robert, 1916-2009	210	Yes

Index Term	Folder	Image
Missouri	2, 70, 77, 211-213, 218, 222, 226, 229	Yes
Moon Exploration	56	Yes
Nixon, Richard, M. (Richard Nixon) 1913-1994	226	Yes
Norway	156, 171, 173-174	Yes
Scotland	165-166, 176, 189	Yes
Spain	102, 128-129, 135, 141, 159-160, 179, 185, 192, 235	Yes
Stauber, Ruby Rose, 1928-2018	1-246	Yes
Sweden	172	Yes
Switzerland	104, 108, 150	Yes
Texas	69	Yes
Thailand	100	Yes
Travel	47-210, 212, 214, 218-219, 223-224, 228, 236-246	Yes
University of Missouri--Columbia	70, 213	Yes
Vietnam War, 1961-1975	6-11, 13-17, 209-210	Yes
Virginia	48, 218	Yes
Washington (D.C.)	47-48, 50, 69	Yes
Wisconsin	66	Yes