



## David Eslick Photograph Collection (SP0088)

**Collection Number:** SP0088

**Collection Title:** David Eslick Photograph Collection

**Dates:** 1976-2001

**Creator:** Eslick, David J., 1940-

**Abstract:** The David Eslick Photograph Collection contains 35-millimeter photographic color slides of people and landmarks in Springfield and southwest Missouri taken by historian and photographer David J. Eslick.

**Collection Size:** 0.1 cubic foot  
(2 folders, 89 slides)

**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](#). 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.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *David Eslick Photograph Collection* (SP0088); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

**Donor Information:** The photographs were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by David Eslick on August 11, 2023 (Accession No. SPA0125).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the David Eslick Photograph Collection can be found in the following collections:

*Boy Scouts of America, Ozarks Empire Area Council Collection* (R1066)  
*Durward G. Hall Papers* (C3389)  
*John C. Danforth Papers* (C4532)  
*M. E. Gillioz Collection* (R0575)

**Processed by:** Processed by Niki Cox-Miniea, November 10, 2023

**Biographical Note:**

David Eslick, born on May 29, 1940, to William David Eslick and Florence Eva “Tudy” *Hall* Eslick, is a lifelong resident of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. David has been married to Nancy Carroll *Cameron* Eslick since June 9, 1961.

David is a historian, historic landmark preservationist, freelance photographer, and artist who also serves on the Route 66 Association of Missouri’s board of directors and helped found the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival in 2011. Eslick presents the festival’s John T. Woodruff Award each year at the festival, served as secretary of Preservation Springfield, and served on the Historic Sites Board. Eslick also served as the interim director of the History Museum on the Square in 2011 and 2012, and he remains active with the Museum’s outreach in the city. As a boy, Eslick was a member of Cub Scout Pack 18 of Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Later, Eslick served as a Cubmaster for Pack 19 and Scoutmaster for Troop 5 of the Boys Scouts of America in Springfield, Missouri, served as district scout training chairman, and spent a great deal of time training and leading at Camp Arrowhead.

Camp Arrowhead is the oldest Boy Scouts of America camp west of the Mississippi River and was founded in 1924 on 557 acres of land near Marshfield, Webster County, Missouri, which encompasses Osage Lake. It is the primary Scout camp for the Ozarks Trails Council, based in Springfield, Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains eighty-nine 35-millimeter color slides taken by photographer David J. Eslick in southwest Missouri.

The first folder contains photographs taken at Camp Arrowhead in Marshfield, Webster County, Missouri, between 1976 and 2001. Most prominent in this selection are photographs of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camp in June 1989, at which former camp director and Missouri six-term 7<sup>th</sup> congressional district representative (1960-1972) Dr. Durwood G. Hall was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Award.

The second folder contains photographs of various historic Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, landmarks, including the Landers and Gillioz Theaters, the Holland Building, the Frisco Depot at an unknown point between its closing in 1967 and demolition in 1977, and historic civic buildings located at what is now City Government Plaza in Springfield.

**Container List:**

- f. 1                      Camp Arrowhead, Marshfield, Webster County, Missouri, 1976-2001, no date
- f. 2                      Historic buildings and landmarks, Springfield, Missouri, circa 1967-1977, no date

**Index:**

Index Terms	Folder	Image
About Ben Adhem Shrine Mosque (Springfield, Mo.)	2	Yes
Boy Scouts of America	1	Yes
Boys--Societies and clubs	1	Yes
Camp Arrowhead (Marshfield, Mo.)	1	Yes
City Hall (Springfield, Mo.)	2	Yes
Eslick, David J., 1940-	1-2	
Gillioz Theatre (Springfield, Mo.)	2	Yes
Greene County (Mo.)	2	Yes
Hall, Durward G., 1910-2001	1	Yes
Heer's Building (Springfield, Mo.)	2	Yes
Holland Building (Springfield, Mo.)	2	Yes
Landers Theatre (Springfield, Mo.)	2	Yes
Maple Park Cemetery (Springfield, Mo.)	2	Yes
Osage Lake (Webster County, Mo.)	1	Yes
Ozark Trails Council	1	Yes
Price, Sterling (1809-1867)	2	Yes
Red's Giant Hamburg (Springfield, Mo.)	2	Yes
Springfield (Mo.)	2	Yes
St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company	2	Yes
United States Highway 66	2	Yes
Webster County (Mo.)	1	Yes