

Dwight Church Photograph collection, 1912-1974

MSS. COLL. NO. 057

15 linear feet

Biography

Dwight "Dippy" P. Church was born in Canton, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. in 1891 and resided there until his death in 1974. He owned and operated the \$5 Photo Company for sixty years. Mr. Church was one of the first mail-order film processors and later specialized in aerial photography, photographing farms and businesses, selling the pictures to the owners. Dwight owned a successful post card business selling them in local towns, and was an active canoe racer, swimmer, gymnast, skater and hiker.

Scope & Content

The collection consists of over 13,000 negatives and some prints. The photographs are of businesses, farms, main streets of towns, local colleges and natural phenomena in most towns in St. Lawrence County and a few from the surrounding North Country area in the early to mid twentieth century. Most of the photographs are aerial views.

Online access:

Approximately 940 images are available for **viewing** at:

<http://gallery.stlawu.edu/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/dpchurch>

All 13,165 images are available for **searching** at: <http://www.dpchurchcollection.org/>

Provenance: Gift of the family.

Copyright

St. Lawrence does not own the copyright for this collection.

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Container list

- Box 1: Images 1-1056; Print outs of photos of negatives from Roger Bailey;
- Box 2: Images 1057-2123
- Box 3: Images 2124-3213
- Box 4: Images 3214-4281
- Box 5: Images 4282-5292
- Box 6: Images 5293-6409
- Box 7: Images 6410-7103; box of glass photo plates
- Box 8: Images 7104-7984
- Box 9: Images 7985-8857
- Box 10: Images 8858-9908
- Box 11: Images 9909-10972
- Box 12: Images 10973-12033
- Box 13: Images 12034-13132
- Box 14: Images 13133-13615

Box 15: Unprocessed miscellaneous items

Box 15: Aerial photos of Town of Brandon, Franklin Co, Ny (Daniel Wallcer Beaman, ny DP church)

SEE ALSO: Additional images and contents of large wooden case in Double-oversize flat file,
Cupboard #2, Drawer #2 in reading room