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Ina Bicknell Collection

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Introduction

The Ina Bicknell collection consists of photographs relating to aviation. The photographs in this collection relate to topics such as pilots, airplanes, naval ships, and military personnel around the time of World War II. The collection also contains aerial photographs of city landscapes and of the 1937 flood in southwest Ohio and Kentucky. The earliest photograph is dated 1933 and the latest is dated 1947. The majority of the photographs in the collection are not dated and most do not have identifying information written on them. The content of the collection is housed in one hollinger box.

The collection was accessioned into Wright State University's Special Collection and Archives in September 2003. The deed of gift imposes no restrictions on the use of the materials in the collection.

Series Listing

- Series I: Aviation
- Series II: Naval
- Series III: Ceremonies and Events
- Series IV: Japan
- Series V: Aerial
- Series VI: Circus
- Series VII: Unidentified Photographs

Brief Biographical Sketch

Information pertaining to the origins of the collection requires further research. When the collection was donated the name Frank Frankenfield was given as a possible owner of the photographs. It was thought that he was stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Upon researching this individual no such information was found. Please note that one photograph in the collection is autographed but the last name is illegible (file 3). This person appears in most of the photographs.

Scope and Content Note

The collection divides naturally into seven series.

Series I, Aviation contains photographs of pilots with military planes, and miscellaneous personnel photographs. The photographs in this section are not dated.

Series II, Naval contains photographs of military personnel aboard ships. Some of these photographs were labeled with the port where the ships were arriving. Those pictures have been placed in a separate file titled Aboard Ship: U.S. Ports. The photographs in this section are not dated.

Series III, Ceremonies and Events contains photographs of a retirement party, a club-meeting group, and individuals receiving awards for service. The photographs in this section are not dated.

Series IV, Japan contains photographs of a variety of location in Japan. Those locations include, Fujiama, Hiroshima, Naha/Okim, Okinawa, and Tokyo. There are also photographs of the Emperor's Palace and people of Japan. The photographs in this section are not dated.

Series V, Aerial contains photographs of the 1937 flood that occurred in southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky. There are also aerial photographs take of cities. Some of the cities are identified and dated. The photographs in this section range in date from 1933-1937.

Series VI, Circus contains photographs from the Al. G. Barnes Circus. The photographs in this section are not dated.

Series VII, Unidentified Photographs contains photographs of unidentified people and places. One photograph in this section is dated 1947.

Container Listing

Series I: Aviation

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Junior Officers' Establishments	
	2	Personnel	
	3	Pilots with Planes	
	4	Planes	

Series II: Naval

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	5	Aboard Ship	
	6	Aboard Ship: U.S. Ports	

Series III: Ceremonies and Events

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	7	Ceremonies and Events	

Series IV: Japan

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	8	People of Japan	
	9	Fujiama and Naha, Okim	
	10	Hiroshima	
	11	Okinawa	
	12	Tokyo	

Series V: Aerial

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	13	Cities	1933-1937
	14	Flood	Jan-Feb 1937

Series VI: Circus

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	15	Al. G. Barnes Circus	

Series VII: Unidentified Photographs

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	16	Unidentified photographs of people and place	
	17	Staged field explosions, see oversized collection drawer 31, folder 3.	