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The Lowe Brothers Company Photographic Collection

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Introduction

The collection includes 2 boxes of 20 lantern slides and 13 glass negatives. The lantern slides generally depict scenes of life within the Lowe Brothers factory and date to the early twentieth century. The glass negatives depict an unidentified family of the same period.

Series List

- I. *Lantern Slides*
- II. *Glass Plate Negatives*

Organizational Sketch

The Lowe Brothers Company was founded in September of 1872 by brothers Henry C. and Houston Lowe. It began as a small store on E. Third Street, between Jefferson and St. Clair streets in Dayton, Ohio. The Lowe Brothers began by selling paint produced by others. However, in 1882 the Lowe Brothers Paint Company opened and the Lowe Brothers incorporated their business in September of 1893. The Company reached national notoriety before being sold in the later twentieth century.

Scope and Content Note

The Lowe Brothers Company Photographic Collection falls into two series:

Series I consists of 20 Lantern Slides, 19 black and white and 1 color.

Series II consists of 13 Glass Plate negatives, 10 of which show photos of an unidentified family.

BOX AND FILE LISTING

Series I: Lantern Slides

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	L.C. Gillespice & Sons Office	
	2	Lithopone Factory - Heller & Merz	
	3	Lowe Brothers Paint Factory	
	4	F.B. Currigan	
	5	Fist Locker & Wash Room	
	6	Wells	
	7	Scraping Gum	
	8	Packing Gum	
	9	Sorting Kauri	
	10	Rosin Barrels	July 11, 1908
	11	Striking Tubs	
	12	Corner of Melting Room	
	13	Coffee for Employees	
	14	Dressing Stones	
	15	Soldering Lids	
	16	Cans to be labeled	
	17	Loading a Car	
	18	Loading Oil for Shipment: Bank, Yuan Riv.	
2	1	Oils 1	
	2	Oils 2	

Series II: Glass Plate Negatives

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2	3	Dayton Outpost	
	4	Printing Press	
	5	Roof Top Completion of a Flag Pole	
	6	Unidentified Lady in a Parlor	
	7	Unidentified Young Man's Portrait	
	8	Unidentified Family at Christmas 1	
	9	Unidentified Family at Christmas 2	
	10	Christmas Tree	
	11	Unidentified Girl on Lawn	
	12	Unidentified Lady on a Veranda	
	13	Unidentified Women on a Porch	
	14	Four Unidentified People on a Porch	
	15	Unidentified Women Tending to Plants	