

MS-424, William F. Patterson Photograph Collection

Collection Number: MS-424

Title: William F. Patterson Photograph Collection

Dates: 1967-1993 (bulk 1980s)

Creator: Patterson, William F.

Summary/Abstract:

William F. Patterson, a prominent commercial photographer in the Dayton area, has been photographing the work of local architects, businesses, and events since the 1960s. This collection includes approximately 20,000 negatives, slides, transparencies, and photographs taken by Patterson for commercial clients and placement in books, advertisements, catalogs, and brochures. Patterson's work also includes approximately 10,000 images from his travels throughout Europe and North America.

Quantity/Physical Description: 14 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The William F. Patterson Photograph Collection was donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by William F. Patterson on May 16, 2003.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

The majority of this collection consists of negatives and slides; therefore appropriate equipment may be necessary to view or make prints of the collection.

Additional Sources:

Patterson Studies: a collection of images and artwork by William F. Patterson available for license. www.pattersonstudies.com

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into 7 series and 2 subseries:

- Series I. Commercial Photographs
- Series II. Architect Photographs
 - Subseries IIA. Danis
 - Subseries IIB. Other Architects
- Series III. Dayton Area Photographs
- Series IV. Travel Photographs
- Series V. Recreation Photographs
- Series VI. Other Photographs
- Series VII. General Papers

Biographical/Historical Note:

William “Bill” Patterson was born in Florida on March 27, 1926, and grew up in Green County, Pennsylvania. As a child, Patterson spent his time drawing on his bedroom furniture and the blackboards at Iron Rock School in Pennsylvania, and Kiser High School in Dayton, Ohio. As a young man, he used photography to capture images that he used as a foundation for his still-life paintings. He is still an avid artist, after spending years as both a student and teacher at the Dayton Art Institute (DAI), where he was one of few who obtained a degree in art from the DAI school.

Patterson met his wife, Jane, while they were stationed together in Seattle, Washington during World War II. Patterson and his wife both separated from the Army and married soon after on July 18, 1946.

Photography became an integral part of Patterson’s life as he began his prolific career as a commercial photographer. His wife served as an assistant to his photographic endeavors and has been the driving force in his creative life. Their sons, Bill, Dan, and Tom also assisted in Patterson’s photo shoots, which inspired them to all become involved with photography. Dan Patterson is now a prominent Dayton aviation photographer.

Patterson rose to prominence in the local commercial advertising community during the 1960s and 1970s when Dayton supported a thriving publishing industry. From the mid-1960s, he took thousands of photographs for a variety of businesses and subjects. He enjoyed taking photographs of architecture, and this can be seen in his professional portfolio of industrial, commercial and architectural shots.

As he spent most of his life in Dayton, Ohio, Patterson often photographed the greater Dayton area. These photographs provide a well-rounded and creative view of Dayton, and consist of views of Wright State University, downtown Dayton, the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the University of Dayton, Carillon Park, the Dayton International Airport, major highways, and farmland in Springfield. In addition to professional photographs, Patterson captured a variety of leisure activities representing Dayton and international locations. He photographed an assortment of subjects including the 1991 Cincinnati Bengals training camp, the Dayton Air Show, Jimmy and Roslyn Carter, the Grand Canyon, and a multitude of European

countries and tropical destinations. Some of Patterson's work was published in Time-Life Books, and certain images were used for the US Air Force Officer's Club restaurant menus.

In addition to his career as a professional photographer, Patterson was active within the Dayton area. He served on the Dayton Public School Board for four years and was instrumental in promoting fair housing and desegregation within the district. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.

William "Bill" Patterson continues to develop his photographic skills in retirement. As the photography industry evolves and modifies with the digital world, Patterson has recreated his photographic process, and his current photographic endeavors embrace this change. Much of Patterson's work now consists of brilliant scanned photographs of flowers, fruits and vegetables which can be found on his website www.pattersonstudies.com.

Scope and Content:

The William F. Patterson Photograph Collection is a representation of the lifework of the Dayton-area commercial photographer. The images include items, people, and buildings he photographed for commercial clients such as Antioch Company, Danis Corp., GM Goodwrench, motivational speaker Raymond Montsalvatge, and prominent Dayton architects William Yeck and Richard Neutra. This collection also consists of images from Patterson's travels throughout Europe and North America, as well as many images of the Dayton area, including the Dayton skyline, Woodland Cemetery, the University of Dayton, Wright State University, and the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Also included in the collection are local advertising publications from the 1960s through the 1980s that feature Patterson's photographs and writing.

The William F. Patterson Photograph Collection is alphabetized whenever possible. Many of the sleeved images are identified individually along the edge of the sleeve sheet. Any unmarked and/or unidentified sleeves are placed at the end of a folder containing related material or in a miscellaneous folder within the series.

Series I, Commercial Photographs, contains commercial slides, negatives, transparencies, and photographs taken between 1979 and 1996 for client advertising material. It is arranged alphabetically, with no dividers between subjects, and it contains advertising images for the Air Force Officers' Club Menu, Antioch Company, and GM Goodwrench.

Series II, Architect Photographs, contains a variety of architectural photographs, negatives, slides, and transparencies taken by Patterson for various architects. It is divided into two subseries, and it is organized alphabetically, with no dividers between subjects. Subseries IIA, Danis, contains images of the Danis Corporation, the primary client represented in this series from 1984 to 1988. Patterson photographed Danis Corporation itself, as well as the many architectural structures the company constructed. The boxes are organized according to specific architectural endeavors, including Bethany Lutheran Village, Citizens Federal Bank, Columbus Zoo, Danis Corp. Building, Dayton International Airport, Friendship Village, Good Samaritan Hospital, Greene Memorial Hospital, Rt. 35 construction, University of Dayton and Dayton's VA Hospital. Subseries IIB, Other Architects, contains other architects who were Patterson clients, including Eugene Betz, Charles Morris, Richard Neutra, architect of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and Bill Yeck, prominent Dayton architect and founder of Centerville's Park District.

Series III, Dayton Photographs, contains photographs, slides, transparencies, and negatives from Dayton and the immediate area, taken from 1972 to 1989. There are many images of Dayton's skyline, as well as historic areas, local neighborhoods, the University of Dayton, and Wright State University. Sleeves that are labeled in Box 13 are organized alphabetically according to location with no dividers, while sleeves in Box 14 are divided by subject matter.

Series IV, Travel Photographs, contains slides, negatives, photographs, and transparencies covering travel throughout Europe and North America that primarily took place during the 1970s and 1980s. There are images of the landscape and architecture of Norway, Sweden, Italy, Great Britain, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, The Virgin Islands, the United States, and Canada. The images of the United States include Ohio, the Grand Canyon, Mt. Ranier, and covered bridges. All images are organized according to country.

Series V, Recreation Photographs, contains slides, negatives, photographs, and transparencies that depict various recreational activities, including boating, sports, the Cincinnati Bengals training camp, the space shuttle Enterprise in 1983, and the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Series VI, Other Photographs, contains slides, negative, transparencies, and photographs primarily depicting animals, nature, schools, cemeteries, and people from 1967 to 1989. There are images of President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalyn, as well as motivational speaker Raymond Montsalvatge. Images of specific people in Box 26, File 3 are organized alphabetically with no dividers; however, images of Raymond Montsalvatge are filed separately in Box 27, File 1.

Series VII, General Papers, contains a variety of printed material from Patterson's professional career, including issues of the professional advertising newsletter *Ad-Viser*, which feature Patterson's column "Bill's Board." It also includes issues of the publication *Dayton USA*, which showcase some of Patterson's photographs in its advertisements. This series also contains correspondence and printed material related to the career of motivational speaker Raymond Montsalvatge.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Patterson, William F., 1926-

Yeck, William, 1914-2007

Organizations/Corporate Names

Danis Corporation

GM Goodwrench

Good Samaritan Hospital

National Museum of the United States Air Force

Patterson Graphics

Time-Life Books

United States Air Force Officers' Club

University of Dayton

Wright State University

Places

Dayton (Ohio)
 Grand Canyon (Ariz.)
 Austria
 England
 Germany
 Norway
 Scotland
 Sweden
 Switzerland

Subjects (General)

Commercial photography
 Industrial photography
 Photography--Ohio--Dayton

Material Types

Photographs
 Negatives
 Slides
 Transparencies

Occupations

Photographer

Collection Inventory

Series I: Commercial Photographs			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	ACT	Undated
	2	Air Force Officers' Club	Undated
	3	Am-Ar	1985-1989, Undated
		American Pan	1988
		American Export/Import	Undated
		Antioch Company	1985-1986, 1989
		Armco	Undated
		Artisan Grinding	Undated
2	1	Columbia Plastic	Undated
	2	Gem Sportswear	Undated
	3	GM Goodwrench	1986, Undated
	4	Howe	Undated
3	1	Miscellaneous	1979, 1988, Undated
	2	O-S	1986, 1989, Undated

3	2	Oakwood Community Club	1988
		Obannon WWTP	1988
		Packaging Corp. of America	Undated
		R&M 200	1988
		R&M 1000 and 2000	1986
		Rikes	Undated
		Robbins and Meyers	Undated
		Riverwall (Dayton)	1988, Undated
		S.A.F.E	Undated
		Schorr and Howard	Undated
		Security National Bank	Undated
		Shopsmith SPTs	1985
		Sorg Paper	Undated
		Spirit	Undated
		Springwater Sweets	Undated
		Standard Register	Undated
		State Hospital	1986
		Stearns and Foster	Undated
		Evelyn Staub	1989
		Sullivan	1985-1986, 1988
		Sundial II	Undated
4		T-W	1986-1996, Undated
		Tait Station	1988
		TASC	1986, Undated
		Teikuro	1988, Undated
		THT Press	1989, Undated
		Time Life Books	1996
		T.V. 2	Undated
		T.V. 7	Undated
		Warren County Correctional Institute	1988
		Warren County WWTP	1986, 1988
		Wayne Hospital	Undated
		West Carrollton	1988
		Western Reg Pump Station	1985
5	1	Westbrook	Undated
	2	Science and Technology	1985-1989, Undated
Series II: Architect Photographs			
		Subseries IIA: Danis	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
6		Danis A-C	1979-1988, Undated

6	Acura	1987
	Airport Corp.	1988
	Alex Bell Plaza	1984, Undated
	Apple Valley I and II	1985-1988, Undated
	Arena	Undated
	Ashland	1985
	Bill Kraft Food	Undated
	Bethany Lutheran Village	1982, Undated
	Campo Distributors	Undated
	Cedarville College Library	1987
	Central State Beacon Gym	1987
	Cincinnati WWTP	1987
	Citizen Federal Bank, Needmore Road	1987-1988
	Courtyard by Marriot, Columbus	1987
	Columbus Zoo	1979, Undated
	Cummins Diesel Headquarters	1982
7	Danis D-F	1979-1987, Undated
	Danis Construction	Undated
	Danis Corp. Building	1979, 1982, Undated
	Danis Dev Group	Undated
	Danis Florida	1985
	Danis Highway	1982
	Dayton Airport	1988
	Dayton Marriot	1982, 1985, 1987
	Dayton Superior Corp.	1982, Undated
	Dayton Sure Grip	1971, Undated
	Deleo Moraine	Undated
	Diconix	1984-1986, Undated
	Drake	1987
	Dryden 75	1985, 1987
	Eastgate Senior Village	1987
	Emery Air Freight	1987
	Tom Ferguson	Undated
	First Street Professional Building	1987
	Friendship Village	1985
	Fort Hamilton Hughes	Undated
8	G-P	1979-1989, Undated
	General	1979, 1982, Undated
	Good Samaritan Hospital	1982-1989, Undated
	Greene Memorial	1986, Undated
	Grimes Division/Midland Ross	1982
	Hills Oak Creek	1987
	I-270	1979
	Ingleside Condos	1987

8		King Library, Miami University	1987
		Mead Data Central	1984-1986, Undated
		Mead Digital	1982, Undated
		Mead Merchants	1987, Undated
		Miller Tool and Dye	Undated
		Monsanto	Undated
		NCR Credit Union	1987
		Newmark Centers	1985-1987
		O.S.U	1979
		Park Place	Undated
9		Danis R-W	1982-1988, Undated
		Radisson Inn, Needmore Rd.	Undated
		Research Park	1986, 1988
		River Cor	1985
		Riverplace Rest.	1985-1986, Undated
		Rt. 35 Construction	Undated
		Saber Systems	1985
		Salem Mall Sears	Undated
		Sandridge I and II	1984-1985, Undated
		St. Leonard Center	1988
		St. Vincent Hotel	1987
		Sinclair	Undated
		SouthTech Park	1987
		Southern Ohio Building Systems	Undated
		Sugarcamp	1986
		Trust Corp.	Undated
		Univ. of Cincinnati Geology and Physics	1987
		University of Dayton General	Undated
		UD Anderson Center	1987
		UD Arena	1986-1987, Undated
		UD Kettering Hall	Undated
		VA Hospital, Dayton	1982, 1986-1987
		Waste Water Treatment Plant	1984
		Winter's Bank Tower/Kettering Tower	1982, 1985-1986
		Subseries IIB: Other Architects	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	1	Betz	1972, Undated
	2	Brigner-Lohman	Undated
	3	Brown	Undated
	4	Hart R Hart	1970, Undated
	5	Henderson	Undated

11	1	Levin	1965-1977, Undated
	2	Miscellaneous	1973-1979, Undated
	3	Morris	1970, Undated
	4	Neutra	Undated
12	1	Sullivan, etc.	1969-1970, Undated
	2	Yeck	1976, Undated
Series III: Dayton Area Photographs			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
13	1	Dayton A-S	1972-1989, Undated
		1 st National Bank Bldg	Undated
		Ace Pawn Shop	Undated
		Aerial shots	Undated
		Appleton Paper	Undated
		Arcade	1987, Undated
		Children's Medical Center	Undated
		Courthouse	Undated
		Cox Municipal Airport	Undated
		Dayton Art Institute	Undated
		Dayton Dev. Council Hills & Dales Golf Course	1972
		Dayton East and West Side	Undated
		Farmer's Market Springfield	Undated
		Franciscan Health Center	Undated
		Germantown	Undated
		Good Samaritan Hospital	1983, Undated
		Highway	Undated
		Hocking Hills	1979, 1989, Undated
		Kettering Hospital	Undated
		Mead Corp. Hq.	Undated
		Meijer Englewood	Undated
		Miami Valley RTA	1989, Undated
		NCR	Undated
		Oregon District	Undated
		South Park	1980, 1986, Undated
		St. Elizabeth	1981, 1983
13	2	Dayton Miscellaneous (see also Box 31 File 2)	1986-1988, Undated
14	1	Dayton Area	1980-1988, Undated
	2	Historic Dayton	1972, 1990, Undated
	3	Skyline	1974-1986, Undated
	4	Universities	1974-1990, Undated

Series IV: Travel Photographs			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
15		United States	1968-1993, Undated
16	1	United States	1968-1993, Undated
	2	Grand Canyon	1986-1988, Undated
	3	Ohio	1979-1987, Undated
	4	Canada	1988, Undated
17		Virgin Islands	1967-1986, Undated
18	1	Austria	1989
	2	Germany	1983-1989, Undated
	3	Italy	Undated
19	1	Italy	1989, Undated
	2	Norway	1983, 1989, Undated
	3	Scotland	1977-1987, Undated
20	1	Sweden	1978-1987, Undated
	2	Switzerland	1989
21		England	1977-1981, 1987
22		England	1977-1987, Undated
Series V: Recreation Photographs			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
23	1	Dayton Air Show	1980-1991, Undated
	2	National Museum of the U.S. Air Force	1982-1991, Undated
24	1	Bengals Training Camp	1991
	2	Expo	1967
	3	Hydrobowl	1979
	4	Miscellaneous	1980-1991, Undated
	5	Space Shuttle Enterprise	1983
	6	Sports	1974-1991, Undated
Series VI: Other Photographs			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>

25	1	Animals	1976-1989, Undated
	2	Cemeteries	1979-1987, Undated
	3	Miscellaneous	Undated
	4	Nature	1979-1989, Undated
26	1	School	Undated
	2	Transportation	1969-1987, Undated
	3	People-named	
		Melissa Bess	Undated
		President Jimmy Carter	Undated
		Rosalyn Carter	1994
		Children Services	Undated
		Derrichson	1976
		D.W. Council Fred and Max	Undated
		Joann Geck	Undated
		Kett. F. Report	1972
		Levy	1971
		Lill and David and Family	Undated
		Pat Roach	Undated
		Ben Ryterband	Undated
		Arthur Second	Undated
		Libby West	Undated
		Charles Willey	Undated
27	1	Raymond Montsalvatge (see also Boxes 30 and 31)	1975, 1984, Undated
	2	Miscellaneous People	Undated
28		Miscellaneous People (see also Box 31 File 3)	1985, Undated
Series VII: General Papers			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
29	1	Dayton USA	Nov. 1964, Jan.-Feb. 1965
	2	Dayton USA	Mar.-Apr. 1965
	3	Dayton USA	May-Jun. 1965, Jan. 1966
	4	Dayton USA	Apr.-May, Dec. 1966
	5	Dayton USA	Apr., Jun., Aug. 1967
	6	Dayton USA	Apr.-Jun. 1968
	7	Ad-Viser	Oct. 1966, 1972-May 1978
	8	Ad-Viser	Aug. 1978-Oct. 1983
	9	Miscellaneous	1971, 1981, Undated
30	1	Raymond Montsalvatge (see also Boxes 27 and 31)	1966-1973
	2	Raymond Montsalvatge (see also Boxes 27 and 31)	Undated
	3	Fair Housing	1964-1965

	4	Business	1974, 1993, Undated
	5	Time-Life Books Contracts	1992-2000
	6	Clip Art	Undated
31		Note: See OS 52 for this box	
	1	Raymond Montsalvatge (see also Box 27 File 1)	Undated
	2	Dayton (see also Box 13 File 2)	Undated
	3	People (see also Box 28)	Undated