SC-221 1913 Flood Postcards

(56 items)

The collection consists of 56 postcards depicting the 1913 Dayton flood and its aftermath. Some of the postcards are real photo postcards. The collection was a gift to Wright State from Delores Strehle. The information provided below is the caption on the postcard for 1-49, postcards 50-56 have no caption and the information is provided by processor.

Update: Six more postcards were added to the collection in July 2010, #57-62. They are identified by their captions, except the final one, which remains unidentified.

Item List

1. At Warren and Alberta St.
2. View of the Flood from Summit St. Dayton, O. 1913
3. 54. St. Clair St. fire ruins, Dayton, O. Flood 3-28-13
4. View on Second St. after the flood, Mch. 25th, 1913 Dayton O.
5. Main and Second St. during Flood, Mch 25-13 Dayton, O.
6. View of Canal, west from Wester St. After the Flood, Mch-25, 1913. Dayton, O.
7. Horse hanging in wrecked Fifth St. bridge
8. Erie Freight House Yards, after the flood.
10. 32 N. Main from Court House, Dayton, O. Flood, 3-28-13
11. North Ludlow St. Dayton O. After the flood
12. The Kuntz Johnson Lumber Co. Perry St. and River
13. Clean up Ryke Kumler Co. Dayton Co.
14. Removing Debris W. 3rd St.
15. Main St. Dayton, O.
16. View of Canal East from Webster St. after the flood, Mch 25, 1913 Dayton O.
17. Third and Jefferson St. after Dayton O. flood
19. View S.W. showing R.R. Bridge, Dayton, O. Flood 3-27-13
20. A common scene after the flood Dayton, O. Mch 25, 1913. Men and Women dressed alike
21. The flood at Fifth and Ludlow, Dayton, O. Mch 25, 1913
22. The Levee on Mad River
23. Driftwood at 5th St Canal Bridge
24. Fire District W. Side Dayton, O. Flood 3-28-13
25. Scene on Main St. near Moos Cigar Store – Dayton O. Flood, March 25, 1913
26. A few of the hundreds of autos wrecked by the flood. Mch 25, 1913 Dayton, O.
27. Contents of a clothing store after the flood. Mch 25, 1913 Dayton, O.
28. The Arcade, Dayton O. After the flood March 25, 1913. (photo also shows high water mark on the building)
29. Fire District, Jefferson St. Dayton O. Flood 3-27-13
30. High water W. 2nd St. Dayton O.
31. Jewell Theatre Dayton, O.
32. Y.M.C.A. Rescue boat during Flood at Dayton, Ohio, 1913
33. E. 6th St. 1000 to 1500 horses drowned
34. Generous and quick response to Dayton, O. flood sufferers during Greatest Flood in world's history, March 1913.
35. Street car overturned on Third near Sprague
36. Showing Method by which 46 lives were saved from fire on Third St.
37. South Main near Vine
38. Cleaning up 5th St. Dayton, O.
39. Ruins of the Leonard Building Flood of 1913 Dayton, O.
40. Steele High School, Dayton, O.
41. One of the many freaks of the greatest flood in history Dayton, Ohio, March 1913
42. Life Line rescuers during Greatest Flood in modern history Dayton, Ohio March 1913
43. A flood mix up wreckage, Dayton, Ohio March 1913 Greatest Flood in History
44. Erie Freight Depot
45. Survivors bring helped out of the Dayton O., Flood over trains of cars March 1913
46. Wrecked auto deserted by owners during Great Flood, Dayton, Ohio March 1913
47. Dayton, Ohio South Main Street
48. Section of flooded district many miles during the great flood at Dayton, Ohio March 1913
49. This car was carried 250 Ft. and Lodged in a Cellar.
50. A wrecked car in front of a railroad track and a group of on lookers
51. View of flooded unknown downtown street
52. View of flooded unknown street
53. View of flooded unknown downtown street with debris
54. View of flooded downtown looking at Jenkins’ Drug Store, with two people standing on debris or a boat and one man in the water
55. View of unknown flooded street
56. Steel High School – Writing on back of postcard says, “There is quite a large washout under the corner of this building causing the walls to break.”
57. Third Street from Main, Dayton (date written in is April 3rd). This postcard was mailed to Miss L. O’Neill in St. Marys, OH, on June 14, 1913.
58. Burned remnants of Lowe Brothers’ Paint Store, Third and Jefferson. Captioned on reverse: “This is the square south of Shaw’s where you took the card on your return from ‘Maggie Pepper’. The building’s north of the st. are burned also.”
59. Floral Ave., Riverdale. Captioned on reverse: “A ‘fair sample’ of the way ‘Real Estate transfers’ were made in Dayton.”
60. North Dayton wreckage. Captioned on reverse: “This man does not believe in wasting space so he has his barn moved right up to his door.”
61. Train station. Captioned on reverse: “Here is where we take a train for Wapakoneta, etc., etc. [sic].”
62. Unidentified group of men and boys at campground location.