

FINDING AID

Press & Standard Photograph Collection

at the Colleton County Memorial Library Archives

This is a general overview and finding aid for the *Press & Standard* Photograph Collection, featuring photographs submitted to Walterboro's premier newspaper in the mid-20th century. For additional information about the archival collection or to request access to a collection contact the reference librarian at 843-549-5621, ext. 3.

Descriptive Summary

Identifier CCML AR 006

Title *Press & Standard* Photograph Collection

Date Mid-20th Century, roughly 1940s - 1970s

Size 8 boxes

Repository Colleton County Memorial Library Archives
600 Hampton Street, Walterboro, SC 29488
843-549-5621, colletonlibrary.org

Donated By Unknown, has been in the library's archival collection since at least 2010

Overview This collection contains photographs that were submitted to Walterboro's the *Press & Standard* for publication in that newspaper from the 1940s through the 1980s. The collection contains wedding pictures, anniversary pictures, studio portraits, as well as images of club meetings, award ceremonies, car wrecks, town events, military service, elections and much more.

Access Accessible by the general public. Access to these records may be requested through the Reference Librarian at 843-549-5621, ext. 3.

Notes About the Collection

The majority of the photographs do not have listed names, places or dates on the back.

Some photographs (wedding/anniversary pictures, military service pictures. etc) were submitted to the paper while others were taken by staff photographers or photographers that worked-for-hire.

The names of many of the town's most prestigious photographers and/or well-known photography studios of the mid-20th century are represented in the collection, as can be seen by studio stamps on the backs of many of the images. Photographers and studios represented include: W.W. Smoak, Jr. (P&S Editor), Bill Bone Studios, The White Studio, and David Seigler among others.

Collection History

This collection was given to the Colleton County Memorial Library by an unknown person on an unknown date but has been in the library since at least 2010.

In 2010, Gary Brightwell, former CCML staff member and then Director of the Colleton County Museum, borrowed the photographs, had them scanned and even had some of the photographs printed in the Press & Standard to try and identify people and places shown in the images. **The Colleton Museum has a database with information they collected regarding the photographs.** The collection was then returned to the Colleton County Memorial Library.

In 2021/2022 the collection was re-housed in archival boxes. A small portion of the photographs were scanned at an archival setting and are available in a digital format.

Inventory

There is no official listing of the photographs in this collection. A quarter of the collection have labels on the individual envelopes describing the pictures within. Most of the photographs do not have identification of individual or places or dates on the back and remain unidentified.