

Lewis Tobias Collection
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Acquisition: Collection donated in July 2004 by Mrs. Marian Tobias, wife of Lewis Tobias

Access: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Main Library Special Collections only.

Biographical Note: Lewis M. Tobias was born in Akron on February 29, 1916 and was a graduate of Akron Central High School. He worked for B. F. Goodrich as a photographer and a compositor for the company's print shop. In 1952, he opened Tobias Photography Studio which he and his wife Marian operated for more than 35 years. For many years he served as official photographer for the University of Akron. He and his wife traveled extensively and presented travel programs throughout the community. He was a member of the Leica Historical Society, the Summit County Historical Society, Rubber City Artists, and First Families of Ohio.

Related Collections: Upon his retirement in 1985, Mr. Tobias donated 20,000 negatives to the University of Akron Archives.

Scope and Content: Collection includes 124 slides of various subjects pertaining to Akron and Summit County. Most are original photographs taken by Mr. Tobias; others appear to be reproduced from existing historic photographs and postcards. Few photographs are dated. These photos may have been used for a presentation about Akron given by Mr. Tobias.

Box 1:

Slides:

2004-8-1	Camp Manatoc	b&w
2	Palmer's Food Market and Joe's All Star Cafe	b&w
3	Akron Armory	c
4	Akron Armory	b&w
5	East Market Gardens	b&w
6	Akron Police Department and Fire Station (Central)	c
7	United Cigar 1930s	b&w
8	Medford Sanitary Market 1930s	b&w
9	Union Depot (postcard)	c

10	Post Office – East Market Street (postcard)	c
11	Summit Beach	b&w
12	Quaker Oats at night	b&w
13	Portage Path Club House (postcard)	c
14	Goodyear office building (postcard)	c
15	Downtown Akron – view looking north, ca. 1990s	c
16	Quaker Oats and Flatiron Building (postcard)	c
17	Akron City Hospital	b&w
18	Flatiron building (postcard)	c
19	Colonial Theater (postcard)	c
20	Fire Station Number 5, late 19 th century	b&w
21	Music Hall, 1920s	b&w
22	Buchtel Hall (postcard)	c
23	Portage Hotel (postcard)	c
24	Quaker Oats (postcard)	c
25	Buchtel College and Chemical Building (postcard)	c
26	Central Savings and Trust (postcard)	c
27	Howard and Market Streets, ca. 1890 (postcard)	c
28	YMCA (postcard)	c
29	Hager's Confectionary	b&w
30	Akron – aerial view, 1960s ?	b&w
31	Akron – aerial view, 1960s ?	b&w
32	John Brown house (postcard)	c
33	Akron High School – Forge St. (postcard)	c
34	O.C. Barber home (postcard)	c
35	Union Station (postcard)	c
36	East Market Street, ca. 1920s	c
37	Hotel Akron, ca. 1940 (postcard)	c
38	University of Akron campus	b&w
39	YWCA, ca. 1900 (postcard)	c
40	Young's Hotel (postcard)	c
41	Fire Trucks, ca. 1910	b&w
42	East Market St. looking west, ca. 1900	b&w
43	Howard Street, ca. 1910	c
44	L. Y. McClure Tin Store, ca. 1900	b&w
45	Glendale Cemetery buildings	c
46	Main and Bowery Streets (postcard)	c
47	Main Street looking north, ca. 1930 (postcard)	c
48	Canal at Peninsula (painting)	c

49	Market Street looking west from Summit St. ca. 1980s	c
50	Howard Street looking north (postcard)	c
51	Centennial Parade, 1925	b&w
52	Market and Main Streets, ca. 1930	b&w
53	Buses on Main St., ca. 1930s?	b&w
54	Buses on Main St., ca. 1920s	b&w
55	Police, 1920s	b&w
56	Ascot Park?	b&w
57	Ascot Park?	b&w
58	Sandy Beach	b&w
59	Rubber Bowl	b&w
60	Rubber Bowl	b&w
61	Stan Hywet – main gate, 1990s	c
62	Union Park (postcard)	c
63	All-America Bridge	c
64	Viaduct	c
65	High Level Bridge	c
66a	Railroad tracks west of Wallhaven at W. Market St.	c
66b	“ “ “	c
67	High Level Bridge at Gorge (postcard)	c
68	Grant Washington Urban Renewal Area – drawing	b&w
69	Downtown Akron, 1960s	b&w
70	W. E. Wright Co., 1960s	b&w
71	McCoy and Main (?) Streets, 1960s	b&w
72	Graf Zeppelin in Akron (newspaper photo)	b&w
73	U.S.S. Macon	b&w
74	U.S.S. Macon	b&w
75	Early Goodyear airship	b&w
76	Early airship	b&w
77	Downtown Akron (postcard)	b&w
78	Akron street, 1950s	b&w
79	Gas station and store, 1950s	b&w
80	Downtown looking west, implosion	b&w
81	University of Akron, aerial view	b&w
82	Downtown Akron, aerial view	b&w
83-85	Mustill Store and house, 1990s	c
86-87	Ohio and Erie Canal in Akron, 1990s?	b&w
88-89	Ohio and Erie Canal in Akron	c
90-95	Main Street, 1990s	c
96	John S. Knight Convention Center	c
97	Akron Art Museum, 1990s	c
98	YMCA and canal, 1990s	c

99	Howe House, 1990s	c
100	Portage Hotel – demolition	c
101-102	Canal Park , 1990s	c
103	Akron Children’s Medical Center, 1990s	c
104-105	B. F. Goodrich, 1990s	c
106	Mill Street, 1990s	c
107-108	Inventor’s Hall of Fame, 1990s	c
109-110	Cascade Plaza, 1990s	c
111	East Market St. looking west, 1990s	c
112-113	West Market St. looking east, 1990s	c
114	Main and Exchange Streets, 1990s	c
115-116	E. J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, 1990s	c
117-118	University of Akron Polymer Science building, 1990s	c
119-120	University of Akron campus, 1990s	c
121-122	Rubber Bowl – automobile racing	b&w
123-124	Springfield Sanitorium, 1950s ?	b&w