

Robert W. Little Collection
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NO: 24

LOCATION:

ACQUISITION: This collection was donated by Dean Burgan in June of 2001.

ACCESS: Restricted access: materials fragile; access by request at Main Library Special Collections only; material does not circulate.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists mainly of photographs and postcards of Akron, including a few small history pamphlets and realia from various Akron churches. Also photographs and cards from England.

SERIES 1: MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOCOPIES, CARDS, ETC.

Box 1

Folder 1: Akron church history pamphlets: First Baptist Church.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
St. Sebastian Church.
Grace Reformed Church.

Folder 2: Color photocopies of Akron postcards.

Envelope storage binder: 18 cards from oil painting series of England scenes by Andrew Murray.

1 ceramic tile with black and white etching: "First Akron Baptist Church, Akron, OH, founded 1834".

SERIES 2: PHOTOGRAPHS

Box 1: Photograph envelope 1: 9 reproduced photographs of old Akron:

- #1 Hammel's Business Shorthand College, 1890s
- #2 "Akron's leading playhouses," 4 small photos (dates unknown):
 - Colonial Theatre, Mill St.
 - Keith-Albee Palace Theatre, High St.
 - Grand Theatre, N. Main St.
 - Goodyear Theatre, East Akron
- #3 Looking East from St. Bernard School, 1890
- #4 300-400 S. Broadway, 1890s
- #5 Howard St., 1890s
- #6 Masonic Temple (date unknown)
- #7 Exchange and Main, early 1930s
- #8 Main St., Civic Theater (?), c. 1932
- #9 (duplicate of #8)

Box 2: Photograph sets 1-12 (3" x 5" and 4" x 6" color) (see corresponding negatives sheet sets below).

Set 1: Main St. downtown Akron, Innerbelt (early 1990s?).

Set 2: Main St. downtown Akron, Innerbelt (mid-late 1990s?).

Set 3: Canal Park, Main St. downtown Akron (late 1993, early 1994).

Set 4: Demolition of 8-16 High St. South, Old Stone School
(August 1994).

Set 5: Main and Mill St., Main and Market St., downtown (August 1997).

Set 6: Children's Hospital, Canal Park Stadium, demolition of O'neil's
parking deck (Sept. 1997).

Set 7: Main St., Canal Park, demolition of O'neil's parking deck,
Schumacher Valley (?) (Sept. 1997).

Set 8: St. Bernard's, downtown, Convention Center construction, Canal
(behind Main St.), B. F. Goodrich (Oct. 1997).

Set 9: Demolition of O'neil's parking deck, Canal Park Stadium,
Downtown (Oct. 1997).

Set 10: Canal (Main St.), demolition of B.F. Goodrich building.
(Nov. 1999).

Set 11: Demolition of the Arcade Garage (Dec. 1997).

Set 12: Cuyahoga Valley, downtown Akron (Oct. 1999).

Box 3: Photograph sets 13-20 (3" x 5" and 4" x 6" color) (see corresponding negatives sheet sets below).

Set 13: Canal behind Canal Place, Spaghetti Warehouse, demolition
B.F. Goodrich buildings (Nov. 1999).

Set 14: High St., Main St., Downtown Akron (no date).

Set 15: Canal Place (no date).

Set 16: Destruction of Oneil's parking deck (no date).

Set 17: Canal, First United Methodist Church of Akron (no date).

Set 18: First United Methodist Church of Akron, Canal Fulton boat ride
on canal (no date).

Set 19: Fort Laurens State Memorial and grounds, Zoar, OH (no date).

Set 20: Marietta, OH (no date).

Box 4: Photograph set 21: Miscellaneous; Cleveland Zoo, Cuyahoga Valley
Recreation Area, Downtown Akron, mid- 1990s (3" x 5" and 4"x 6" color).

Box 5: Photograph set 22: Miscellaneous Downtown Akron, Main St., various
stages of building construction and demolition, mid-1990s (3" x 5" color).

Box 6: Photograph set 23: Miscellaneous Downtown Akron, mid-1990s
(3" x 5" color).

Box 7: Photograph set 24: Miscellaneous Downtown Akron Oct. 1990-June 1993
(3" x 5" color).

Box 8: Photograph set 25: Demolition of Portage Hotel,
Nov. 1991-Dec. 1992 (3" x 5" color).

Box 9: Photograph set 26: Trip to England, June 1993 (3" x 5" color)

SERIES 3: NEGATIVES

Box 1:

Envelope 2: contains negatives for photograph sets 1 thru 20.

Envelope 3: contains negatives from disc camera photographs, not in order.

SERIES 4: POSTCARDS

Box 10: Collection early Akron postcards, also some from England.