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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Walker R. Smith Rural Maryland Photoprints
Date:	circa 1936-1991
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0446
Creator:	Smith, Walker R., 1910- (Photographer)
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet (1 box) 100 Photographic prints (11" x 14", 8" x 10", 6" x 11", 4" x 10", 5"x 7", 4" x 5", and smaller.)
Technical:	Silver gelatin, on paper sheets, max. 11" x 14", unmounted.
Language:	English .
Summary:	A collection of 122 silver gelatin photoprints of Walker R. Smith depicting various Maryland scenes including railroads and family life of the 1930s and 1940s.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Walker R. Smith, March 11, 1992.

Ownership and Custodial History

All photographs have been in Mr. Smith's custody continuously. Many were printed by him, but others were printed by commercial photofinishers.

Location of Originals

Negatives in collection of Walker R. Smith.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Mary June Owen, volunteer, 1995.

Preferred Citation

Walker R. Smith Rural Maryland Photoprints, Archives Center, ca. 1936-1991, National Museum of American History.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

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Biographical / Historical

The photographer has been photographing a small Maryland village area, Doubs (and Adamstown) for over fifty years (ca. 1930s to date of gift). Much of his work is personal, but some is semi-professional work for friends and neighbors.

Scope and Contents

Photographs of the rural Maryland village of Doubs and environs; subjects include trains and railroad subjects, farming activities, grocery stores, people at work and play, etc.

Arrangement

1 series. Arranged by size and topic, access at topical level.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Agriculture -- 20th century -- Maryland
- Groceries -- Stores -- 1930-1990
- Railroads -- Trains -- 1930-1990
- Stores -- 1930-1990

Types of Materials:

- Photographs -- 20th century

Places:

- Adamstown (Md.) -- 1930-1990
- Doubs (Md.) -- 1930-1990
- Maryland -- rural -- 1930-1990

Container Listing

Series 1: People, Portraits

Box 1, Folder 1	Local resident Calvin Whalen, 91
Box 1, Folder 2	Mrs. Oscar Rhodes, with feed sacks
Box 1, Folder 3	Grace Peddicord, with cat

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Series 2: People, Groups

Box 1, Folder 4	Three girls, ca. 1940's
Box 1, Folder 5	Three men, in suits and hats, 1940
Box 1, Folder 6	5 Girls with hula hoops, 1958
Box 1, Folder 7	19 Women wearing "their mothers' wedding dresses", Adamstown Church
Box 1, Folder 8	Lutheran Church "Young Peoples' Group", Jefferson, Maryland
Box 1, Folder 9	Ice Hockey on Frozen River, ca. 1949's
Box 1, Folder 10	Point of Rocks baseball team
Box 1, Folder 11	Baseball game, 1957
Box 1, Folder 11	Boys in swimsuits jumping off bridge, 1983

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Series 3: People, Occupations

Box 1, Folder 12	Interior of Doub store, with owner and worker
Box 1, Folder 13	Interior of Doub store, with Christmas decorations
Box 1, Folder 14	Interior of Doub store, two women behind counter
Box 1, Folder 15	Children with ice cream cones at Doub store
Box 1, Folder 16	"Wall phone in Doub store"
Box 1, Folder 17	"Lois (Mrs. Smith) cooking hamburgers" at Doub store
Box 1, Folder 18	Lois (Mrs. Smith) washing hair at stump
Box 1, Folder 19	Dickerson storekeeper, postmaster with friend, 1940
Box 1, Folder 20	Dickerson storekeeper, postmaster, 1940
Box 1, Folder 21	Dickerson post office and postmaster with safe
Box 1, Folder 22	Mr. & Mrs. Stoll at Stoll's Grocery
Box 1, Folder 23	Stoll's Grocery-Post Office "on Far End"
Box 1, Folder 24	Three boys in front of store, 1940 or 1941
Box 1, Folder 25	"Cup of ice cream" at store front
Box 1, Folder 26	William Robertson at drop front desk
Box 1, Folder 27	"Guernsey Milk Bar"
Box 1, Folder 28	"Dowsing for water"
Box 1, Folder 29	Dan Matthews skins rabbit, was born "the year 'Old Massa' planted potatoes back of the barn"
Box 1, Folder 30	"Coon feet on Rhodes garage"
Box 1, Folder 31	"Pop" (photographer's father) returning from hunting with 1893 pump
Box 1, Folder 31	Winchester and 2 rabbits
Box 1, Folder 32	"Butchering,"

Box 1, Folder 33	Carpenter with "two-handed wood drill" at "Old Tool Show," ca. 1970
Box 1, Folder 34	"Good mechanic"
Box 1, Folder 35	Painters on scaffold at church
Box 1, Folder 35	Fisherman with turtle, 1947
Box 1, Folder 35	"Pop' (photographer's father) and scroll saw
Box 1, Folder 35	Horse drinking from bottle

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Series 4: Railroad

Box 2, Folder 37	"B&O Crossing watchman"
Box 2, Folder 36	"Signal at Doub Switchover"
Box 2, Folder 38	Unloading mailbags, newspapers, "cartons of baby chicks"
Box 2, Folder 39	Unloading mailbag
Box 2, Folder 40	Passengers from "5:15 from Frederick," ca. 1940
Box 2, Folder 41	"Conductor checks hotbox"
Box 2, Folder 42	"Capstone" under B&O old main line
Box 2, Folder 43	"Cleaning up after wreck"
Box 2, Folder 44	"Uncoupled," "Toppled" car
Box 2, Folder 45	Railroad gang "weeding side track"
Box 2, Folder 46	"Single tie machine"
Box 2, Folder 47	"Pusher" coming through snow
Box 2, Folder 48	"Brunswick Yard in the days of steam"
Box 2, Folder 49	Engine, signal
Box 2, Folder 50	"Point engine," 1950
Box 2, Folder 51	"Chessie Steam Special," 1978
Box 2, Folder 52	"Chessie" at Point of Rocks Station, 1988
Box 2, Folder 53	Freight train, 1988
Box 2, Folder 53	1-3 Two,man team welding rails, 3 prints
Box 2, Folder 53	"Steam locomotives lined up at water tanks," 1947
Box 2, Folder 53	Wreck, "Caboose took the easy way out"
Box 2, Folder 53	British "Coronation Scot," in U.S. for 1939 World's Fair

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Series 5: Rural Industry

Box 3, Folder 54	"Mill shaft & bevel gears," Michael's Mill, Buckeystown, Maryland
Box 3, Folder 55	Mill wooden cogs, conveyer
Box 3, Folder 56	Two-horse wagon with milk cans in snow, 1947
Box 3, Folder 57	"Runklers cowbarn," 1969
Box 3, Folder 58	Cows, barn
Box 3, Folder 59	Farmer, 2 cows at milking stations
Box 3, Folder 60	"Sodcutter at work"
Box 3, Folder 61	"Setting sheaves" to "make shocks"
Box 3, Folder 62	"Side delivery rake"
Box 3, Folder 63	"King (dog) and feed truck"
Box 3, Folder 64	Farmer with Massey-Ferguson Tractor
Box 3, Folder 65	"Straw baler"
Box 3, Folder 66	"Tractor & corn planter"
Box 3, Folder 67	Corn Combine with "audience"
Box 3, Folder 68	"Six-row picker & combine"
Box 3, Folder 69	Farmer mowing meadow
Box 3, Folder 70	"Wheat combine," ca. 1957
Box 3, Folder 71	"Soybean combine," 1991
Box 3, Folder 71	Horse-drawn wagon unloading grain at Carroll's Mill, 1947
Box 3, Folder 71	Carroll's Mill, 1947
Box 3, Folder 71	Horse-drawn wagon leaving mill
Box 3, Folder 71	Repairing elevator belt

Box 3, Folder 71

Horse-drawn manure spreader

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Series 6: Transportation

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Box 4, Folder 73	"C&O Canal aquaduct" over Monocacy River
Box 4, Folder 74	Aquaduct railing, 1974
Box 4, Folder 75	Aquaduct stairs, 1974
Box 4, Folder 76	Aquaduct "metal staples," 1974
Box 4, Folder 77	Iron ring at top of Aquaduct, 1958
Box 4, Folder 78	"Garber Bread Truck" delivery, 1941
Box 4, Folder 79	"Check point for MG's," Doub, 1951
Box 4, Folder 79	Keel, ribs of barge at low water

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Series 7: Landscapes

Box 5, Folder 80	Power lines along Doub Road, 1988
Box 5, Folder 81	"East across Carroll Manor"
Box 5, Folder 82	"Lower end of Middletown Valley," 11)75

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Series 8: Disasters

Box 6, Folder 83	Point of Rocks flood, 1889, copy
Box 6, Folder 84	Potomac flood, 1935
Box 6, Folder 85	"Hurricane Agnes" flood, Point of Rocks, 1972
Box 6, Folder 86	Fire - small barn, 1959
Box 6, Folder 87	School fire, Dickerson, Md., 1959
Box 6, Folder 88	School fire from playground, 1959
Box 6, Folder 89	Farmhouse burned by C.M. Fire Co., 1950
Box 6, Folder 90	Truck off road in snow, Dickerson, Md., 1951
Box 6, Folder 91	Cameraman shoots woman's hat from plane crash, 1947
Box 6, Folder 91	Air crash, horse pulling wreckage, 1940

Series 9: World War 11

Box 7	"Draftees off to camp"
Box 7	Honoring service flag, Frederick, Md.
Box 7	Parachute reported, troops search fields, 1942
Box 7	"Boxed war material" for convoy, 1943

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Series 10: Miscellaneous

Box 8, Folder 92	Traveling to "cultivate their marijuana plants"
Box 8, Folder 93	"Old German Thomas Graveyard"
Box 8, Folder 94	Wilkie campaign rally, Frederick Fair Grounds, 1940
Box 8, Folder 95	"Ditching for MCI cable," 1984
Box 8, Folder 96	Old stove, now farmer's mail box
Box 8, Folder 97	Totem, Utica
Box 8, Folder 98	Doll's head on fence post
Box 8, Folder 99	Road sign, Revolutionary War historical marker, 1(80
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Box 8, Folder 100	1-2 Muskets at Antietam, ca. 1940, 2 prints

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