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Guide to the Jean W. Seele Rural Photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Jean W. Seele Rural Photographs
Date:	1963-1983
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0759
Creator:	Seele, Charline (Donor) Seele, Jean W. (Jean Warren), 1924-1993 (Photographer)
Extent:	0.6 Cubic feet (6 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Ms. Charline Seele, 2000.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Ms. Charline Seele, widow of the photographer (transaction finalized 2002). Received in 2001. Originally received by NASM with Seele's aircraft photographs, then transferred to the Archives Center through Dr. Pete Daniel, curator of agriculture. Later (June 15, 2001) some aviation-related images were returned to NASM.

Related Archival Materials

Other Materials at the Smithsonian

National Air and Space Museum Archives

Jean Warren (J. W.) Seele Aircraft Photography Collection, circa 1950s-1970s

This collection consists of approximately 6000 color slides and over 2000 negatives/prints (a mixture of color and black and white) of civil and military aircraft taken by Seele, circa 1950s-1970s. The shots were taken in the United States, specifically in the Midwest. Aircraft from the following manufacturers are represented: Aero Commander, Arrow, Aeronca, Beechcraft, Bell, Bellanca, Boeing, Bristol, Bucker, Callair, Cessna, Consolidated, Convair, Curtiss, Dassault, de Havilland, Davis, Dart, Douglas, ERCO, Fairchild, Fleet, Ford, Goodyear, Great Lakes, Grumman, Howard, Hawker Siddeley, Hughes, Heinkel, Jodel, Junkers, Lockheed, Ling-Temco-Vought, Lawson, Parsons, Pitts, Pitcarin, Piper, Pazmany, Piaggio, Porterfield, Republic, SAAB, Sikorsky, Stampe, Stearman, Stinson, Swearingen, Taylor, Vickers, and Waco. In June of 2001 the Smithsonian's Museum of American History transferred an additional shoebox of Seele photography that had been sent directly to them from the widow. This color images included balloon events as well as aircraft shots. The ballooning images are color prints taken mostly around Topeka, Kansas, while the aircraft images are color transparencies of aircraft taken, again, mostly around Topeka.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives Center staff, 2020.

Preferred Citation

Jean W. Seele Rural Photographs, 1970s-1980s, Archives Center, National Museum of American History. Gift of Charline Seele.

Restrictions on Access

Collection open for research on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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Biographical / Historical

Jean Warren (J. W.) Seele (1924-1993) was born in Topeka, Kansas and studied aeronautics at the Spartan School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He worked for thirty years as an engineering technician at the Kansas Department of Transportation. Photography became a hobby that ultimately allowed him to pursue his interest in aviation. In the mid-1970s, he began to photograph the Kansas countryside.

Scope and Contents

Approx. 1,065 color photographs (chromogenic prints), negatives and slides of rural scenes, mostly in Kansas.

Arrangement

Collection is divided into two series.

Series 1: Photographs

Series 2: Slides

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Rural scenes

Types of Materials:

Chromogenic processes
Color prints (photographs)
Landscapes (representations) -- Kansas
Slides (photographs) -- 1950-2000

Places:

Kansas

Container Listing

Series 1: Photographs, 1970-1983

Box 1	Barn (Wood-White), 1977-1979
Box 1	Barn (Wood-Yellow), 1978
Box 1	Bridges, 1976-1979
Box 1	Cattle loading pens, 1978-1979
Box 1	Cemetaries, 1976-1979
Box 1	Churches (Brick), 1976-1979
Box 1	Churches (Stone), 1976-1979
Box 1	Churches (Wood), 1976
Box 1	Corn Cribs, 1978
Box 1	Fences, 1978
Box 1	Foundations (Stone), 1978
Box 1	Gates, 1978
Box 1	Haystacks, 1976-1979
Box 1	Houses (Brick), 1977-1979
Box 2	Miscellaneous, 1977-1982
Box 2	Barns (8 sided), 1976
Box 2	Barns (Brick), 1977
Box 2	Barns (Concrete), 1978
Box 2	Barns (Round), 1976-1978
Box 2	Barns (Stone), 1977-1979
Box 2	Barns (Stone-Wood), 1977-1979

Box 2	Barns (Tile), 1977-1978
Box 2	Barns (Weathered), 1976-1979
Box 2	Barns (Wood-Green), 1976-1978
Box 2	Barns (Wood-Pink), 1977
Box 2	Barns (Wood-Red), 1976-1979
Box 3	Barns (Wood-Red), 1976-1979
Box 3	Cars, 1976-1983
Box 3	Railroads, 1970-1979
Box 4	Houses (Stone), 1976-1978
Box 4	Houses (Wood), 1976-1977
Box 4	Lakes, 1979
Box 4	Mail Boxes, 1975-1979
Box 4	Mills, 1977-1979
Box 4	Schools (Stone), 1977-1978
Box 4	Schools (Wood), 1977-1979
Box 4	Storm Cellars, 1977-1982
Box 4	Tractors, 1977-1978
Box 4	Wells, 1976-1978
Box 4	Windmills, 1978

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Series 2: Slides, 1963-1983

Box 5	Lake Perry, Holton, Kentucky, 1982
Box 5	McLouth, Kansas, 1982
Box 5	Steam Engine, threshing bee, McLouth, Kansas, 1980
Box 5	Steam Engine, threshing bee, McLouth, Kansas, 1976
Box 5	Steam Engine, threshing bee, McLouth, Kansas, 1963
Box 5	Supreme Court, Topeka, Kansas, 1980
Box 5	Ward Meade Home, Topeka, Kansas, 1980
Box 5	Council Grove, McLouth, Kansas, 1982
Box 5	Fort Scott, Kansas, 1980
Box 5	Steam engine, threshing bee, McLouth, Kansas, 1981
Box 5	Sabetha, Kansas, 1976
Box 5	Steam engine, threshing bee, McLouth, Kansas, 1976-08-07
Box 5	Agricultural hall of Fame, Bonner Springs, Kansas, 1965
Box 5	Steam engine, threshing bee, McLouth, Kansas, 1968-08-17
Box 5	Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, 1980
Box 5	Watkins Mill, Kansas City, Missouri, 1979
Box 5	Barn (Connecting), 1980
Box 5	Fort Scott, Kansas, 1980
Box 5	Gage Park, Topeka, Kansas, 1981
Box 5	McLouth Kansas, 1981-08-09
Box 5	Steam engine, threshing bee, Goessel, Kansas, 1982-07-24
Box 5	McLouth, Kansas, 1976-08-07
Box 5	Steam engine, threshing bee, McLouth, Kansas, 1972-08-06

Box 5	Barn (Stone), 1979-1980
Box 5	Gage Park, Topeka, Kansas, 1981-1982
Box 5	Holton, Kansas, 1982
Box 5	Goessel, Kansas, 1982
Box 5	Steam engine, threshing bee, Ft. Scott, Kansas, 1980-10-04
Box 5	Steam engine, threshing bee, McLouth, Kansas, 1973-08-04
Box 6	Mailboxes, rest stops, fairgrounds, elephants at circus, 1977-1982
Box 6	Topeka, Kansas, 1982
Box 6	House (Wood), 1980
Box 6	Loading Dock, 1978-1980
Box 6	Old Dutch Mill, 1982
Box 6	Power Lines, 1980
Box 6	Schoolhouse (Stone), 1980
Box 6	Schoolhouse (Wood), 1978-1980
Box 6	Silo, 1980
Box 6	Snow scene, 1977
Box 6	Sunset, 1976
Box 6	Tractors, 1978-1982
Box 6	Windmill, 1977-1981
Box 6	Miscellaneous, 1980-1981
Box 6	Natalie and Sadat, 1980-1982
Box 6	Church (Stone), 1975
Box 6	Church (Wood), 1980-1981
Box 6	Clouds, 1980

Box 6	Depot, 1979
Box 6	Elevator, 1977
Box 6	Fence (Stone), 1977-1981
Box 6	Fence (Wood), 1978-1981
Box 6	Fire Escapes, 1980
Box 6	Flowers, 1976
Box 6	Gates, 1977-1983
Box 6	House (Stone), 1978-1980
Box 6	Cars, 1982-1983
Box 6	Cats, 1980
Box 6	Barn (Wood), 1979-1980
Box 6	Barn (8 Sided), 1977-1978
Box 6	Buildings, 1977

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