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Guide to the Joseph Vitone "Family Records"(Photoprints, CD-ROM, Etc.)

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Joseph Vitone "Family Records", (Photoprints, CD-ROM, Etc.)
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0883
Date:	1998-2004
Extent:	0.25 cubic feet (3 boxes)
Creator:	Vitone, Joseph
Language:	English
Summary:	Collection consists of photographic images of the Vitone family in Akron, Ohio and other locations, as part of an ongoing photographic document called "Family Records".

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These photographs were printed by Mr. Joseph Vitone in 2004 from the original negatives, especially as a gift to the Archives Center.

Alternate Form Available

Original negatives retained by the artist.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Jennifer Burger (intern), supervised by David Haberstick, archivist, January 2004.

Preferred Citation

Joseph Vitone "Family Records", 1998-2004, Archives Center, National Museum of American History. Gift of the artist.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Reproduction restricted due to copyright (retained by Mr. Vitone).

Biographical / Historical

Joseph Vitone holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Masters of Fine Arts degree in photography from the Rochester Institute of Technology and is Professor of Photocommunications at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. In 1998, he began a photographic document project called "Family Records" using for the most part, immediate and extended families of both Vitone and his wife. The Vitones grew up in north-eastern Ohio. While the series also includes photographs taken in other states of farther flung family, the majority of the portrait subjects live in or near Akron, former home to the country's major rubber and tire producers including Goodyear, Goodrich, and Firestone. Norton and Barberton and other more rural communities neighboring Akron, serve as locations for many of these images along with Akron proper. He is the father of photographer Dylan Vitone.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists primarily of 37 photographic prints, portraits of Vitone's extended family in the Akron, Ohio, area, plus other locations, part of an ongoing photographic document called "Family Records"; also two CD-Roms containing images and text. Most of the images are posed environmental portraits showing the subjects' homes or other personal contexts. The original negatives are large-format; 4" x 5". The collection is arranged into two series. Series one is the photoprints and series two contains other materials.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into two series.

Series 1: Photoprints

Series 2: Other Materials

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Family -- United States
Kinship
Marriage
Portraits -- 20th century

Types of Materials:

Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 1990-2000
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Geographic Names:

Akron (Ohio)
Ohio

Container Listing

Series 1: Photoprints

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Series 2: Other Materials

2 electronic discs (cd)

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