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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
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." This is an ongoing portrait project which for the past 20 years has used large-format negatives to document families living around the Rust Belt City of Akron, Ohio, former home to the country's major rubber and tire producers. These portraits offer personal yet unsentimental views of the subjects finding purpose and evolving family structures in these largely blue-collar communities that at times wrestle with job insecurity and problems accompanying alcohol and opioid use.
Digital Content:	Image(s): Joseph Vitone 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, 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. Copyright retained by Joseph 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, forms 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
Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 2000-2010

Geographic Names:

Akron (Ohio)
Ohio

Container Listing

Series 1: Photoprints

- Box 1, Item 1 Rebecca Barile with morning glory vines on fence in her back yard, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-02
- Box 1, Item 2 (L. to R.) Cousins, Elizabeth Dunn, Paul Massey, and Amber Wright on back door stoop at aunt's house, Easton, Ohio, 2004-07-03
- Box 1, Item 3 (L. to R.) Cousins Matt Wright and Gabe Booth in back yard of aunt's house along State Route 585, Easton, Ohio, 2004-07-03
- Box 1, Item 4 Mother Cheryl Dunn with her son and granddaughter, Jimmy and Elizabeth Dunn, Easton, Ohio, 2004-07-03
- Box 1, Item 5 Arathea Booth in front of her house on Ford Ave. near Babcock and Wilcox Plant, Barberton, Ohio, 2004-07-03
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 1, Item 6 Stevie Hummel on corner, Ford Ave. near Babcock and Wilcox plant across from aunt's house, Barberton, Ohio, 2004-07-03
- Box 1, Item 7 Young parents Jimmy Goldwood and Lisa Lane with their son, Spencer Lane, at friend's place on Riverside where Jimmy stays, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-06
- Box 1, Item 8 Karmal Dye by her garage with day lilies and dog Lady, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 2004-07-06
- Box 1, Item 9 Lerrynn Hummel and son, Paul Massey, on patio of her grandmother's apartment, where she's temporarily staying, Barberton, Ohio, 2004-07-06
- Box 1, Item 10 (L. to R.) Good friends Brandy Ross and Tina Hummel, Barberton, Ohio, 2004-07-08
- Box 1, Item 11 (L. to R.) Paul Massey, Coit Anderson, Charlie Morlan, and David Anderson, cousins and brothers, Barberton, Ohio, 2004-07-08
- Box 1, Item 12 Arathea Booth with children Elizabeth Dunn and Gabriel Booth on their front porch, Ford Ave., Barberton, Ohio, 2004-07-08
- Box 1, Item 13 (L. to R.) Gabe Booth, Shawn Sweazy, Coit Anderson, Charlie Morlan, David Anderson, and Amber Sweazy, relatives and friends, playing war, Barberton, Ohio, 2004-07-08

- Box 1, Item 14 (L. to R.) Relatives, Heather Humphrey holding her baby Brooke Lower, Beverly Lemmon, Sandra Vitone, Coleen McElroy (nearest camera), Arathea Booth, and Scott Lower, playing cards in Arathea's back yard, Barberton, Ohio, 2004-07-08
- Box 1, Item 15 Mother, Coleen McElroy, with her children Jessi and Charley Morlan at Machinery Exchange Corporation, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-09
- Box 1, Item 16 Scott Lower and Heather Humphrey seated in her back yard holding her new baby, Brooke Lower, Doylestown, Ohio, 2004-07-09
- Box 1, Item 17 Grace Falitico holding basket of plastic fruit in her back yard beneath sons' old baseball hoop, Stow, Ohio, 2004-07-10
- Box 1, Item 18 Grace Falitico holding pinecones fallen from her back yard tree, Stow, Ohio, 2004-07-10
- Box 1, Item 19 (l. to r.) Sisters Angie Hummel and Missy Rudd in Missy's back yard, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-10
- Box 1
Sisters Angie Hummel and Missy Rudd by blackberry bush, Norton, Ohio [black-and-white photoprint], 2000
1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper, unmounted.; 11" x 14" sheet.)
[Image\(s\): Sisters Angie Hummel and Missy Rudd by blackberry bush, Norton, Ohio \[black-and-white photoprint\], 2000.](#)
Vitone, Joseph, Photographer
Vitone, Joseph, Donor
Gift of Joseph Vitone.
- Local Numbers
AC0883-0000003.tif (AC Scan No.)
- Exhibitions Note
Displayed in Archives Center exhibition, "Gift of the Artist: Photographers as Donors," November 11, 2011-Feb. 29, 2012. David Haberstick, curator.
- Topic: Portraits, Group -- Women Sisters.
- Place: Norton (Ohio) Ohio
- Genre/ Form: Portraits -- Women
- Box 1, Item 20 Rebecca Barile with daughter, Katy Scarpitti, holding cake for Katy's 24th birthday, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-10

- Box 1, Item 21 (L. to R.) Sisters Amie and Katy Scarpitti in their mother's front yard, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-10
- Box 1, Item 22 Rachel Cutlips in her back yard holding her twins, Nathan and Natalie Cutlips, Doylestown, Ohio, 2004-07-13
- Box 1, Item 23 Stacie and Russell Hummel, wife and husband in their back yard, Norton, Ohio, 2004-07-13
- Box 1, Item 24 Marjorie Angel in daisy shirt with purple clematis, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-13
- Box 1, Item 25 Christopher Lee leaning on retaining wall of his house on Riverside Drive, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-15
- Box 1, Item 26 Gretchen Neid in her family's front yard, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-15
- Box 1, Item 27 Patrick and Rebecca Barile, husband and wife in neighbor's yard, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-15
- Box 1, Item 28 James Flock and Amie Scarpitti, boyfriend and girlfriend in Amie's mother's driveway, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-16
- Box 1, Item 29 Dylan Vitone on north shore of the Monongahela River at Birmingham Bridge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2004-07-22
- Box 1, Item 30 Elaine Vitone at base of the Cathedral of Learning at University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2004-07-23
- Box 1, Item 31 Elaine and Dylan Vitone on an evening visit to Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2004-07-24
- Box 1, Item 32 Marjorie Angel weeding at side of her house on Clifford Avenue, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-27
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 1, Item 33 Mary and Christopher Lee, mother and son, on campus of Andrew Jackson Elementary, where both attended grade school, Akron, Ohio, 2004-07-27
- Box 1, Item 34 Dave Vitone holding Tavin Genda, grandson of former domestic partner, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 2004-07-28
- Mike Musgrave ready to butcher a snapping turtle, Ohio [black-and-white photoprint], 2003

1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper, unmounted.; 11" x 14" sheet.)

[Image\(s\): Mike Musgrave ready to butcher a snapping turtle, Ohio \[black-and-white photoprint\], 2003.](#)

Vitone, Joseph, Photographer

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Exhibitions Note

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Topic: Butchering
Turtles

Place: Ohio

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Series 2: Other Materials

2 electronic discs (cd)

This series consists of two CD-Roms containing images and text.

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