FONVILLE WINANS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF BATON ROUGE
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Mss. 4605
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SUMMARY

Size. 0.5 linear ft. (consisting of six two-sided ledger book pages; thirteen rolls of 35mm black & white negative film); 457 digital reproductions of the 35mm black & white exposures

Geographic locations. Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Inclusive dates. 1947

Language. English

Summary. The collection is comprised of thirteen rolls of 35mm black and white negative photographic film that were shot by Baton Rouge photographer Fonville Winans, February and June 1947. The rolls contain 457 useable frames that have been digitized. Baton Rouge development was largely contained within an area bounded on the west by the Mississippi River, on the north and east by Airline Highway, and on the south by Lee Drive, which reached a dead end at Bayou Duplantier. In 1947, the city was undergoing a post-World War II expansion. Winans photographed the main business corridors of the city, the campus of Louisiana State University and nearby housing developments, other streets, subdivisions, businesses, schools, and structures. The ledger book pages record fourteen flights during which photographs were created, but only thirteen rolls have been located.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Fonville Winans was born in Missouri, August 22, 1911 and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. In 1930, while in Louisiana, Fonville bought his first camera - a Kodak 3A - and returned to Fort Worth where he entered a photograph of a downtown Fort Worth street intersection in a contest. He won 1st prize and refocused his attention from becoming a musician to being a professional photographer.

Sometime in the early-1930s Fonville acquired a small motor sailboat, the Pintail, and with two friends and his father sailed it down the Atchafalaya River to Morgan City, east to New Orleans, and then west along the Louisiana coast shooting motion picture and still film along the way. After editing the film he returned to Texas where he publicly showed the film. This proved so successful he returned to Louisiana to create a second film, which also proved popular. On his third trip to Louisiana the Pintail sank in a storm off Morgan City. Fonville then set up shop on Grand Isle creating and selling “picture postcards” to tourists.

In 1932 or 1933 Fonville moved to Baton Rouge to seek employment at Louisiana State University. He worked as a photographer for the University for two years during which time he also started the Campus Newsreel, a monthly short film series shown to the student body.

In 1935 Fonville married Helen Collins. After a few years of moving around looking for work they settled in Baton Rouge. Employed by the State Highway Commission Photography Department until 1940, he met and photographed a number of politicians and other well-placed people. After one of his photographs of an attractive woman was run in the Baton Rouge State-Times he began to get work as a portrait and wedding photographer. He opened a portrait studio on the corner of Laurel and Seventh Streets in Baton Rouge where he continued his profession for the rest of his life.

At some point, probably in the late-1930s or early-1940s, Fonville received a pilot’s license. The images in this part of the overall collections were created in the hope of selling them to business owners whose businesses appear in the images.

An avid bicycle rider, Fonville and two friends - Roy Odom and Aldrich Stroube - began riding together regularly in the late-1950s or early-1960s. Within a short time the three friends were joined by other cyclists and the Baton Rouge Bicycle Club was established.

Fonville Winans died September 13, 1992.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Fonville Winans Aerial Photographs of Baton Rouge were shot between February and June 1947. At that time, Baton Rouge development was largely contained within an area bounded on the west by the Mississippi River, on the north and east by Airline Highway, and on the south by Lee Drive, which reached a dead end at Bayou Duplantier. Four small housing developments existed south of the Louisiana State University campus: the contiguous University View Homesites, College Town, and University Hills developments and University Acres southeast along Highland Road.

Baton Rouge experienced the onset of rapid growth in the post-war years: a number of housing developments were built, in one case as a result of modified war-era pre-fabricated building production facilities; businesses expanded on their existing sites or built new sites; new public, private, and parochial schools rose, and; a new public hospital went up.

Of particular note is the Crawford Homes development in Delmont Place, located less than 1 mile southwest of the intersection of Airline Highway and Plank Road bounded by Riley Street (north), Plank Road (east), Shelly Street (south) and, Douglas Avenue (west). W. Hamilton Crawford arrived in Baton Rouge in 1941 to start a company that made prefabricated barracks and hospitals for the U. S. war effort. Following the war, Crawford turned to developing pre-fabricated home subdivisions in Louisiana and elsewhere.

Additional new housing developments pictured within this collection are: the Concrete House Project bounded by Choctaw Drive (north), Martin Avenue (east), Washington Avenue (south), and North 38th Street (west) in the Belfair Homes subdivision, and; Rittiner Drive housing project built between McGrath Avenue (north), Eugene Street (east), Myrtle Avenue (south), and St Rose Avenue (west). Olive Street and Rittiner Drive pass through the quadrangle described by the streets named above.

The campus of Louisiana State University, seeing an influx of World War II veterans utilizing the benefits of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights), put up war surplus “hutments” just off campus on Nicholson Drive to house married students. Hutments were also installed on campus for faculty housing.

New housing was also going in around the City Park, Erie, and University Lakes. Many of these homes were being built by Standard Oil Company (now ExxonMobil) management and other prominent local businessmen.

PLEASE NOTE: As a result of the building boom, street numbers changed rapidly. It is important to note that the street numbers given in the digital images of this collection are the numbers assigned between 1947 and 1949 that were found in the city directories issued for those years. It is difficult to judge how great a shift in street numbers has taken place over the intervening sixty-five years. Therefore, when looking for a property or an address in this collection pay particular attention to the nearest cross-streets which will serve as way markers.
LIST OF SERIES

Series I. Aerial photographs shot list, February-June 1947

Series II. Exposed 35mm black & white film negatives, February-June 1947

Series III. Digital images, 457 items
SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Aerial photographs shot list, February-June 1947

Twelve pages, comprising the hand-written shot lists created by Fonville Winans between February and June 1947 recording each flight, identifying frame-by-frame subjects, and documenting the film and processing used for each roll of film shot.

Series II. Exposed 35mm black & white film negatives, February-June 1947

Thirteen rolls of exposed 35mm black & white film created during the flights listed in the shot list above.

A. Roll 1  Largely Florida Street, Florida Boulevard and some nearby streets to the north and south.

B. Roll 2  Largely Florida Street and Florida Boulevard, and some nearby streets to the north and south.

C. Roll 3  Largely Choctaw Drive, North 21st Street between Main Street and Choctaw Drive (now Scenic Highway), and North 3rd Street.

D. Roll 4  Largely Plank Road, North 21st Street between Main Street and Choctaw Drive (now Scenic Highway), Choctaw Drive, Airline Highway, Government Street, and Florida Boulevard.

E. Roll 5  Largely Choctaw Drive and North 21st Street between Main Street and Choctaw Drive (now Scenic Highway).

F. Roll 6  Largely Scenic Highway and North 21st Street in the Suburb Istrouma area and Airline Highway between the Mississippi River east and south to the vicinity of McClelland Drive and Plank Road.

G. Roll 7  Largely Scenic Highway, the northern area of Airline Highway, Scotlandville, and the northern area of Plank Road.

H. Roll 8  Largely Plank Road and North 17th Street.

I. Roll 9  Largely Plank Road, Scenic Highway, North 3rd Street, and Choctaw Drive.

J. Roll 10 Largely Scenic Highway, Plank Road, and North 21st Street.

K. Roll 11 Largely East Lake Shore Drive and the area immediately north of City Park.
L. Roll 12  Largely the Louisiana State University campus and vicinity.

M. Roll 14  Largely North Street, Florida Street, Government Street

Series III. Digital images, 457 items

Positive scans of 457 35mm black & white film negatives on thirteen of fourteen rolls that survived in a usable state, as described in Series II. All 457 serviceable negatives have been digitized and are available online in the Louisiana Digital Library at: https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/islandora/object/lsu-sc-p15140coll46:collection
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Belfair Homes
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Bonnecaze
Brickyard
Brookstown Place
Buhler Town
Campanill View
Campus Hill
Dayton
Delmont Place
Devall Town
Downtown Baton Rouge
Drehr Place
Duchein Place
East Fairfields
East-Land
Eden Park
Edward Oaks
Evergreen
Fairacre Farms
Fairfileds
Favrot
Forest Park
Fryoux Place
Gallisville
Garden City
Gloria Terrace
Gomez
Hickey Town
Hickey, Duncan, and Mather Town
Hollywood
Hollywood Homes
Hundred Oaks Farms
Keener Tract
Kildare
Kings Children

Kleinert Terrace
Lafasert Terrace
Langloisville
Lefever
Legion Village
Lincoln Park
Lofaso Town
LSU Campus area
Magnolia Ridge
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Merrydale
Midway Place
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Monte Vista
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North Baton Rouge Development Company
Industrial Park
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North Goodwood
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Ogden Park
Park Hills
Parkland Terrace
Perkins Town
Piper Place
Pitchford Ourso
Plank Road
Powers
Progress Park Addition
Prosperity
Prosperity Addition
Pujol Place
Rittiner Terrace
Roppolo Villa
Roppolo Villa Addition
Rosalie Park
Scenic Gardens
Schorten Place
Scotlandville Homes Scenic
Southern Colonial Park
Southern Heights
St. Gerard Place
Standard Heights
Suburb Abramson
Suburb Combouzou
Suburb Georgetown
Suburb Gracie
Suburb Istrouma
Suburb Scott
Suburb Swart
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University Gardens
University Lakes
University Park
Victoria Farms
Victory Place
Waller Suburb
Wilson Place
Wykoff
Zee Zee Gardens

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Unnamed area
Unnamed area in Mid City
Unnamed area near old airport
Unnamed commercial district
Unnamed industrial area