John H. Allen photographs

Title: John H. Allen photographs
Collection No: MSS.456
Creator: John Hodges Allen (d. 1971)
Extent: 0.16 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1924

Abstract: The collection consists of contact prints of photographs taken by John Hodges Allen of the grand parade celebrating the 34th United Confederate Veterans Association national reunion held in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 6, 1924.


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Administrative information

Memphis, Tennessee, hosted the 34th annual national reunion of the United Confederate Veterans Association on June 4-6, 1924, the third time it had hosted the organization founded in 1889. The previous reunions in Memphis had been in 1901 and 1909. The convention was held at the new—and unfinished—Memphis Auditorium (later renamed Ellis Auditorium), on the corner of Poplar and Front Streets. The veterans participated in two parades: the Civic Flower parade on Wednesday afternoon, June 4, and the grand parade on Friday morning, June 6.

Scope and contents

The collection consists of thirty-nine contact prints of photographs taken by John Allen on June 6, 1924, of the grand parade celebrating the United Confederate Veterans Association national reunion held in Memphis, Tennessee. Each is in a separate numbered envelope.

While the primary subject of the photographs is the reunion, a number contain background subjects of historical significance:
No. 15: Lincoln-American Tower, on the corner of Court and North Main Streets, under construction.
No. 16: Court Square Park showing statue of woman on top of the fountain.
No. 18: Confederate Park.
No. 20: Court Square Park.
No. 21-22: Steamboats along Mississippi River bank.
No. 24: Side view of Ellis Auditorium.
No. 27: Snowden School (?)
No. 28: Shelby County Courthouse.

Provenance

The negatives were in the possession of Beulah Allen Findley (1920-2008), the daughter of John Hodges Allen, when discovered in 1993 by Clifton D. Cardin while researching a book on the history of Bossier Parish, Louisiana. The prints were made by Cardin.

Subject terms

SUBJECTS:
United Confederate Veterans.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Veterans.
Inventory

Box 1