

LMHS.10: W. Robert Swartz Photography Collection

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Lower Merion Historical Society

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Summary Information

Repository	Lower Merion Historical Society
Creator	Swartz, W. Roberts
Title	LMHS.10: W. Robert Swartz Photography Collection
Call number	10
Date [bulk]	1950-1996
Date [inclusive]	1890-1996
Extent	4 linear feet
General Physical Description Note	Part of the collection was being processed off-site at the time of surveying (October 2011), and a portion could not be measured.
Language	English
Abstract	<p>W. Robert Swartz was a local historian and a photographer who owned a photography shop on Lancaster Avenue in Ardmore for most of the second half of the twentieth century. The W. Robert Swartz Photography Collection, 1890-1996, largely consists of photograph negatives taken by Swartz, but it also includes some images dating from the turn of the twentieth century collected by Howard G. Kurtz and H. Parker Rolfe. The photographs are centered in Lower Merion Township and surrounding regions, and depict local landmarks, sports teams, events, accidents and natural disasters, covered bridges, and the Swartz family.</p>

Biography/History

W. Robert Swartz was a photographer who owned a photography shop on Lancaster Avenue in Ardmore for most of the second half of the twentieth century. He was a former president of the Lower Merion Historical Society.

Scope and Contents

This collection largely consists of photograph negatives taken by local historian and former president of the Lower Merion Historical Society Robert Swartz. The photographs are centered in Lower Merion Township and surrounding regions, and depict local landmarks, sports teams, events, accidents and natural disasters, and the Swartz family. In addition, the collection includes some photographs of bridges collected by Howard G. Kurtz and some early photographs of the Main Line collected by H. Parker Rolfe, dating from the turn of the twentieth century and including some glass plate negatives.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

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Access Restrictions

Contact Lower Merion Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Gift of Judy Swartz, 2009.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Ardmore (Pa.)
- Bala-Cynwyd (Pa.)
- Bryn Mawr (Pa.)
- Gladwyne (Pa.)
- Haverford (Pa. : Township)
- Lower Merion (Pa. : Township)
- Main Line (Pa.)
- Merion (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)
- Narberth (Pa.)
- Villanova (Pa.)
- Wynnewood (Montgomery County, Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Local history