Army Corps of Engineers 1993 Flood Photographs (P39)

Introduction

The Army Corps of Engineers 1993 Flood Photographs collection includes twenty-one color photographs of the flood that occurred between July 10 and August 25, 1993.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Army Corps of Engineers 1993 Flood Photographs

Dates: July 10, 1993- August 25, 1993

Size: 0.1 linear feet, 1 box Collection Number: P39

Donor Information

Gift, 2014, Rebecca Allison.

Citation Note

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Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional information on the flood may be found in the following Vertical Files: Floods; Floods-1993; and Kansas City-Disasters, List of. Information may also be found in "20 Years Later, We Dread the Next Flood," *Kansas City Star*, June 9, 2013; "Black Mayors of St. Louis and Kansas City Tell of Efforts Spent to Bring Relief to Flood Victims," *Jet*, August 2, 1993 (SC73); *The Week that Was*, July 11, 1993 (MVSC VC Documentary).

Historical Sketch

The "Great Flood of 1993" occurred along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers and their tributaries from April to October 1993. Flooding was most severe along the Missouri River. The flood impacted the states of Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois the most and caused substantial damage to infrastructure along the rivers. The flood was among the most costly and devastating to ever occur in the United States, with close to fifteen billion dollars in damages. Kansas City escaped most of the devastating impact of the flood because of levee improvements after the 1951 flood.

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Scope and Content Note

The Army Corps of Engineers 1993 Flood Photographs are arranged chronologically from July 10, 1993 to August 25, 1993. The collection is comprised of twenty-one color pictures of the flood and the damage. The collection follows the Missouri River covering the damage to levees and city flooding in Kansas and Missouri, including that in and around the Kansas City area. The photographs also contain major landmarks in Kansas City such as the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport. The final photograph in the collection shows the "Post Flood Report of the Missouri River Basin." The photograph displays the flood levels, existing levees, and proposed levees to improve flood readiness and protection in Lawrence, Kansas.

Collection Inventory

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