

COLLINS PHOTOGRAPH  
ALBUMS OF HARTFORD

Introduction

Among Edward ("Bud") Dalton Collins' many donations to the State Library were four of his personal photograph albums. Two of the albums are entirely devoted to the demolition of old and historic buildings in Hartford during the 1950's & 1960's. The 3rd album includes views of the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company and vicinity during the 1936 & 1938 floods. The remaining album is a family album.

Arrangement

The albums have been numbered 1-4 as follows:

Album 1 - - - Includes 169 snapshots of demolitions of Hartford buildings between 1958 and 1960. Several views of East Hartford and West Hartford demolitions are included along with scenes of the 1936 flood in downtown Hartford.

Album 2 - - - Includes 257 snapshots of demolitions in Hartford between 1960 and 1965. Destruction of the Allyn House, the Palace Theatre and buildings in the path of Interstate 84 are among the noteworthy views. Many newspaper clippings of similar topics are in-

Album 3 - - - Includes 79 views of the 1936 flood  
and 24 views of the 1938 flood at the  
Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing  
Co. and vicinity.

Album 4 - - - Mr. Collin's family album. Included  
are several views of the effects of  
1938 hurricane in Hartford, a few  
Hartford demolitions and a Shaker  
community in Enfield, New Hampshire.

Related Materials

Other related picture groups are:

No. 160 - Floods & Hurricanes in Connecticut

No. 400 - Hartford Collection

No. 460 - Colt Industries Collection

Record Group 69:61 is the Collins autograph collection,  
1664-1969, bequeathed to the library by Mr. Collins in 1972.