

Engineering Department Vehicles and Equipment Photograph Albums, 1920-1952

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Seattle (Wash.). Engineering Dept.
Title	Engineering Department Vehicles and Equipment Photograph Albums
Dates	1920-1952 (inclusive) 1920 1952
Quantity	0.6 cubic foot, (2 boxes)
Collection Number	2613-20
Summary	Three albums of photographs depicting vehicles and equipment used by the Seattle Engineering Department.
Repository	Seattle Municipal Archives Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 archives@seattle.gov
Access Restrictions	Records are open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

The Seattle Engineering Department (SED) maintained the City's streets and bridges, designed and oversaw construction of public works projects, provided traffic and transportation planning, and operated the sewer and solid waste utility. The position of City Surveyor was created in 1873 to survey the City, establish boundaries and street grades, and administer condemnation processes. This position was renamed City Engineer in 1890. In 1931 the Engineering Department absorbed part of the Department of Public Utilities and in 1936 it assumed the responsibilities of the Department of Streets and Sewers and the Traffic Department. In 1997, the water, solid waste, drainage, and wastewater utilities from the Engineering and Water departments were merged with the Engineering Services Division of SED and the Customer Service Call Center and Construction Engineering Sections of City Light to form Seattle Public Utilities. The traffic and transportation functions of the Engineering Department were consolidated in the Seattle Transportation Department.

Content Description

Photograph album containing images of vehicles and equipment used by the Engineering Department. There are approximately 350 prints of more than 200 different vehicles including dump trucks, pickups, sedans, and other equipment such as trailers and air compressors. Also included is information about purchase date, cost, and vehicle description. The photo album can be viewed in the research room. 211 negatives of these prints are housed in series 2613-07, Seattle Engineering Department Negatives. These 211 digitized images can be viewed online, though they do not contain the same level of description as the photo album prints.

View all album images (2613-20 and 2613-07) [online](#)

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1028/1	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 1-44	1920-1952
1028/2	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 45-88	1920-1952
1028/3	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 89-139	1920-1952
1028/4	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 140-177	1920-1952
1028/5	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 178-315	1920-1952
1028/6	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 316-359	1920-1952

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1029/1	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 360-721	1920-1952
1029/2	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 722-760	1920-1952
1029/3	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album A] Pages 761-799	1920-1952
1029/4	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album B]	1920-1952
1029/5	Vehicles And Equipment Photograph Albums [Album C]	1920-1952

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Automobiles--Washington (State)--Seattle--Photographs

Dump trucks--Washington (State)--Seattle--Photographs

Maintenance--Equipment and supplies--Washington (State)--Seattle--Photographs

Pickup trucks--Washington (State)--Seattle--Photographs

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Engineering Dept.

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

Form or Genre Terms :

Photograph albums

Photographic prints

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