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The Hapgood/Berry Photographic Collection

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Introduction to the Collection

During the 1930s, William Hapgood and Sylvia Hazel Smith Berry spent their winters in St. Petersburg, Florida, to get away from the snow and cold weather of New England. While wintering in Florida, they lived in a home in the 13th Street Heights neighborhood and participated in the many social and cultural activities available for seasonal residents.

This collection of twenty photographs and four photographic postcards displays images of St. Petersburg taken during the winter and spring of 1933. Many popular sites are represented, including the “Million Dollar” Pier, Williams Park, and the 1933 Festival of States parade. These photographs, donated in May 2002 by Charlotte Barbour, granddaughter of Hapgood and Berry and a staff member at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, contain no access restrictions.

Preservation Note

The photographs in this collection occupy one acid-free envelope. While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of such items, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Protective gloves should be worn when handling all photographs. While no restrictions limit access to this collection, library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection. Patrons using this collection must adhere to copyright and fair-use guidelines and provide proper citation of sources appearing in their research.

Provenance of the Hapgood/Berry Photographic Collection

This collection falls under the Local and Regional History provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, USF St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy one archival envelope (approximately 0.05 linear foot). All images from this collection were taken in early 1933.

Container Listing

ENVELOPE 1

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| Photograph 1: | Exterior image of home, near 11 th Avenue and 13 th Street South. |
| Photograph 2: | Million Dollar Pier, with WSUN radio broadcasting studio and automobiles parked alongside the building. |
| Photograph 3: | Million Dollar Pier, view with automobiles parked alongside the building. |

- Photograph 4: Mirror Lake, facing northwest, with old St. Petersburg High School in the background (left). Swan and ducks in the lake.
- Photograph 5: Mirror Lake, facing northwest, with old St. Petersburg High School in the background (left). Ducks in the lake.
- Photograph 6: Williams Park, view of the benches and bandstand.
- Photograph 7: Williams Park, view of musicians in the bandstand.
- Photograph 8: Williams Park, view of fountain and covered terrace.
- Photograph 9: St. Petersburg Kennel Club (now Derby Lane), view of grandstands.
- Photograph 10: St. Petersburg Kennel Club (now Derby Lane), view of racetrack and spectators from a box seat in the grandstand.
- Photograph 11: St. Petersburg Kennel Club (now Derby Lane), view of trainers parading greyhounds in front of the grandstand before a race.
- Photograph 12: St. Petersburg Kennel Club (now Derby Lane), view of trainers walking greyhounds to the starting gate for a race.
- Photograph 13: Pass-a-grille beach, sunbathing.
- Photograph 14: Beach scene, looking towards barrier islands.
- Photograph 15: Street scene, possibly along the old southeast looking across Tampa Bay.
- Photograph 16: *Miss Florida II* passenger ferry between Pinellas Point and Anna Maria Island, Manatee County.
- Photograph 17: Water attraction and gardens, possibly Sunken Gardens.
- Photograph 18: Maximo Point, southern St. Petersburg, beach scene.
- Photograph 19: Festival of States Parade 1933, Marine Corps flag bearers and guard.
- Photograph 20: Festival of States Parade, 1933, Marine Corps guard marching.
- Photo Postcard 21: Festival of States Parade, 1933, Rutland's Clothing Company float.
- Photo Postcard 22: Festival of States Parade, 1933, Illinois State Society float, along the 200 block of Central Avenue.
- Photo Postcard 23: Festival of States Parade, 1933, Pennsylvania State Society float, along the 200 block of Central Avenue.
- Photo Postcard 24: Festival of States Parade, 1933, Webb's Cut Rate Drug Company (later Webb's City) float.