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James E. Morrow Library
Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia
2019

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Summary:

Title: Herman P. Dean Papers

Span Dates: 1935-1976

Creator: Herman P. Dean

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 1992/03.0544

Date Completed: October, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 1 foot

Donor: Transferred from Marshall Department

Search Terms:

Huntington, WV

Sporting

Outdoors

Herman P. Dean

Hunting

Social gatherings

Minstrel show

Biographical Notes:

Herman Palmer Dean (May 6, 1897-January 1978) was born in Wayne County and educated at Oakview Academy, Bethany College, and Ohio State University, majoring in journalism. He served in the Navy during World War I. While he lived in West Virginia, he was actively involved in a variety of business and social activities. For his work, he was the president and treasurer of the Standard Printing and Publishing Company in Huntington, while for social endeavors he was a Mason, I.O.O.F., K.G.E., K. of P., Beta Theta Pi, West Virginia Publishers Association, National Editorial Association, Guyandotte Club, and the Huntington Guyan Country Club. In his work in publishing, Dean published the Wayne County News, and used his presses to print books about firearms. He travelled extensively throughout Europe, Russia, South America, Canada, and America, many of these trips hunting expeditions. He was a firearms collector, and donated his firearm collection, which can now be found at the Huntington Museum of Art. He was married to Mary Dorcas *Spragg* Dean (1904-1970).

Additional information can be found on the Huntington Museum of Art, "Meet the Collector" page: <https://www.hmoa.org/art/collections/herman-p-dean-firearms-collection/meet-the-collector>

Scope and Content:

This collection consists predominantly of slides and photographs taken on Herman P. Dean's travels and limited papers consisting of travel brochures, firearm and book catalogs, personal notes and ephemera, and correspondence related to Dean's book purchasing habits.

The photographs are the bulk of the collection and consist of 200-300 slides that were unable to be examined extensively and more than 200 developed photographs from various trips and events. Several trips have been identified: one to the Hudson Bay area ("Rupert's Land Montreal" Trip Set, part 1 and part 2), one for the Rockies which is extensively captioned (Captioned Trip Shot Photos (Rockies)), three distinct fishing trips with unknown locations (Contact sheets and Trip Shots from Contact Sheet, Miniature Travel Photo Set, and Fishing Trip Set Photos). Also notable in the collection are photos from social events, including a banquet, a reception/unknown event, shooting excursions, a minstrel show, and costumed events. Also included are portraits of Dean in his office and another of Dean in his gallery in the Huntington Museum of Art.

Processing Notes:

This collection was partially processed at the time this finding aid was created. Folders in box two were only vaguely titled (i.e. "Pix" for photographs) and as such original order was assumed to be gone. Photographs were resorted into "groups" based on photos that were developed together. Where no groups existed, these materials were sorted by subject. Any folder title with the word (Mixed) in the title consists of multiple groups of photographs.

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Access and Use:

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Container	Contents
Box 1	
	<i>Slide Photographs</i>
Slides	Circa 200-300 slides of photographs taken on trips
Box 2	
	<i>Papers</i>
Folder 1	Catalogs, brochures, and pamphlets
Folder 2	Personal notes and ephemera
Folder 3	Correspondence, primarily collecting
Folder 4	Publications on history, Huntington, and hunting
	<i>Developed Photographs</i>
Folder 5	Paste up for newspaper on Huntington Galleries
Folder 6	Tinted photographs (Little River in the Smokies)
Folder 7	Contact sheets (fishing trip)
Folder 8	Negatives
Folder 9	Color photographs
Folder 10	Captioned Trip Shot Photos (Rockies)
Folder 11	"Rupert's Land Montreal" Trip Set, part 1
Folder 12	"Rupert's Land Montreal" Trip Set, part 2
Folder 13	Trip Shots From Contact Sheet
Folder 14	Fishing Trip Set Photos
Folder 15	H. P. Dean Portraits (Mixed)
Folder 16	Miniature Travel Photo Set
Folder 17	Shooting Photographs (Mixed)
Folder 18	(Mixed) Travel and Gunsmithing Photos
Folder 19	Group Photo (Possibly Publishing Company?)
Folder 20	Huntington Museum of Art Gallery

Folder 21	Costumed Event Photos
Folder 22	Minstrel Show
Folder 23	Banquet Event Photos
Folder 24	Unknown Event Photos
Folder 25	Family shots (Mixed)
Folder 26	River, Boats, and Waterwheels (Mixed)
Folder 27	Oversized Shots of Child and Boats (Mixed)
Folder 28	Copies of Historic Photos (Mixed)