

# Williams Photo Studio Collection (AC27)

## *Introduction*

The Williams Photo Studio Collection contains images of African American civic and health institutions, organizations, and schools as well as individuals and residences in the Kansas City metropolitan area ca. 1920-ca. 1959.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Williams Photo Studio  
Title: Williams Photo Studio Collection  
Dates: ca. 1920-ca. 1959  
Size: 0.2 linear feet, 2 boxes  
Collection Number: AC27

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

## *Citation Note*

Williams Photo Studio Collection (AC27), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

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## *Historical Sketch*

Charles W. Williams was born in Texas in January 1893. He moved to the Kansas City metropolitan area around 1920. Williams opened the William Photo Studio at 1808 Vine Street around 1926 and remained in business at that location until 1959. Williams was married to Marie L. (née Robinson). She died in October 1952. Charles W. Williams died in February 1960.

## *Scope and Content Note*

### **Series 1: Prints**

This series consists of undated prints made by Williams Photo Studio. The prints are arranged numerically by print number. Oversize prints have been withdrawn to Oversize Box 1.

The prints include the following broad subject areas:

Churches: Print 1 shows attendees at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Missionary Baptist Convention held at First Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, October 5, 1937.

Civil Service: Prints 2-4 include images of Fire Station #5 in Kansas City, Kansas and Fire Station #11 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Groups: Prints 5-7 include images of groups of men and women. The only identified group is the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Auxiliary.

Health & Welfare: Prints 8-13 include images of General Hospital No. 2, Wheatley-Provident Hospital, Niles Home for Children, and doctors and nurses.

Portraits: Prints 14-21 include studio portraits. Identified subjects include Winston Holmes and his wife; G. A. Page; S. M. Patterson; John Sydnor; and Dr. S. H. Thompson.

Residences: Prints 22-36 include images of residences. Identified locations include the homes of Rev. Samuel W. Bacote; J. H. Bryant; R. W. Foster; Winston Holmes; Anna Jones; and Dr. S. H. Thompson.

Schools: Prints 37-50 include images of schools, teachers, and students. Identified schools include Douglass School, Lincoln School, Lincoln High School, and R. T. Coles Vocational and Junior High School.

## **Series 2: Reprints**

This series consists of reprints of original Williams Photo Studio photographs. With the exception of print 51, which is a duplicate of original print 2, all of the reprints are unique to this collection. The reprints include images of Fire Station No. 11, a portrait of Theron B. Watkins, and a portrait of an unidentified police officer.

### ***Collection Inventory***

The notation "OS" indicates the materials are located in Oversize Box 1.

## **Series 1: Prints**

- f. 1 Prints 1-10, 1937, n.d. (OS)
- f. 2 Prints 11-20, n.d. (OS)
- f. 3 Prints 21-30, n.d.
- f. 4 Prints 31-40, n.d.
- f. 5 Prints 41-50, 1933, 1937, n.d. (OS)

## **Series 2: Reprints**

- f. 6 Prints 51-55, n.d. (OS)

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