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Ivesdale
Photograph Collection

Collection 126

Champaign County Historical Archives

Compiled by: Shalini Smith, April 2025
Creator/Corporate Name: Raymond Bial
Inclusive Dates: 1982
Physical Description: 3 boxes, (3.25 linear ft.)
Language: English

Provenance:

The Ivesdale photographs were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

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Historical Note:

The photographs in the collection were captured as part of the Ivesdale Photographic Project. Funded partially by the Illinois Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the goal of the project, according to the preface in the finished book, was to “picture the people of a small Illinois community at a single moment in time.” The community of Ivesdale was chosen “because it represents a thriving farm village in Champaign County - a functioning individual community largely independent of nearby cities.” The project and the subsequent book were able to be completed with the assistance of many organizations, which include the Illinois Humanities Council, the Illinois Arts Council, the Illinois Historical Survey of the University of Illinois, the Champaign County History Museum, the Champaign Public Library, and the Champaign County Historical Archives at The Urbana Free Library. The finished photographic essay book, which contains many of the photographs in this collection, was able to be published by using grant funds from multiple sources, including the Illinois Art Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Lily Gara Fund at The Urbana Free Library.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains mounted and unmounted photographs of Ivesdale taken by Raymond Bial as part of the Ivesdale Photographic Project. Subjects include people, buildings, farm scenes, and events. Several of the photographs were used in his book *Ivesdale, a photographic essay*.



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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into two series, Unmounted Photographs and Mounted Photographs. Photographs are arranged in numerical order using the numbers on their reverse side. There are several numbers that are missing from the collection. Any information in brackets was added by the archivist. Some bracketed information was obtained through context from other materials in the collection. Other instances of bracketed information consist of a basic description gathered through observation.

Series 1: Unmounted Photographs

Contains 91 unmounted photographs and an unbound copy of Raymond Bial's photographic essay titled Ivesdale.

Series 2: Mounted Photographs

Contains 35 mounted photographs, including two unnumbered photographs that were placed at the end of the series.

Related Material:

Ivesdale, a photographic essay, A ILLINOIS (Champ) IVE

Subject Terms:

Chapin St (Ivesdale)
Ivesdale (Ill.)
Ivesdale Co-op Grain Co. (Ivesdale, Ill.)
Ivesdale Inn
Ivesdale Lumber Company
Johnson St (Ivesdale)
Kirwan Cafe (Ivesdale, Ill.)
Knights of Columbus Hall (Ivesdale, Ill.)
Tieman's Tavern (Ivesdale, Ill.)

Name Terms:

Albinger, Bernard
Albinger, Frank
Albinger, Kevin
Auth, Adam
Auth, Bill
Auth, Nancy
Bates, Danny
Bates, Gwen
Bentley, Chuck
Bentley, Jeanie
Bial, Raymond
Bialeschki, Richard



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Black, Tim
Brennan, Sean
Brewer, Garry
Busey, Rollin
Cavanaugh, Leo
Cavanaugh, Vera
Cheek, Shannon
Cody, George
Collins, Tim
Crinigan, Ann
Crowl, Jill
Crupper, Chuck
Crupper, Janet
Dick, Glenn
Dick, Robert
Dorjohn, Norm
Dyer, Denny
Flavin, Gertie
Fuqua, Dennis
Giblin, Paul
Guffy, Earl
Hannon, Walter
Harshbarger, Marie
Hefferman, Francis
Hilliard, Ed
Jamison, Lester
Jamison, Mike
Jamison, Rodney
Jamison, Roger
Kirwan, Irene
Koester, Danny
Lavoe, Julie
Lawson, Mike
Lewis, John
Lowery, Ervan
Mallock, Eunice
Manny, Clyde
Martin, Dave
Martin, Lisa



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Matthews, Ron
McCoppin, Junior
McKnew, Gene
Morgan, Mary
O'Conner, Justin
Piatt, Cathy
Pryor, Pearl
Radmacher, Harry
Radmacher, Heidi
Radmacher, Jill
Radmacher, Rilla
Rogers, Ross
Rund, Dick
Sansare, J. T.
Sansare, Nancy
Schum, Don
Schum, Joe
Schwartz, Linda
Schweighart, Pat
Sebens, John
Simms, Donna
Simmons, Mike
Sommers, Adam
Sommers, Dave
Sommers, Eddie
Sommers, Mark
Sommers, Terry
Spearman, Gene
Stoerger, Catherine
Stoerger, Cindy
Stoerger, Robert
Stoerger, Trixie
Strack, Clifford
Sullivan, Irene
Tempel, Don
Tempel, Donna
Tempel, Richard
Thompson, Roger
Von Behren, Joe



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White, Paul
Wood, Jim
Wood, Ray
Wright, Stanley
Zindar, Ray
Zoch, Sue

Container List

Box 1

Series 1: Photographs

Folder 1: Photographs 1-9

- 1: Marie Harshbarger
- 2: [Field in the foreground, church and Ivesdale water tower in the background]
- 3: Walter Hannon, retired manager of Co-op
- 4: Denny Dyer, Co-op manager
- 5: Harry Radmacher, retired, U. of I. maintenance
- 8: Clyde Manny, rural mail carrier
- 9: Garry Brewer, Danny Koester, Gene McKnew

Folder 2: Photographs 10-19

- 10: Dick Rund, farmer
- 11: Terry Sommers, Dave Sommers, brothers, farm with father
- 12: [Town Hall]
- 13: Robert Dick, farm hand
- 14: [Several individuals at Tieman's Tavern, one is wearing a clown mask]
- 15: Pearl Pryor, Clifford Strack
- 18: Eddie Sommers, Earl Guffy, Gene Crowl
- 19: Joe Von Behren

Folder 3: Photographs 20-29

- 20: Leo and Vera Cavanaugh, retired grocer and locker owner
- 21: Sue Zoch, barmaid
- 22: Mrs. Hawkins, housewife
- 23: Ross Rogers, Gene Spearman, Ed Hilliard
- 24: Mrs. Danny Bates
- 25: Chuck Bentley, assistant manager, Co-op
- 26: Francis Hefferman, retired farmer
- 27: [Four people with marshmallows and cans of Pepsi, three kids in costume and one adult]
- 28: Kill floor, locker
- 29: Leo Cavanaugh



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Folder 4: Photographs 30-39

- 30: Paul White, Donna Tempel, Ann Crinigan
- 31: Jill Crawl, owner Ivesdale Inn
- 32: Tim Collins
- 33: Mrs. Richard Tempel, housewife
- 34: Mrs. Jeanie Bentley
- 35: Mrs. Cain
- 36: Lisa Martin
- 37: Pat Schweighart
- 38: Irene Sullivan, rectory housekeeper
- 39: Kirwan Café

Folder 5: Photographs 40-49

- 40: Robert Stoerger's children
- 41: Shannon Cheek
- 43: [A group of people at a wiener roast]
- 44: Mrs. Gertie Flavin
- 46: [John Sebens, farm hand]
- 47: Mrs. Cindy Stoerger and granddaughter of Catherine Stoerger
- 48: [A male standing near several grain bins]
- 49: Junior McCoppin and Mike Jamison

Folder 6: Photographs 50-59

- 50: Don Schum, welder
- 51: [Old elevator]
- 52: Gwen Bates
- 53: [A view from the street where First National Bank and the Kirwan Café are located]
- 54: [A view of Chapin Street and Alexander Bros. Hardware Co.]
- 55: [Knights of Columbus Hall and Ivesdale Inn, Chapin Street]
- 56: Kirwan Café, Chapin Street
- 57: Joe Schum, blacksmith
- 58: Joe Schum, leaving church
- 59: Francis Hefferman, retired farmer

Folder 7: Photographs 61-69

- 61: Justin O'Connor, service station operator
- 62: Eunice Mallock, den mother
- 63: Sean Brennan
- 64: Don Tempel and customer, Ivesdale Lumber Company
- 65: Father Marzolf
- 66: Irene Sullivan
- 67: Stanley Wright



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- 68: Mike Lawson, elevator worker
- 69: Glenn Dick at Sloan Station

Folder 8: Photographs 71-79

- 71: Mrs. Mary Morgan, Ray Zindar, Roger Jamison
- 72: Rollin Busey
- 73: Lester Jamison, manager of fertilizer division of Co-op
- 74: Donna Simms
- 75: Volunteer Fire Department, Don Tempel (chief), Bill Auth and son, Adam, Mark Sommers, Dave Martin
- 77: Frank and Kevin Albinger, plumbers
- 78: Retired farmer [Ervan Lowery]
- 79: Heidi Radmacher and Janet Crupper

Folder 9: Photographs 80-89

- 80: Jill Radmacher
- 81: John Lewis
- 82: Janet Crupper, John Lewis, Jeanine McHale, Trixie Stoerger, Julie Lavoe
- 83: [McHale's home, Fourth Street]
- 84: Chuck Crupper
- 87: Brendan McHale
- 89: Roger Jamison, Co-op worker

Folder 10: Photographs 91-99

- 91: [A corn field with a piece of farm equipment on the left]
- 92: [A cloudy sky with a far-off view of a farm building]
- 93: [A man standing near a fire hydrant]
- 94: Halloween party at Tieman's Tavern
- 95: Ray and Jim Wood, cousins
- 96: Nancy Sansare, Norm Dorjohn, J. T. Sansare at Kirwan Cafe
- 98: Irene Kirwan
- 99: Rodney Jamison

Folder 11: Photographs 100-108

- 100: Dennis Fuqua
- 102: Ron Matthews
- 103: Roger Thompson, Mike "Bozo" Simmons
- 104: Local farmers
- 106: Bernard "Olie" Albinger, mayor and hardware store operator
- 108: Paul Giblin, postmaster

Folder 12: unbound copy of *Ivesdale, a photographic essay*



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Box 2

Series 2: Mounted Photographs

- 7: Jill Crawl, owner, Ivesdale Inn
- 8: Clyde Manny, rural mail carrier
- 13: Robert Dick, farm hand
- 16: Tim Black, J. T. Sansare, Co-op workers
- 44: Mrs. Gertie Flavin
- 51: Old elevator
- 55: Knights of Columbus and Ivesdale Inn
- 60: Cathy Piatt, leaving church with children
- 64: Ivesdale Lumber Company, Don Tempel and Robert Dick
- 65: Irene Sullivan, rectory housekeeper
- 68: Mike Lawson, elevator worker
- 69: Glenn Dick of Sloan Station
- 71: Co-op
- 73: Lester Jamison, manager of fertilizer division of Co-op
- 74: Donna Simms
- 76: Rilla Radmacher
- 77: Frank and Kevin Albinger, plumbers

Box 3

- 78: Retired farmer
- 79: Heidi Radmacher, Janet Crupper, St. Joseph annual costume contest and wiener roast
- 80: Jill Radmacher, at costume contest
- 84: Ray Wood, with rose
- 85: Nancy Auth, in beauty parlor
- 86: Chuck Crupper, in meat locker
- 88: Tim Collins
- 90: George Cody, retired farmer
- 91: [A corn field with a piece of farm equipment on the left]
- 94: Halloween party at Tieman's Tavern
- 95: Ray and Jim Wood, cousins
- 96: Kirwan Café
- 97: Earl Guffy, Linda Schwartz, and Richard Bialeschki, in front of Ivesdale Inn
- 98: Irene Kirwan, in café
- 99: Rodney Jamison
- 100: Dennis Fuqua
- Unnumbered 1: [corner of Chapin and Johnson Streets]
- Unnumbered 2: [Sean Brennan]