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## Finding Aid for the FRED BEALL COLLECTION

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Size: 13 boxes

### Abstract

The Fred Beall Collection contains photographic prints, photographic slides, postcards, negatives, newsprint and magazine clippings, correspondence, three videotapes (VHS), and one Digital Video Disk (DVD). The photographic images were taken by Fred Beall detailing the interiors and exteriors of theatres. The collection mainly depicts theatres in most regions of the United States (U.S.).

### Background Information

Fred Beall was born in 1931. He studied at Case Western Reserve University and was a member of the United States Coast Guard, as was his father before him. He traveled frequently and this travel, coupled with his hobby of photography, allowed him to capture images of theatres in many different parts of the United States and elsewhere in the world. Fred Beall was a member of the Theatre Historical Society from 1974 until his death in 2008. From 1974 to 1989, he was Secretary and/or Treasurer of the Theatre Historical Society.

### Scope and Contents Note

The collection is primarily photographs, postcards, and slides of United States theatres. There are also newsprint and magazine clippings showing images of United States theatres. The materials are organized by type and then arranged geographically by state/region (for example, CA-San Francisco-Curran). However, some of the materials have descriptions but lack the theater name and/or location.

The collection is arranged into 5 different series organized by format. The first series consists of paper material and videos (boxes 1-4), the second series consists of photographic prints (boxes 5-8), the third series consists of photographic slides (boxes 9-12), the fourth series consists of books (not included in this finding aid, they are shelved in the THS reference library), and the fifth series consists of postcards (box 13).

**Other materials in the Theatre Historical Society holdings may relate to the topics in this archive. Consult the archivist for further research assistance.**

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