

Murwin Mosler Family Photograph Negative Retrieval at the Joplin Museum Complex

Murwin Mosler Negative Collection

Murwin Mosler was an accomplished photographer who photographed many of the local residents in the Joplin area. His photography covers years from 1938 through 1987. In 2004 the Joplin Museum Complex received over 100 boxes of Murwin's images. Due to space limitations the museum was only able to house half of his collection. Murwin's studio was ravaged by the May 22, 2011 tornado. What could be salvaged at this site was transported to the museum.

Under recommendations from the JMC staff with approval from Murwin's daughter, Marcia, the Governing Board gave their permission to place the individual yearbook photos, portraits and wedding images into the public domain. Due to the destruction to the studio many of the negatives were damaged. The museum cannot guarantee the condition of the negatives, nor that any useable image can be salvaged from any of the negatives.

Images requested in person, at the museum, will be offered for free. A fee will be applied for any request requiring shipping. Due to staff limitations some requests will require ten to fourteen working days to process. Anyone who requests an image must fill out a form and provide valid identification. In addition to the photographic negative received each person will be given information on obtaining prints from each negative as well as addressing the future care and storage of them.

How to Obtain Negatives

Please contact the Joplin Museum Complex to begin the process. You may contact the museum in person, via mail, email, or by phone at the contact information listed below. Due to staff limitations, *phone inquiries* will only be accepted on Tuesdays,

from 3:00pm till 6:00pm and Saturdays, from 11:00am through 2:00pm. Your inquiry should include your name, the name and relationship to other persons in requested images, and the reason you are requesting the image.

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The Murwin Mosler Negative/ Joplin Photo Recovery program is being offered by the Joplin Museum Complex as a complimentary service to the public. As such, this program's operation cannot interfere with the daily operation of the museum. If a conflict arises, this service may be withdrawn, or scaled back, without notice.

Contact Information

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