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**Finding Aid to the  
Margaret Smith Photograph Collection (1900 - 1972)**  
Collection number: 012PC46

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## **COLLECTION SUMMARY**

### **Collection Title**

Margaret Smith Photograph Collection

### **Collection Number**

012PC46

### **Creator**

Only two images have credit lines to photographer/studio: Billy Davis and Paramount Photo Studio of Ridgefield, New Jersey. The remaining images the creators are unknown.

### **Dates**

1900-1972

### **Bulk Dates**

1950-1960

### **Physical Description**

22 photographic items including Gelatin Silver prints, real photo postcards, one colored image, and a portrait mounted to a gold plate.

### **Repository**

Special Collections Department, The Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY

### **Abstract**

This collection is compiled of images collected by Margaret Smith (1892-1986).

### **Language**

The collection materials are in English.

### **Note(s)**

## **INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

### **Access and use restrictions**

Collection is available for use. Full credit must be given to The Filson Historical Society. Conditions governing the use of photographic/videographic images do apply. Contact the Photograph Curator for more details on use.

### **Publication information**

All requests for permission to publish should be directed to the Photograph Curator, Special Collections Department, The Filson Historical Society.

### **Preferred citation**

Title (including description, date, Collection number, Photographs Collection, The Filson Historical Society, Special Collections.

### **Access points**

African Americans – History

African American – Kentucky –Louisville

Heyburn family

Women household employee – Kentucky – Louisville

### **Related materials**

The Special Collections Department also holds the Margaret Smith Papers (1920s-1971) Mss./A/S655 including personal and family correspondence, diaries, newspaper clippings, and a scrapbook.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **Level of description**

Photographs are described at the item level.

### **Processed by**

Heather Stone, 2013

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Margaret Smith was born 11 December 1897 in Georgetown, Kentucky. She was a member of Zion Baptist Church (2200 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky), lived and worked in Louisville as a housekeeper for the John G. Heyburn and Henry R. Heyburn family for sixty years. She does not appear to have been married or had any children. She passed away on 6 October 1986.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Margaret Smith Photograph Collection contains 22 mixed format images. Two images are known to be of Ms. Smith and appear to be the same image, different formats, taken of her as an older woman. The majority of the collection is compiled of images of Henry R. Heyburn and his family. The Heyburn family images are assembled of family portraits, candid shots of the family and images of Washington, D.C. Also included are several unidentified images of well-dressed African-American men, women, and young girls.

## CONTAINER LIST

Item Number	Title / Date	Description	Format
012PC46.1	Smith, Margaret / undated	Portrait of Margaret as an adult.	Gelatin Silver print
012PC46.2	Margaret Smith / undated	Image appears to be blown up and colored version of 012PC46.1. Image was mounted to gold hard backing possibly for her funeral.	Mounted image
012PC46.3	Unidentified African American girl / undated	.3-.5 was all in frame together with "Battle Creek, July 22, 18." Written on back of frame.	Real photo postcard
012PC46.4	Unidentified African American woman / undated	.3-.5 was all in frame together with "Battle Creek, July 22, 18." Written on back of frame.	Real photo postcard
012PC46.5	Unidentified African American girl / ca. 1900	.3-.5 was all in frame together with "Battle Creek, July 22, 18." Written on back of frame.	Real photo postcard
012PC46.6	Unidentified portrait of woman /ca. 1910-1930	Possibly Margaret Smith.	Real photo postcard
012PC46.7	Unidentified African American man / undated	Unidentified man in three-piece pinstriped suit with hat; appears to be posing in studio	Print in mounted frame
012PC46.8	Two unidentified African American men / undated	Image of two men dressed in suits holding their hats.	Black and White print
012PC46.9	Mayean Martin / undated	School photograph .10 & .11 appear to be same young girl.	Color print
012PC46.10	Mayean Martin / undated	School photograph .9 & .11 appear to be same young girl.	Black and White print
012PC46.11	Mayean Martin / 12 April 1963	Verso: "Mayean Martin April 12, 1963/ 10 years old." School photograph .9 & .10 appear to be same young girl.	Black and White print
012PC46.12	Henry Rueter Heyburn / undated	Portrait of Heyburn as a young man. Verso: "The negative for this picture is on file. For additional prints, write to Paramount Photo Studio, Box 1, Ridgefield, N.J. Be sure to mention the number shown on this photograph. 9768."	Black and White print
012PC46.13	Henry Rueter Heyburn / ca. 1930-1940s	Portrait of Heyburn as a young man in uniform.	Real photo postcard
012PC46.14	Frances Powell Starks Heyburn and children / ca. 1950-1960s	Image of Mrs. Heyburn and children with dog in front of home.	Gelatin Silver print

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012PC46.15	Frances Powell Starks Heyburn and children / ca. 1950-1960s	Image of Mrs. Heyburn and two of her children in car.	Gelatin Silver print
012PC46.16	Unidentified African American woman, two of Frances Powell Starks Heyburn's children and unidentified older Caucasian Woman / ca. 1950-1960s	Image of two older women and two small boys (Mrs. Heyburn's children with nanny and grandmother?).	Gelatin Silver print
012PC46.17	Image of the Washington Monument / undated	Image of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., possibly taken during trip.	Gelatin Silver print
012PC46.18	Jefferson Memorial / undated	Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. appears to be taken while in moving vehicle.	Gelatin Silver print
012PC46.19	Heyburn Family Christmas card / ca. 1950-1960s	Image of Henry and Frances Heyburn with children: Henry Reuter, John Gilpin, Franklin Starks, and Frances Powell posing on front stoop of home.	Image on Christmas card
012PC46.20	Heyburn Family / ca. 1960s	Image of Henry and Frances Heyburn with children: Henry Reuter, John Gilpin, Franklin Starks, and Frances Powell posing in front of home.	Gelatin Silver print
012PC46.21	Unidentified group / ca. 1961-1972	Image of two young men, a young girl and a young boy (possibly Heyburn children).	Colored print
012PC46.22	Two unidentified women / undated	Image of two women in white gowns walking in backyard. Possibly a wedding image. Verso: Photograph by Billy Davis (Possibly a Courier-Journal Photographer.)	Gelatin Silver print