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**Turah Thurman Crull**  
**Stoll Oil Refinery 1937 Flood Photograph Collection**

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Size of Collection:  
16 photographs

Location Number:  
986PC25

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**Scope and Content Note**

The collection is compiled of sixteen (16) black and white photographs depicting the Great Flood of 1937 in Louisville, Kentucky. The flood was the worst in Louisville History. Most of the photographs are of the Stoll Oil Refining Company located near Shelby Street. Images include: flooded Stoll Oil warehouses, plant office, garage, cracking plant, old oil warehouse, blacksmith shop, and oil tanks. Others are images of misplaced railroad cars, houses and trolley cars. One picture is of the Big Four Bridge. It is unknown who took the photographs.

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**Historical Note**

Stoll Oil was founded in Louisville in 1896 by Charles Christian Stoll (1861-1943) and was one of the few successful oil companies independent of Standard Oil in Kentucky at the time. Stoll's four sons continued to run the company after his death until it was bought by Sinclair in 1952.

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**Photograph List**

- 986PC25.1-Stoll Oil Ref Co., Jan. 1937- Flood, The Plant Office
- 986PC25.2- The New Garage
- 986PC25.3- The Cracking Plant
- 986PC25.4- Old Lick Oil Warehouse
- 986PC25.5- Blacksmith Shop
- 986PC25.6- Floating Tanks
- 986PC25.7- Tank Cars at First Street
- 986PC25.8- Tank Cars across River Road
- 986PC25.9- Shelby Street Looking toward Plant
- 986PC25.10- House astray at Shelby & River Road
- 986PC25.11- Houses on Shelby Street
- 986PC25.12- Big Four Bridge at Shelby Street, CEO trestle
- 986PC25.13- image of floating tanks
- 986PC25.14-These Tanks are floating off their foundations
- 986PC25.15- A General View of the Stoll's Plant
- 986PC25.16- A Street Car Trying to get into the new Garage. LeIRR 106-110, Senior Cav.  
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