

# Town of Windsor Photograph Collection

Windsor Historical Society  
96 Palisado Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095

**Creator:** Multiple photographers  
**Dates:** 1950-1990, bulk dates  
**Extent:** 1.5 linear feet  
**Accession #:** 1996.55

## Scope and Contents

The collection is comprised of about 600 photographs, mostly black and white, that were taken for the Town of Windsor during the 1950s through the 1980s. This was a period of active industrial and commercial development in the community. The images depict the local town government, residents, events, and sites in Windsor, Connecticut. They include aerial photos, portraits of town officials, construction and demolition sites, schools and town buildings, industrial and commercial development.

Many of the photographs are marked on the back of the print with the name of the photographer. Correspondence with the Town Clerk in 2006 did not yield any conclusive information about the arrangements between the town and the various photographers regarding copyrights. Some images were produced by town employees and others were taken by press photographers or by commercial studios. A large number of the photographs were taken by Julius Rusavage. Film negatives for some of the snapshots are also part of the collection.

## Arrangement

Each subseries is arranged alphabetically; any folder with unidentified images is at the end of the subseries. The photographs are stored randomly within the folders.

- I. Buildings and Structures
  - A. Houses and other buildings
  - B. Churches
  - C. Businesses
  - D. Monuments
  - E. Dams
- II. Town of Windsor
  - A. Departments and Facilities
  - B. Libraries
  - C. Parks
  - D. Greens
  - E. Schools

- F. Fire Companies
- G. Town Council
- H. Town Government
- I. Special events
- III. People
- IV. Transportation
- V. Other subjects
  - A. Aerial photographs
  - B. Cemeteries
  - C. Fishing
  - D. Floods
  - E. Tobacco
  - F. *Parrish* (movie)
  - G. Girl and Boy Scouts
- VI. Unidentified

## Box and Folder Lists

### Series I. Buildings and structures

#### Subseries A. Houses and other buildings

- 1.1 164 and 166 Broad St. (Linden Jewelers, Windsor Barber, Julie's Bake Shop)
- 1.2 208 Broad St.
- 1.3 241 Broad St. (Horace White house)
- 1.4 253 Broad St. (Dr. Aaron Pratt house)
- 1.5 261 Broad St. (John Luddy House, Chamber of Commerce)
- 1.6 271 Broad St. (Charles Mahoney)
- 1.7 340 Broad St.
- 1.8 Deerfield Rd. (Shad Run Terrace Housing)
- 1.9 148 Deerfield Rd. (Marguerite Mills house)
- 1.10 96 Palisado Ave. (Fyler Homestead, Strong House)
- 1.11 108 Palisado Ave. (Chaffee House)
- 1.12 126 Palisado Ave. (Daniels House)
- 1.13 299 Palisado Ave. (Joseph Rainey house)
- 1.14 778 Palisado Ave. (Oliver Ellsworth Homestead)
- 1.15 1022 Palisado Ave. (Bissell Tavern)
- 1.16 River St., Poquonock
- 1.17 River St. (Farm Labor Supply Center)
- 1.18 Windsor Ave. (Deerfield Garden Apartments)
- 1.19 Windsor Ave., Wilson Center
- 1.20 829 Windsor Ave.

#### Subseries B. Churches

- 1.21 First Church in Windsor
- 1.22 Grace Episcopal Church

- 1.23 Trinity Methodist Church
- Subseries C. Businesses
- 1.24 Businesses A-P
- 1.25 Businesses Q-Z
- 1.26 Businesses, unidentified images

- Subseries D. Monuments
- 1.27 Deerfield Green Monument
- 1.28 Eagle, Broad Street Green
- 1.29 Veterans Memorial
- 1.30 Vietnam War Monument

- Subseries E. Dams
- 1.31 Dams

## **Series II. Town of Windsor**

- Subseries A. Departments and Facilities
- 1.32 Caring Connection
- 1.33 Center for Emergency Management
- 1.34 Civil Defense
- 1.35 Community Service Council 1971
- 1.36 L.P. Wilson Community Center (Matianuck Ave.)
- 1.37 Milo W. Peck Community Center
- 1.38 Police Athletic League
- 1.39 Police Department
- 1.40 Public Health Nurses
- 1.41 Public Safety Complex (Fire and Police)
- 1.42 Public Works Department
- 1.43 Town Hall

- Subseries B. Libraries
- 2.1 Leland P. Wilson Memorial Library
- 2.2 Windsor Public Library (Broad St.)

- Subseries C. Parks
- 2.3 Northwest Park
- 2.4 Stroh Park, Goslee Pool
- 2.5 Washington Park
- 2.6 John Welch- Dunham Field Pool

- Subseries D. Greens
- 2.7 Broad Street Green
- 2.8 Palisado Green

- Subseries E. Schools

- 2.9 Clover Street
- 2.10 John Fitch
- 2.11 John F. Kennedy
- 2.12 Loomis Chaffee
- 2.13 Oliver Ellsworth
- 2.14 Poquonock Elementary
- 2.15 Roger Wolcott
- 2.16 Sage Park Middle School
- 2.17 Windsor High School
- 2.18 Schools, unidentified images

Subseries F. Fire Companies

- 2.19 Hayden Station
- 2.20 Poquonock
- 2.21 Wilson
- 2.22 Windsor
- 2.23 Fire Companies, unidentified images

Subseries G. Town Council

- 2.24 Town Council

Subseries H. Town Government

- 2.25 Town Government

Subseries I. Special Events

- 3.1 Freedom Shrine
- 3.2 Industrial Appreciation Day 1963
- 3.3 Industrial Appreciation Day 1973, 1975, 1979
- 3.4 Industrial Appreciation Day 1977
- 3.5 Industrial Appreciation Day 1983
- 3.6 Industrial Appreciation Day 1985
- 3.7 Poquonock Bridge Opening 1952, Mayor Nels Linden
- 3.8 President Kennedy's Death, November 1963
- 3.9 Shad Derby
- 3.10 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1983
- 3.11 Town Pride Day 1989 and 1990
- 3.12 Trees for Town Dedication

**Series III. People**

- 3.13 Goslee, Carlan
- 3.14 Grasso, Ella
- 3.15 Ilg, Al, Town Manager
- 3.16 Mosdale, Grace, Town Clerk 1987
- 3.17 Niles, Floyd C.
- 3.18 Peck, Milo
- 3.19 Ribicoff, Abraham, Governor of Connecticut

- 3.20 Rosenbloom, Maxie
- 3.21 Turley, Mary, Mayor
- 3.22 Weiss, Robert, Town Manager

#### **Series IV. Transportation**

- 3.23 I 91 Highway
- 3.24 Railroad -- Windsor Center Station, Freight House, Tracks, Palisado Avenue Overpass
- 3.25 Senior Citizens, Dial-a-Ride-Bus
- 3.26 Shopper's Trolley
- 3.27 Stone Railroad Bridge (Farmington River at Pleasant St.)
- 3.28 Trolley 1896

#### **Series V. Other Subjects**

- 3.29 Aerial Photographs
- 3.30 Palisado Cemetery
- 3.31 Fishing
- 3.32 Floods
- 3.33 Tobacco
- 3.34 *Parrish* (movie)
- 3.35 Scouts (Girl and Boy)

#### **Series VI. Unidentified**

- 3.36 Unidentified images
- 3.37 Unidentified construction images

#### **Related Materials in the Windsor Historical Society Collections**

Julius Rusavage Collection (2000.30)

Subject files:

- Churches
- Fire Companies
- Houses
- Monuments
- Schools
- Parks
- Parrish*
- Town of Windsor – Broad Street Green
- Town of Windsor – Public buildings
- Town of Windsor – Town Officials

#### **Subject Terms**

Business enterprises – Connecticut – Windsor  
Windsor (Conn.) – Aerial Views  
Windsor (Conn.) – Buildings, structures, etc.

Windsor (Conn.) – Churches  
Windsor (Conn.) – Officials and employees  
Windsor (Conn.) – Parks  
Windsor (Conn.) – Politics and government  
Windsor (Conn.) – Streets

## **Photographers**

Photos are marked on the back with these photographers' names:

Batz, \_\_\_\_\_ (*Hartford Courant*)  
Beaudin, Frank N. (Myers Studio, Inc., Hartford and Wethersfield, CT)  
Chindmark, Einar G. (*Hartford Times*)  
Desinor, Medge  
Dundin, Ronnie  
Goslee, Carlan  
Grogan, Grover W. (*Hartford Times*)  
Hall, Lin (Tim?)  
Heilpern, George S.  
Hernter, Millicent  
Kington, Ellery G. (*Hartford Times*)  
Lescoe, Ed (*Hartford Times*)  
Maine, Doug  
Malone, Doug  
Maslocka, Michael  
Miller, W. F. & Co., Hartford, CT  
*News-Weekly*  
Rarus, Charles D. (Myers Studio, Inc., Hartford and Wethersfield, CT)  
Rusavage, Julius  
Sieber, William L. (Sieber of Windsor)  
Spafford, Dick (*Hartford Times*)  
Terriault, Louis  
Thompson, G.  
Wice, Marshall  
*Windsor Journal*

Some of the unmarked photos were probably taken by:

Miller, Cliff  
Zavarella, Mario  
Student interns

## **Custodial History**

The collection had no apparent organizational structure when it was received from the Town of Windsor. The photographs have been grouped by location and subject

categories to align with Windsor Historical Society's library subject file headings. A small group of images remain unidentified at this time.

The collection processing was begun by Elizabeth Tonucci in 2004 and completed by Sara Hawran and Connie Thomas in 2007-2008. Many of the photos were scanned in 2016 by Gail Tinto, Sandy McGraw, and Elena Peters. The finding aid was prepared by Barbara Goodwin in February 2008.