

George Newman Collection of Photographic Negatives (saved by SiouxLandmark May 1998)

SiouxLandmark found a wonderful collection of 3 x 5 black and white photographic negatives taken around Sioux City by a famous local newspaper employee. Once found, the Board applied for and received two grants to save and preserve them. One grant from that State of Iowa Historic Preservation Society moved them to the Sioux City Public Museum and the second grant from the Missouri River Historic Development program clean, sorted and sorted them in proper archival boxes. The Lorhy family had the negatives stored in the KD Stockyards Station and graciously allowed them to be donated them for all to enjoy.

George Newman served as a local photographer for 32 years, from 1932-64. He retired and moved to Florida in 1964, just months after the death of his wife, Esther. His memory lives on locally, thanks to thousands of still-frame images he left behind. The photos, which total in excess of 11,000 images, are stored in 33 boxes at the Pearl Street Research Center. Most of the photos at the site cover Siouxland events of the early 1940s to the mid 1950s. The negatives were placed in acid-free envelopes and have been cataloged, by topic, month and year. Volunteers then scanned more than 3,000 of the images and made prints on papers bound in three-ring binders.

Help is still needed to identify some photos! Like the one below. Who are these men?



The Pearl Street Research Center is located at 407 Pearl Street is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and, by appointment, on Tuesday and Saturday. For information, call 712-224-5001.