

# **Unidentified Photograph Collection 05222013.UPC.AS**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Bronzeville Historical Society
<b>Title</b>	Unidentified Photograph Collection
<b>Date</b>	circa 1880-1999
<b>Extent</b>	2.67 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Unidentified Photograph Collection was compiled by Sherry Williams, President of the Bronzeville Historical Society. The orphaned photographs were found throughout the Bronzeville neighborhood, at resale-shops, abandon homes or were discarded in the community.

## Scope and Contents note

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All of the photographs in the collection were removed from original frames upon being processed, specifically to address any preservation concerns. Related photographs were kept together and a note will be provided in the title description. The photographs are organized by the year or locations that Ms. Williams found the items. Estimated date ranges for the photographs are provided and notes are given where any original provenance or inscriptions could be found on the backs of photographs. The collection shows the rich family and community history in Bronzeville.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Restrictions

None.

### Processing Information note

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Bronzeville (Chicago, Ill.)

### Subject(s)

- Bronzeville (Chicago, Ill.)--Social life and customs.
- Photograph collections--Illinois--Chicago--Exhibitions.
- Photograph collections.
- Photographs as information resources
- Photographs.

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## **Provenance**

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This collection of orphaned photographs was found by Sherry Williams in and throughout the Bronzeville neighborhood.

## Unidentified Photographs,

**Collection Inventory****Unidentified Photographs, 2002****Scope and Contents note**

In 2002, Sherry Williams located this discarded photograph in the Bronzeville community. It is a black and white image with the first names of individuals inked on the front.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1 photograph with first names listed, undated	1	1

**Unidentified Photographs, 2003****Scope and Contents note**

In 2003, Sherry Williams located these discarded photographs in the Bronzeville community. The only identified person is the baby picture with the name 'Cindy' written on the back. No other information is known about whom or when the images were taken but we estimate that the pictures were probably taken between 1950-1980.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
13 family photographs related; one photo inscribed with the first name 'Cindy', circa 1960-1980	1	2
1 unidentified portrait photograph, circa 1960-1969	1	3
4 related unidentified photographs, circa 1950-1960	1	4

## Unidentified Photographs,

**Unidentified Photographs, 2009****Scope and Contents note**

In 2009, this group of photographs was found orphaned in the Bronzeville community. Several of the photographs were dated on the back, while others have circa dates that estimate the range of when they were taken. Upon removing some of these photographs from the original frames were other photos layered underneath.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
5 unrelated and unidentified family photographs, some dates and first names inscribed, circa 1980-1999	1	5
7 unrelated and unidentified graduation and senior photographs, circa 1980-1999	1	6
1 unidentified wedding photograph, circa 1990-1999	1	7
4 unrelated and unidentified prom photographs, circa 1980-2001	1	8
1 unidentified family photograph mounted over 1 unidentified woman in a photograph, circa 1950-1959, circa 1980-1989	1	9
1 unidentified anniversary photograph, 2006	1	10
1 small unidentified military photograph, circa 1990-1999	1	11
1 military photograph mounted over a photograph of 2 children; 1 larger military photograph (related group), circa 1960-1999	1	12

**Photographs from 11431 S. Forestville, Chicago, IL 60628,**

6 related and unidentified photographs, circa 1970-1979	1	13
1 unidentified photograph of four men, circa 1970-1979	1	14
1 unidentified graduation photograph mounted over an unidentified woman, 1967; circa 1950-1959	1	15
6 unidentified small photographs mounted over a larger photograph, circa 1960-1969	1	16
1 small photograph identified as Sam Scarber, 1932 July 7	1	17
2 Oversized unrelated photographs, 1979; circa 1970-1979	2	1
3 Oversize portrait photographs; Carmelieta Ivory and 2 unidentified, circa 1970-1979	2	2
6 unidentified individual portrait style photographs, circa 1880-1920	1	18

**Photographs from 11431 S. Forestville, Chicago, IL 60628, 2010****Scope and Contents note**

Sherry Williams found this group of photographs at 11431 S. Forestville, Chicago, IL 60628, in 2010. It appears that all of these images are related extended family photographs. These photographs are maintained in the original groupings when brought to the Bronzeville Historical Society.

**Box**                      **Folder**

**Oversized Photographs from Bronzeville Resale Shop,**

5 unidentified related photographs, circa 1990-1999	1	19
Florence Corelli and 5 unidentified first communion photographs, circa 1900-1920	1	20
Richard M. Napoli and two unidentified photographs, 1945, circa 1920-1945	1	21
6 unidentified family (family 1) photographs, circa 1880-1920	1	22
6 unidentified family (family 2) photographs, circa 1880-1920	1	23
1 unidentified graduation photograph, 1949	1	24
2 unidentified wedding photographs, undated; circa 1950	2	5
<b>Oversized Photographs from Bronzeville Resale Shop, 2010</b>		
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
In 2010, Sherry Williams purchased these two photographs from a resale shop in Bronzeville.		

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Oversized: Tuskegee General Alumni Association, 1953	2	3
Painting titled "Dexter," 1996	2	4

**Oversized Photographs from 3919 S. Calumet Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653, 2010**

**Unidentified Photographs,****Scope and Contents note**

Sherry Williams found this group of photographs at 3919 S. Calumet Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653 after the former owners moved. The 216 photographs are related to one family and are labeled with names.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Photo Album with recipes, undated	3	N/A
Photo Album 216 related and identified photographs, circa 1940-1979	3	N/A

**Unidentified Photographs, 2013****Scope and Contents note**

Sherry Williams, found these photographs in 2013, orphaned in the Bronzeville community. The photographs show family events, weddings, graduations, and other celebrations.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Unidentified photographs, 1 of 4, circa 1980-1999	1	25
Unidentified photographs, 2 of 4, circa 1980-1999	1	26
Unidentified photographs, 3 of 4, circa 1980-1999	1	27
Unidentified photographs, 4 of 4, circa 1980-1999	1	28
Photograph identified as the 'Blue Dragon's Tea,' 1944	1	29
55 small unidentified photographs, 1 of 2, circa 1960-1989	1	30

**Unidentified Photographs,**

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4 medium unidentified photographs, 2 of 2, circa 1960-1989

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