Finding Aid to the
Oriska, N.D. Photograph Collection

Oriska History Committee
398 copy photographic prints
258 slides
44 copy film negatives
2 8x10 copy negatives
19 contact print sheets & 21 film negative sheets
Collection number: Photo 2050

OVERVIEW

Links: View collection in Digital Horizons

Access: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Institute.

Provenance: Donated by Oriska History Committee, 1983 (Acc. 2087).

Property rights: The Institute for Regional Studies owns the property rights to this collection.

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HISTORY

The Oriska History Committee compiled the photographic and other historical materials used to produce the book Oriska 1881-1981 for its centennial. This book, published in 1980, featured the town’s history from 1881 to 1981. The Oriska History Committee, whose chairman was Father John A. Conway, gathered all of the information for the book. The research papers and photographs at the conclusion of the celebration were deposited in the Institute for Regional Studies.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Oriska photographic collection consists of a wide variety of images used in producing its centennial history book. The collection has been organized into five series: Topical, Homes-Walk Through the Town, Centennial Celebration, Contact Prints, and Slides. The Homes, Centennial Celebration, and Slides series were left intact as originally organized by the committee. The remaining photographs were found dispersed throughout the textual records. The textual records (ca. 2.2 linear ft.) have not been processed but are available for research use (Accession 2087).

Not all the photographs found in the Oriska history book were included in this donation, in particular the family photographs found in the ‘Oriska Families’ section. The vast majority of photographs are reproductions of historical prints. The collection contains 398 black & white photographs with some color prints. There are also 258 black & white and color slides organized in order from oldest to newest. All information that was found taped to each photograph was removed and transferred to the back of each print.

All negatives and prints are cross-referenced, with the negative number recorded on the back of the print. The negatives were retained with the print collection, but in a separate box. There are twenty-one sheets of 35mm black & white negatives, with most having contact prints made of them. There are also two large negatives of newspaper pages.

The Topical Series consists of photographs found scattered throughout the textual files. They were pulled and arranged by topic. They show things such as early businesses to the present. There is also a wide range of images such as elevators, railroads, churches, schools, people, and homes, all from different periods of time. Most of the photographs are reproductions of old photographs. Negatives were found only for some of the prints.

The Oriska Homes-Walk Through the Town Series contains photographs of all of the homes in Oriska, taken by members of the history committee. The photographs were taken in blocks by the committee as they were walking through the town. The homes range from blocks 21-28, 41-44, and 61-66. All photographs are black and white, and there are 35mm negatives for all the prints (Negs. 16-18), but there are no contact prints.

The Centennial Celebration Series was put together by the history committee documenting the Oriska Celebration. It shows the people, parade, program, and other scenes of the celebration. They were left in the original order and numbered from 1a through 115. All the photographs are black and white prints. There are no contact prints or negatives of these photographs, but there have been some slides made.

The Contact Prints Series is made up of nineteen sheets. There are ten contact print sheets that were matched up with the 35mm negative sheets. Not all of the 35mm negatives have contact prints, and some negatives showing on the contact prints are missing. The prints show a wide range of images, from early in the town's history to modern day. The prints show different photographs than used in the book or not used in the book, such as the Oriska Celebration. The prints also show businesses, churches, elevators, railroads and other photographs found in the Topical Series.

The Slides Series is the made up of some of the contact prints from the 35mm negatives. The original numerical order was retained. They are made up of black and white and color slides, showing old photographs of the town to modern day images. A separate set of slides document the burial of a time...
capsule in 1981.

**BOX/FOLDER**

**CONTENTS (No. of items)**

1/1 Finding aid

**Topical Series**

1/2 Aerial views of town (11)
   - Shows a wide range of air views of Oriska from early years to present. Most are b&w with a couple of color photos.

1/3 Burial of time capsule (7)
   - They are b&w photographs that show the capsule and contents within the capsule. Pictures were taken during the program of the burial on September 19, 1982.

1/4 Businesses (21)
   - All b&w photographs that show a range of businesses through the town's history such as garage, bar, blacksmith, hotel drugstore, depot, elevator, bank, general store, restaurant, etc.

1/5 Business interiors (8)
   - All b&w photographs depict the inside of a merchandise store and a garage.

1/6 Churches (11)
   - All b&w photographs show the outside of the different church in Oriska through different years.

1/7 Elevator & Railroad (22)
   - All b&w photographs that show the outside of elevator. Also photos of trains and railroad tracks. Some photos of a train wreck.

1/8 Group pictures (4)
   - B&w color photographs all are modern day images. Pictures show women quilting and different groups of people.

1/9 Centennial Committees (23)
   - Color & b&w photographs that show various committees involved with the centennial celebration. There are 35mm b&w negatives, but no contact prints.

1/10 Historical group pictures (6)
   - All b&w photographs. Three photos are the actual historical image that shows family picture. Other photos depict for example an early baseball team.

1/11 Historic photographs & portraits (7)
   - B&w with one color. There are 2 modern photographs. The rest are historical reproduction photographs such as General Sibley & Lydia H. Sigourney.

1/12 Homes (5)
   - All b&w photographs that depict the outside of homes. One picture shows the moving of a home. Some pictures are modern.

1/13 Maps (9)
   - All b&w, reproductions of a variety of different maps showing the
area of Oriska. There are 35mm negatives shown on contact prints
and also slides.

1/14 Newspapers, logos and artifacts (10)
• All b&w, shows headings of newspapers, 2 different logos -
  Northern Pacific & Chinese Monad, 2 artifacts - coins and skull.

1/15 Scenic (4)
• All b&w, and contemporary prints. Show cemetery, lake, baseball
  field, and missile site.

1/16 School (10)
• All b&w photographs showing the outside of schools through
different years.

1/17 Street scenes (23)
• B&w images, mostly old reproductions showing the town and
  buildings throughout years.

**Homes-Walk through the Town Series**

1/18 Oriska Homes-Walk through the town (17)
1/19 Oriska homes - Blks. 21-25 (19)
1/20 Oriska homes - Blks. 26-28 (11)
1/21 Oriska homes - Blks. 41-44 (12)
1/22 Oriska homes - Blks. 61-66 (21)

**Centennial Celebration Series**

2/23 Oriska celebration (13)
2/24 Celebration people (1a-10) (12 items)
2/25-28 Parade (11-80) (73 items)
2/29 Program (81-93c) (17 items)
2/30 Scenes of celebration (94-115) - (22 items)

**Contact Print Series**

2/31 Contact prints (19 sheets) all from 35mm b&w film, showing modern day
  views of town.

**Slides Series**

3/1-32 Oriska burial of time capsule (color)
3/1-12 Oriska maps, People slides
3/13-118 Historical buildings of Oriska
3/119-136 Life during early years at Oriska
3/137-143 Buffalo centennial parade (color)
3/144-165 Community of Oriska 1980
3/166-202 Centennial parade at Oriska (color)
3/203-226 Centennial celebration – Oriska