

## Finding Aid to the Paul K. Weiser Photograph Collection

### **Weiser, Paul Kenneth “Bud”, 1920-2002**

Paul K. Weiser Photograph Collection, 1940s-1992

46 photographic prints

26 negatives

Collection number: Photo 2136

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### **OVERVIEW**

**Links:** Finding aid to the Paul K. Weiser Papers (MSS 399)

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

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Paul Kenneth “Bud” Weiser was born on the family farm, northeast of Hazelton, North Dakota on February 11, 1920. He was the son of Arthur G. and Estella (Shively) Weiser and the youngest of eight children. He graduated from Hazelton High School in 1938 and from NDAC (NDSU) in 1942 with a degree in Agronomy. Bud was active in his church and community musical programs and eventually managed a male chorus group from Hazen called “The Woodshedders”. The group was organized in 1983, consisting mostly of NDSU Alumni singing at various events in western ND. He was also on the

men's glee club in both high school and college. Paul remained active with the NDSU Alumni Association.

During WWII, he served in the Marine Corp, the Army, and finally the US Army Air Corps, stationed in Italy as a B-17 crewman. Paul's affiliation during WWII were with the 352<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Squadron and 301<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group as a Technical Sergeant and Radio Operator.

After the war, Bud married Marvis Sutter on March 9, 1947, in Hazelton and together they have four children, Chad, Paulette, Brent, and Hal. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service at Cooperstown, Steele, Center, and Hazen from 1946 to 1975. In 1987, Paul won the North Dakota Municipal Employee of the Year award. He was a member of the Professional Soil Classifiers Association of North Dakota and North Dakota Urban Foresters Association. Following his retirement from SCS, he worked another eight years privately as a soils consultant, then as the Hazen City Forester for ten years. The city of Hazen, ND had dedicated the "Paul Weiser Memorial Park" to him for his years of service to the community. After 49 years in Hazen, he and Marvis moved to Fargo in 1998. Paul passed away August 6, 2002 at the age of 82 and is buried in the North Dakota Veterans Memorial in Mandan, ND.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Paul K. Weiser photograph collection contains 22 photographs and 26 film negatives from his time with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, a group photo from the Class of 1942, and various photographs of his musical and professional career in soil conservation.

The **Aerial Photograph Series** takes up the majority of this collection and consists of aerial photographs of bombing sites in Germany, Italy, and Austria during WWII.

The **Miscellaneous Series** consists of a WWII group photo, a group photo of Paul Weiser's 30 Year Service Award with the Soil Conservation Service, a choral photo, a photo of his 1942 college reunion, and a few other miscellaneous photos. The Soil Conservation Photos file, contains 24 images previously donated in 2008, and include a series of photos taken by the USDA – Soil Conservation Service in 1968, in and around Oliver and Mercer Counties. Also includes two group photos of the attendees of the Soil Survey Report Writers School (1966), and Midwest Soil Correlation Workshop (1968).

The **Negative Series** consists of negatives that appear to have been taken during WWII. Most of the negatives are images of planes, tourist attractions, and leisure activities.

## **SEPARATION RECORD**

The film negatives were moved into two separate collections: Institute 120mm B&W and Institute 4x5P Negative Collections.

## **FOLDER LIST**

**Box/Folder**                      **Contents** (46 photographs; 26 negatives)

### **WWII Aerial Photograph Series**

1/1                      Italy, 1940s. (7)  
1/2                      Germany and Austria, 1940s. (8)

### **Miscellaneous Photo Series**

1/3                      Miscellaneous Photos, 1940s-1992. (7)  
1/4                      Soil Conservation Photos (24)

### **4x5P Institute Negative Collection**

#### **Photo Number**

977                      Shirtless man standing outside near military housing.  
978                      WWII group shot next to plane.  
979                      WWII group shot next to plane.

### **120mm B&W Institute Negative Collection**

#### **Negative Number**

755                      WWII man next to plane.  
756                      WWII plane on ground, palm trees in back.  
757                      WWII close-up of plane on ground.  
758                      WWII plane on ground.  
759                      WWII plane, men kneeling and standing near.  
760                      WWII aerial shot, tip of wing.  
761                      WWII group shot next to plane.  
762                      WWII man standing next to plane.  
763                      Man sitting on horse.  
764                      Man sitting on horse.  
765                      Horses.  
766                      People on horse next to building.  
767                      Person riding a donkey.  
768                      Person riding in cart on back of bicycle.  
769                      Trees and buildings.  
770                      Palm trees and road.

771 Buildings and street lights.  
772 Unidentified.  
773 Unidentified.  
774 Unidentified.  
775 Unidentified.  
776 Unidentified  
777 Unidentified