



Record Group Number: 1540 **Subgroup Number:** 000 **Series Number:** 009

Records Title: State Highway Department Photograph Collection

Collection Name: Department of Transportation

Series Name: Photographs

Beginning Date: 1908 **Ending Date:** 2008

Bulk Dates: 1917-2008 **Quantity of Material:** 69.88 cubic feet

Extent: 23 @ 0.17 boxes, 68 @ 0.38 boxes, 1 @ 0.24 box, 18 cubic foot boxes, 24 @ 0.18 boxes, 1 @ 0.47 box, 4 @ 0.19 boxes, 16 @ 0.23 boxes, 1 @ 0.51 box, 1 @ 1.36 drawer, 1 @ 0.62 box, 4 @ 0.49 boxes, 2 @ 0.70 boxes, 2 @ 0.41 boxes, 1 map folder, 1 @ 0.67 box, 719 CDs in 4 @ 0.51 boxes

Historical Note: Since the main responsibility of the Department of Transportation is to design, construct, and maintain roads and bridges, most of the photos relate to these activities. These photographs were used by the department to document road and bridge construction, maintenance, conditions, and other department activities.

Scope and Content: This series documents the improvement of Delaware's highway system through views of early construction methods and equipment, the construction of the DuPont Highway, before and after views of locations, accidents, road signs, early road conditions, beautification efforts, snow removal, early bridges, and flood damage. More recent photos also include photos of DELDOT employees, special events including the dedication of the Delaware Turnpike by President John F. Kennedy, press conferences, alternate forms of transportation (buses, trains, bicycles), and construction of SR-1 (Relief Route). Other department activities documented include beach protection and erosion control methods. The Mosquito Control Division photographed ditch construction, maintenance, and spraying activities. Activities of divisions such as the Division of Tests and the State Police are represented as well as views of department buildings and employees. Additional topics of notable interest include many photos of the 1962 storm damage, construction of Fort Christina Park, the Woodland Ferry, and a 1921 New Castle County bridge survey. One 0.38 box also contains material from RG 1540-000-012. One 0.62 box also contains material from RG 1325-003-035, 1325-003-206 & 1325-003-207.

Arrangement: Partially arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder by location.

Index: [Box contents list](#) available for photos dated 1908-1969.

Access Note: Photos dated 2002-2008 are on CDs.

Available Copies: Digital copies available on [CONTENTdm](#) and [Flickr](#). Four 0.38 boxes contain duplicate prints.

Condition of Material: Good/fair; acid damage; storage damage; some nitrate and deteriorating acetate negatives.

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