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005 Private Photograph Collections
006 Robert J. Bennett Photograph Collection
140 Black and White Contact Sheets and Negatives
200 1951
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220 ca. 1951-1990
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241 9 @ 0.38 boxes, 2 @ 0.19 boxes
261 Photographs taken by Bridgeville professional photographer Robert J. Bennett for clients and personal interest. Bennett was an Army Signal Corps photographer in Europe from 1951 to 1953, took over four thousand photos for his book *Sussex County Delaware - 301 years Later*, contributed many photos to *The Great Storm of March 1962* and *The Storm of '62 - From Ruin to Recovery*, and was Delaware's first certified professional photographer.

270 This series is divided by photos that were taken in the 120 film format and the 35mm format. Major subjects include European scenes taken during his military service, Delaware State Fair, Delaware beaches, Rehoboth Beach, March 1962 storm damage, aerial views of Rehoboth and the coastal areas, Delmarva Poultry Industry, chicken cooking contests, Delaware Electric Cooperative, Cape May - Lewes Ferry, Barratt's Chapel, beauty contests, Woodbridge High School events, Island Field Site, horse racing association annual dinner, U. S. 13 intersections, Old Christ Church (Laurel), Milford Memorial Hospital, Woodland Ferry, farming, Nanticoke Pow-Wow, post offices, Nanticoke Homes, views taken throughout Sussex County for his book, and Bridgeville churches, businesses, and events.

Also present are photos of Governor Elbert Carvel, David Buckson, George Wallace, Jack Lewis, state legislators, Governor Russell Peterson, Thomas Carper, and Ruth Ann Minner. Many of the earlier contact sheets do not have corresponding negatives.

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329 Needs further identification.
330 Arranged by size of photo, 35mm or 120, then numerically by photo number.
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430 The collection was weeded which is why there are gaps in the photo number sequence. There were many photos of unidentified house fires, car accidents, Bennett family photos, and unidentified groups that were deemed as not having permanent value.

990 April 21, 2015

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