



## The Storm of 1962 Subject Guide

### Office of the Governor (1302)

**Title:** Governor's Papers, Elbert. N. Carvel  
**Record Group:** 1302-C02-007  
**Extent:** 5 folders  
**Span Dates:** 1962  
**Barcode:** 087956  
**Summary:** The records consist of proclamations, oaths of office, official's bonds, commissions, extradition requests, appointments, resignations, accounts, pardons, and other general inquiries. Files relating to the storm of 1962 have been noted below.

- Disaster Relief to Education (087956), 5 folders
  - Telegram from President John F Kennedy
  - Speech delivered by Governor Carvel
  - Letters from the public
  - Notes from the Governor's Secretary

### Department of State (1325)

**Title:** Delaware Public Archives, General Photograph Collection  
**Record Group:** 1325-003-036  
**Span Dates:** 1962  
**Extent:** 44 photographs  
**Barcodes:** 346202, 346227, 346242  
**Summary:** The General Photograph Collection is primarily the result of small donations by individuals or organizations. Due to the nature of the collection, a wide range of subjects and time periods are represented. Subject categories of particular interest for World War I researchers include Flags/Seals/Symbols, Military, Portraits, Historic Markers, Monuments and Scenes, Business and Industry, Schools. See the photograph index in the Research Room for more detailed descriptions.

- Cities and Towns, Rehoboth
  - Box 2 (346202), Folder 7
- Local Events, Sussex County
  - Box 4 (346227), Folder 22
  - Box 4 (346227), Folder 23
  - Box 4 (346227), Folder 24
- Recreation and Sports, Beaches
  - Box 1 (346242), Folder 9

## **Department of Transportation (1540)**

**Title:** Photographs  
**Record Group:** 1540-000-009  
**Span Dates:** 1962  
**Extent:** 325 photographs  
**Barcodes:** 338886, 507479  
**Summary:** Photographs used by the department to document road and bridge construction, maintenance, conditions, and other department activities

## **Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (1620)**

**Title:** Watershed Stewardship, 1962 Storm Aerial Photographs  
**Record Group:** 1620-006-061  
**Span Dates:** 1962  
**Extent:** 21 photographs  
**Barcodes:** 537676  
**Summary:** Aerial photographs of the coastal region showing storm damage and recovery of the areas affected by the 1962 storm. The photographs show the storm damage to Cape Henlopen, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Indian River and Bethany Beach. They show the storm damage and then show the same area recovered months later. For example: the Rehoboth Beach photographs show the extensive damage to the Henlopen Hotel and the boardwalk at Rehoboth Avenue. The aerial photographs also depict the recovery and renovations of both the Henlopen Hotel and the boardwalk.

## **Department of Public Safety (1660)**

**Title:** State Police, Motion Picture Films  
**Record Group:** 1660-010-017  
**Span Dates:** 1962  
**Extent:** 7 16mm reels, DVD preservation copy  
**Barcode:** 470215  
**Summary:** Aerial views of damage to beaches caused by the Storm of 1962. The beaches shown are Bowers Beach, Slaughter Beach, Rehoboth, Dewey Beach, Indian River Inlet, Bethany Beach, Fenwick Island, Oak Orchard, and Masseys Landing.

## **Private Photograph Collections (9015)**

**Title:** Harold W. T. Purnell Collection, General Photograph Collection  
**Record Group:** 9015-003-001  
**Span Dates:** 1962  
**Extent:** 63 photographs  
**Barcodes:** 346094, 346095, 346111, 346141, 522682  
**Summary:** Harold W.T. Purnell (1896-1965) was born and lived most of his life in Georgetown, Delaware. After taking over his father's hardware store, he became a prominent merchant and civil leader. He was involved in many local and state organizations. Most notably, he served as a state senator from 1938 to 1946 and was president pro tempore from 1942-1946. Mr. Purnell's love of history was also manifested by his collecting hobbies, especially his efforts to save historical photographs

Local Events:

- Bethany Beach, Box 1 (346094), Folder 3
- Bethany Beach, Box 1 (346094), Folder 5
- Broadkill, Box 2 (346095), Folder 7
- Lewes, Box 18 (346111), Folder 3
- Rehoboth Beach, Box 25 (522682), Folder 11-12

Subjects:

- Local Events, Box 65 (346141), Folder 9

**Title:** Frank B. Calio Collection, Rehoboth Beach 1962 Storm Damage Photographs  
**Record Group:** 9015-032-001  
**Span Dates:** 1962  
**Extent:** 57 photographs  
**Barcode:** 536090  
**Summary:** Photographs of damage in Rehoboth Beach shortly after the March 1962 storm ended. The photos were taken by Frank B. Calio, a resident of Laurel, Delaware. There are views of the beach area, boardwalk, damaged businesses.