

Carleton W. Patriquin Collection

Cambridge Historical Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Provenance: Purchased from Jane Patriquin, 1999

Collection ID: P020

Dates: ca. 1940s-1980s

Extent: Approximately 400 4 x 5 negatives (filed in negatives drawer in CHC Library)

Finding aid by: Meta Partenheimer, July 2018

Access: Collection is available for research under the CHC rules of use

Collection Description:

This collection contains photographic negatives taken by Carleton W. Patriquin. There are approximately 186 black and white negatives, and 207 color negatives. Images include aerial views of Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRS) development projects in Kendall Square, as well as views of East Cambridge, Harvard Square, Mount Auburn Hospital, Northwest Cambridge, and the Alewife area. Subjects and specific buildings include the Middlesex County Courthouse, Portland Street freight yards, Longfellow Bridge, Tech Square, 1010 Memorial Drive, and Bethlehem Steel.

Historical Note:

This section is taken in part from Carleton Patriquin's obituary published in the Boston Globe in 1993. Carleton Woodend Patriquin was born on September 2, 1920 in Arlington, Massachusetts. Patriquin graduated from Bryant & Stratton Business School in Boston in 1940, and two years later enlisted in the U.S. Army. While in the service, Patriquin was a Signal Corps photographer. After the war, Patriquin continued his career as an aerial photographer and freelancer working for such agencies as the Boston Herald Traveler and the Portland Press Herald. Patriquin's most influential work was in pioneering the testing of the Polaroid camera and color film processing. He later moved to Maine where he opened a small restaurant and continued his freelance work. Carleton Patriquin died on April 27, 1993.

Related Materials: For full collection inventory spreadsheet, please follow this [link](#).

Index of Cambridge subjects and dates featured in the collection – Not Complete:

East Cambridge

Broad Canal and Charles River (with ice), ca. winter 1947
Brown-Durrell Co., 75 Cambridge Parkway (with yawl), ca. 1947
Cambridge Electric Light Co. at Broad Canal, ca. 1947
Interleaf Building, 1984
Lechmere Canal, ca. 1947, 1983
Lechmere Triangle, 1983
Middlesex County Courthouse, ca. 1947
Museum of Science, ca. 1950s

National Casket Co., ca. 1947
Sonesta/Charterhouse Hotel, before, during and after construction (aerial and ground)

Cambridgeport

Draper Labs site, 1983
Ford Assembly Plant (R.H. White), 640 Memorial Dr., ca. 1947
Howard Johnson Restaurant, Memorial Drive, ca. 1947
Hyatt Regency Hotel, ca. 1983
Kendall Square (during station expansion), 1985
Kendall Square Urban Renewal Area, before, during and after construction, 1947-1983
Level Brothers demolition, ca. 1948
MIT, Baker House under construction, nd
Magazine Beach, ca. 1947
Portland Street, B&A Railroad freight yards, ca. 1947
Simplex site, 1947
Smith House Restaurant, ca. 1947
Tech Square, before, during and after construction (aerial and ground), nd

Mid Cambridge

AS&E Building, 1983
Cambridge High School, ca. 1947
Cambridge Hospital, ca. 1947
City Hall, ca. 1947

Old Cambridge

1010 Memorial Drive, 1983 (aerial view)
First Parish Church and Old Burying Ground, 1981
Harvard Square (Treadway) Motor Inn (ground), 1983
Harvard Square, ca. 1947, 1981, 1983
Mount Auburn Hospital, 1949
Old Cambridge Baptist Church, ca. 1947
Quincy Square to Putnam Square, ca. 1947

Northwest Cambridge

Bethlehem Steel, ca. 1947
Blair Pond, 1981
Dewey & Almy, ca. 1947, 1981
Fresh Pond Shopping Center (Pyrofex Gas), ca. 1947
Fresh Pond Water Treatment Plant, ca. 1947
Henderson Carriage building (Hughes Automart), ca. 1947
Pyrofex Gas (Fresh Pond Shopping Center), ca. 1947
West End Iron Works, ca. 1947

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