

Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers Collection

1947-1989 [bulk 1940s-1960s]

The Hudson Area Library History Room

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Collection Title: Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers Collection

Collection ID: A2023-04

Creator: Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers

Extent: 1 linear foot (2 boxes, binder)

Dates: 1947-1989 [bulk 1940s-1960s]

Scope and Content Note: Located at 743 Warren Street in Hudson, Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers closed in 2013 after over 60 years in business. The studio was a local mainstay for graduation portraits and other life event photo sessions during the three generations they were in business. The Neefus family also photographed buildings, nature, and life in Hudson and across Columbia County, and processed photos for commercial use. The Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers Collection contains more than eighty sets of original negatives created by Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers between 1947 and 1989. Forty-six of these negatives were digitized by the library and printed as proof prints. The images document life in Hudson and Columbia County. Subjects and clients represented in this collection include, but are not limited to: various Hudson businesses (such as Grand Union, Kritzman-Maskin, Lawrence Tavern, General Worth Hotel, Smith's Tire Shop, Scovill's, and Paramount Grill) Hudson Firemen's Home, Red Mills in Claverack, Mount Washington House in Hillsdale, Columbia Country Club, Master's Farm in Copake Falls, State Bank of Albany, Swiss Farms in Philmont, House of History in Kinderhook, Rip Van Winkle Clinic, Filney Mills in Philmont, Lakeview Inn in Chatham; a 1948 Hudson flood, a 1958 snowfall, a Hudson soap box derby, Christmastime in Hudson 1947, the 1950 Hudson Halloween parade. This is a useful collection for anyone interested in learning more about buildings, businesses, and the history of the area, especially in the 1940s and 1950s.

Language: English

Repository: The Hudson Area Library History Room

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Acquisition information: The negatives in this collection were donated by Wendover (Wendy) Neefus III in 2013. Of these negatives, 46 were digitized, printed as proof prints, and also made available for viewing on the History Room computer.

Related Materials: For more historic photographs of Hudson please see:

- Hudson Area Library Historic Photographs Collection (currently processing)
- Rowles' Studio Collection, circa 1850s-1980s

Processing Information: Completed by archivist Nina Boutsikaris in the summer of 2023.

Arrangement: Negatives are arranged by year. Prints were organized in a binder by the History Room staff member who had them printed. There are two series: *I. Neefus Photographers Proof Prints, 1948-1973; II. Neefus Photographers Original Negatives: 1947-1976, 1983, 1989.*

Series I - Neefus Photographers Proof Prints, 1948-1973

Creator: Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers

Extent: 1 binder, 46 prints (5.5" × 8.5")

Scope and Content: Forty six prints made from original negatives that document buildings and businesses in downtown Hudson between 1948-1973. Subjects include Grand Union Fire, Lawrence Tavern, 1948 Hudson Flood, 1958 Hudson Snowfall, Bame Marine Supply, General Worth Hotel Fire, Chips Paint Store, Kritzman Maskin clothing store, Gray's furniture store, Paramount Grill, Royal Motel, Smith's Tire Shop, St. Mary's Fire, 1951 Warren St. Fire, and Mt. Carmel Church.

Series II - Neefus Photographers Original Negatives: 1947-1976, 1983, 1989

Creator: Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers

Extent: 2 boxes, approx 87 sets of negatives

Scope and Content: Approximately 87 sets of original negatives created by Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers between 1947 and 1989 for their local clients. The negatives document life in Hudson and Columbia County. Subjects and clients represented include, but are not limited to: various Hudson businesses (such as Grand Union, Kritzman Maskin, Lawrence Tavern, General Worth Hotel, Smith's Tire Shop, Scovill's, and Paramount Grill) Hudson Firemen's Home, Red Mills in Claverack, Mount Washington House in Hillsdale, Columbia Country Club, Master's Farm in Copake Falls, State Bank of Albany, Swiss Farms in Philmont, House of History in Kinderhook, Rip Van Winkle Clinic, Filney Mills in Philmont, Lakeview Inn in Chatham; a 1948 Hudson flood, a 1958 snowfall, a Hudson soap box derby, Christmastime in Hudson 1947, the 1950 Hudson Halloween parade.

Subjects

Buildings

Businesses

Hudson (N.Y.)—History—20th century

Columbia County (N.Y.)—History—20th century

Floods

Snow

Corporate Names

Jinny & Wendy Neefus Photographers

Geographic Locations

New York (State)—Hudson

New York (State)—Columbia County

Formats

Photographs

Negatives (Photographs)