

P0025 McNeil, Burton L. (1924-1998), Photographs, 1950  
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## INTRODUCTION

Images of Columbia in the 1950s taken by Burton L. McNeil, photographer for Julie's Studio. Images of a 1950 visit from Harry S Truman, who was receiving an honorary degree from the University of Missouri and was the commencement speaker. Additional images of Boone County Courthouse, Stephens College, Ellis Fischel Hospital, Hickman High School, Williams Barber Shop, and Columbia street views.

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Burton Lee McNeil was born on June 14, 1924 in Thompsonville, Illinois. A veteran of World War II, McNeil attended the University of Missouri. He then became a photographer for Julie's Studio in Columbia, Missouri, where he worked for thirty-five years. McNeil's family included his wife Pauline Cross, and children Greg, Allen, Joyce, and Brenda. He died on March 13, 1998.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These photographs provide a glimpse into mid-century Columbia, as well as coverage of President Harry S. Truman's visit in June of 1950. Truman was the commencement speaker for the University of Missouri and also received an honorary doctorate. The photographs depict Truman's arrival by train and the commencement ceremony at Memorial Stadium. Additional images cover several of Columbia's education, civic, and business buildings. The images are 4x5" black and white film negatives and are arranged by identifier.

IMAGE LIST

f. 1 McNeil, Burton L. (1924-1998), Photographs, 1950 25-01 – 25-18

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Date
25-01	Harry S. Truman and Forrest Smith	Harry Truman on train in Columbia with Governor Forrest Smith waving to crowd, during Truman's visit to Columbia for his University of Missouri commencement address and receipt of his honorary degree.	1950-06-09
25-02	Truman Visits Columbia	Harry Truman near train in Columbia with Governor Forrest Smith. Shaking hands with crowd, during Truman's visit to Columbia for his University of Missouri commencement address and receipt of his honorary degree.	1950-06-09
25-03	Truman Visits Columbia	Harry Truman near train in Columbia with Governor Forrest Smith, during Truman's visit to Columbia for his University of Missouri commencement address and receipt of his honorary degree.	1950-06-09
25-04	Truman Visits Columbia	Harry Truman waving from train in Columbia, during Truman's visit to Columbia for his University of Missouri commencement address and receipt of his honorary degree.	1950-06-09
25-05	Truman Visits Columbia	Harry Truman embarking on train in Columbia, during Truman's visit to Columbia for his University of Missouri commencement address and receipt of his honorary degree. Photographers and police man in foreground.	1950-06-09
25-06	Picnic	view of people gathered around refreshment table	1950 ca.
25-07	University of Missouri Commencement	view of people in academic regalia, shaking hands with unidentified. Commencement with Harry Truman as speaker.	1950-06-09
25-08	University of Missouri Commencement	view of people in academic regalia, shaking hands with unidentified. Commencement with Harry Truman as speaker.	1950-06-09
25-09	University of Missouri Commencement	view of graduates standing in academic regalia in front of stage at Memorial Stadium. Commencement with Harry Truman as speaker.	1950-06-09
25-10	Boone County Courthouse	exterior of courthouse with columns in foreground.	1950 ca.
25-11	Boone County Courthouse	exterior of courthouse through close-up of columns.	1950 ca.
25-12	Ellis Fischel Cancer Hospital	exterior, full view of hospital and grounds.	1950 ca.
25-13	Williams Barber Shop	exterior of 213 North Eight Street, view of windows with price of haircut and shave; next door is Busy Bee Barber shop, owned by Ruey McGinn (211 North Eight Street).	1950 ca.
25-14	Visit Columbia Sign	sign advertising "Visit Columbia" with image of the University of Missouri and columns, mentions Columbia College and Stephens College	1950 ca.
25-15	Hickman Hall	exterior of Hickman Hall on the campus of Stephens College	1950 ca.
25-16	Hickman Hall	exterior of Hickman Hall on the campus of Stephens College	1950 ca.
25-17	David H. Hickman High School	exterior view.	1950 ca.

25-18	Highway 40	view of Highway 40 with gas stations and cafes. E-F Café, Home Café, Conoco, Phillips 66 and Standard Oil gas stations visible.	1950 ca.
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