

P0148 Tranquille, Dante O. (1905-1981), Photographs, 1949

104 photographs

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INTRODUCTION

This collection consists of 104 images taken by Dante O. Tranquille, a photojournalist who worked at the Utica [New York] Observer-Dispatch in the mid-twentieth century. He visited Missouri in May 1949, likely to attend the Missouri Photo Workshop, and photographed areas in St. Louis, McBaine, and Columbia.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was purchased by the State Historical Society of Missouri on August 18, 2006 (Accession #027752/2006.003).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dante O. Tranquille was born on December 10, 1905 in Utica, New York, where he was a life-long resident. His career with Utica newspapers, including the Observer-Dispatch and Utica Press, began in 1937. By 1944 he became chief photographer, a position he held until his retirement in 1972. Tranquille received numerous professional awards, including honors from the New York State Associated Press and the TWA award. He died on April 19, 1981.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Photographs by Dante O. Tranquille provide a glimpse into mid-century Missouri, primarily in Columbia, by an outside observer. Tranquille visited Columbia in May of 1949, likely as a participant in the first Missouri Photo Workshop. Overall, coverage includes the St. Louis riverfront, African-Americans, pre-urban renewal housing, MKT trains and infrastructure, trailers for former GIs at the University of Missouri, and Columbia's downtown. The images are black and white film negatives and are arranged by creation location.

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IMAGE LIST

f. 1 McBaine 148-001 – 148-016, 148-050 – 148-055

Identifier	Title	Description
148-001	MKT Railroad	railroad tracks located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-002	MKT Railroad	railroad tracks located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-003	MKT Railroad	railroad tracks located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-004	MKT Railroad Depot	train depot at night with sign for "Western Union Telegraph Cable Office"
148-005	MKT Railroad Depot	train depot at night, located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-006	MKT Railroad Depot	Train depot at night, located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-007	McBaine Post Office	Front exterior view of U.S. Post Office located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-008	McBaine Post Office Sign	Sign on front of U.S. Post Office building located in McBaine, Missouri
148-009	Perche Creek Bridge	MKT Railroad bridge crossing Perche Creek, located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-010	McBaine	Street scene with businesses located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-011	Dilapidated Restaurant	Exterior view of deteriorating building located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-012	Dilapidated Restaurant	Exterior view of deteriorating building located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-013	Dilapidated Restaurant	Exterior view of deteriorating building located in McBaine, Missouri.
148-014	Man on Porch	Unidentified black man seated on front porch in McBaine
148-015	Man on Porch	Unidentified black man seated on front porch in McBaine
148-016	"Colored Gent at McBaine"	Unidentified black man seated on front porch in McBaine
148-050	Boy	Unidentified child seated on hood of jeep.
148-051	Boy	Unidentified child seated on hood of jeep.
148-052	Boy	Unidentified child seated on hood of jeep.
148-053	Boy	Image of unidentified child's feet hanging from top of jeep.
148-054	Abandoned Building	Interior view looking out window into unidentified yard.
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f. 2 St. Louis 148-017 – 148-036

Identifier	Title	Description
148-017	Basilica of St. Louis, King of France	Exterior view of the Old Cathedral located in St. Louis.
148-018	Basilica of St. Louis, King of France	Interior view of the Old Cathedral sanctuary and altar in St. Louis.
148-019	Basilica of St. Louis, King of France	Interior view of the Old Cathedral sanctuary and altar in St. Louis.

148-020	Meeting of the Waters' Fountain	Fountain in Aloe Plaza, outside of Union Station.
148-021	Meeting of the Waters' Fountain	Fountain in Aloe Plaza and exterior of Union Station
148-022	Meeting of the Waters' Fountain	Fountain in Aloe Plaza and exterior of the Century Electric Building, across Chestnut Street.
148-023	Meeting of the Waters' Fountain	Fountain in Aloe Plaza and exterior of Union Station
148-024	St. Louis Riverfront	Mississippi Riverfront scene from St. Louis, various boats along the shoreline, and the MacArthur Bridge in the background.
148-025	St. Louis Riverfront	Mississippi Riverfront scene from St. Louis, various boats along the shoreline, and the MacArthur Bridge in the background.
148-026	H.S. Douglas	"H. S. Douglas" boat on the Mississippi River.
148-027	SS Admiral	Admiral excursion boat docked on the Mississippi River, near Eads Bridge
148-028	SS Admiral	Admiral excursion boat docked on the Mississippi River
148-029	SS Admiral	Admiral excursion boat docked on the Mississippi River
148-030	Boat on the Mississippi River	Unidentified boat on Mississippi River in St. Louis.
148-031	Goldenrod Showboat	Goldenrod Showboat at dock on the Mississippi River.
148-032	Goldenrod Showboat	Goldenrod Showboat at dock on the Mississippi River.
148-033	Goldenrod Showboat	Goldenrod Showboat at dock on the Mississippi River.
148-034	Mississippi River	view of the Mississippi River in St. Louis
148-035	Boat on the Mississippi River	Unidentified boat on Mississippi River in St. Louis.
148-036	Sketching at the Riverfront	A black man and woman sitting and drawing at the St. Louis riverfront.

f. 3 Columbia 148-037 – 148-049, 148-058 – 148-104

Identifier	Title	Description
148-037	Abandoned House	Exterior view of unidentified house.
148-038	Man with Newspaper	Unidentified black man seated in front of row of houses. Laundry hangs to dry along the fence line.
148-039	Couple on Sidewalk	couple, from behind, walking down the sidewalk near Stephens College.
148-040	Couple on Sidewalk	couple, from behind, walking down the sidewalk near Stephens College.
148-041	Walnut Street	View looking east along Walnut Street.
148-042	Walnut Street	View looking east along Walnut Street.
148-043	Walnut Street	View looking east along Walnut Street.
148-044	MKT Passenger Depot	Front exterior view of MKT Passenger Depot on the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street.
148-045	409 W Broadway	Front exterior view of house with a child in a playpen.

148-046	409 W Broadway	Front exterior view of house with a child in a playpen.
148-047	Telegraph Operator	View of a telegraph operator working through a window at night.
148-048	MKT Railroad Sign	M-K-T Lines sign at night.
148-049	MKT Passenger	Interior view of train, unidentified man sleeping.
148-058	Fairway Village	young girl standing outside a trailer in Fairway Village
148-059	Fairway Village	young girl standing outside a trailer in Fairway Village
148-060	Fairway Village	two young children seated outside trailers in Fairway Village
148-061	Fairway Village	
148-062	Fairway Village	children walking through rows of trailers
148-063	Fairway Village	
148-064	Fairway Village	
148-065	Fairway Village	
148-066	Fairway Village	boy sitting by rows of trailers
148-067	Fairway Village	
148-068	Fairway Village	
148-069	House	unidentified house in Columbia, Missouri.
148-070	Children	unidentified black girls standing in a doorway
148-071	Men	two unidentified black men seated on a bench in Columbia, Missouri.
148-072	House	unidentified house in Columbia, Missouri.
148-073	Police Officer	black police officer, Richard Clarkson, directing traffic in Columbia, Missouri.
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148-075	Children	unidentified black children sitting outside, located in Columbia, Missouri.
148-076	Girls	four unidentified black girls standing by a telephone pole in Columbia, Missouri.
148-077	Jesse Hall	Interior view of Jesse Hall, great hall, showing 2 unidentified people walking in front doors.
148-078	Jesse Hall	Interior view of Jesse Hall, great hall, front doors at opposite end are open.
148-079	Francis Quadrangle	Francis Quadrangle and the Columns on the University of Missouri campus, unidentified man and woman seated in foreground.
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148-081	Francis Quadrangle	Francis Quadrangle and the Columns on the University of Missouri campus, unidentified man and woman seated in foreground.
148-082	Francis Quadrangle	Francis Quadrangle and the Columns on the University of Missouri campus, unidentified man and

		woman seated in foreground.
148-083	Columns	Columns on the University of Missouri campus, part of Francis Quadrangle.
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148-087	Francis Quadrangle	Jesse Hall and the Columns, University of Missouri, Columbia campus.
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148-089	Neff Hall Archway	Neff Hall, unidentified student walking under arch.
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148-091	Couple on Sidewalk	couple, from behind, walking down the sidewalk near Stephens College at the corner of Waugh Street and Broadway.
148-092	Columbia Water Tower	Water tower located in Columbia, Missouri.
148-093	Columbia Water Tower	Water tower located in Columbia, Missouri.
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148-095	Columbia Water Tower	Water tower and adjacent house located in Columbia, Missouri.
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148-097	Writing a Ticket	Police officer, Richard Clarkson, writing a parking ticket for a car parked at meters along Broadway
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148-099	Broadway	looking east down Broadway
148-100	Broadway	man walking down the sidewalk of Broadway, cars parked alongside at meters
148-101	Broadway	looking west down Broadway, cars parked on each side with a man walking on the sidewalk.
148-102	Broadway	Broadway looking east, cars parked on each side with unidentified men walking on sidewalk.
148-103	Broadway	looking east on Broadway , cars parked on each side with unidentified men walking on sidewalk.
148-104	Broadway	Broadway looking east, cars parked on each side.

f. 4 Unknown Location 148-056 – 148-057

Identifier	Title	Description
148-056	MKT Railroad Cars	M-K-T Railroad cars at unidentified location.
148-057	Man Asleep	Unidentified man asleep while seated at table.