



Edd Ingram Photographs (P0279)

Collection Number: P0279

Collection Title: Edd Ingram Photographs

Dates: 1904-1918

Creator: Ingram, George Edward, 1889-1979

Abstract: Photographs by Edd Ingram of Edgar Springs, Missouri, primarily in glass plate negative format. Ingram captured early twentieth-century individual and group portraits, school portraits, and images of rural activities, industries, and agriculture. Identified locations pictured are in south central Missouri and cover portions of Phelps, Pulaski, Dent, Texas, and Crawford counties.

Collection Size: 1.71 cubic feet
(396 glass plate negatives, 13 photographs)

Language: Captions on photographs are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Other Finding Aid: Individual descriptions for each photograph are available in conjunction with the digital reproductions.

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Historical Note:

George Edward Ingram, better known as Edd Ingram, was born on December 13, 1889, southeast of Edgar Springs in Phelps County, Missouri, to Abraham E. and Lucy Ingram. Beginning as a young man, Ingram took photographs of the greater south central Missouri region with a glass negative dry plate camera. He attempted becoming a professional photographer in Phelps County and the surrounding area, as well as in Oklahoma, but worked primarily as a farmer in Edgar Springs.

According to family lore, Mr. Ingram gave up photography around 1918. For a time, he worked for the American Car Company in St. Louis, but left that job after a leg injury. In 1921, he married Virgie Finley. They had three children. In the early 1950s, Mr. Ingram wired homes for electricity. Mr. Ingram died on April 22, 1979, in Rolla, Missouri.

Arrangement:

Photographs have been arranged by format, size, and subject as follows:

- 5x7 Glass Plate Negatives
- 3.25x5.5 Glass Plate Negatives
- 4x5 Glass Plate Negatives
- Photographic Prints

Scope and Content Note:

The collection includes glass plate negatives and photographic prints taken by Edd Ingram. Apart from two images that have both a print and a negative, the images are unique within the collection. The majority of the photographs lack identifying information but provide documentation of rural dress and activities for the greater south central Missouri region in the early twentieth century.

The largest group of identified images are group portraits of schoolchildren at rural schools in Phelps, Pulaski, Dent, Texas, and Crawford counties. Many of these portraits indicate the name of the school and the date. Some also include the teacher, in the photo and/or identified by name. Other identified locations include Edgar Springs, Slabtown, Lecomma, and Cook Station. Subjects include schools, outdoor recreation, portraits, agriculture, industry, and buildings. Most of the images include people.

Prints corresponding to glass negatives are numbered with the same identifier.

Container List:

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