

P0437 Colby, James M. (1883-1960), Photographic Postcards, ca. 1910

116 photographic postcards

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INTRODUCTION

Photographic postcards, ca. 1910, of houses, schools, and churches in Queen City, Green Ridge, Higbee, Centralia, Calhoun, Windsor, Clarence, Cairo, and Kirksville. Photographs by James Colby of Wausau, WI and his Northern Photo Company.

DONOR INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James M. Colby was born on April 13, 1883 in Big Rapids, Michigan. He moved to Wauseau, Wisconsin, in 1896; he lived and worked there for much of his life. Following high school, he taught in Stettin and the Plover-Caston area of Wisconsin. Originally he took up photography as a hobby, but in 1909 Colby began photographing professionally and founded the Northern Photo Company, where he acted as president and manager. The firm made photographic and colored postcards, focusing on scenery and buildings in central and northern Wisconsin. Postcards were sold by sales staff to retail outlets. Colby traveled from town to town by train and made photographs of local features. Later, additional staff took over field and sales work. In 1913, Colby bought out his partners in the Northern Photo Company.

Colby also worked as a studio photographer, particularly after the postcard business became less profitable, and focused on portraiture. Colby retired in 1956 and died on March 27, 1960.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Photographic postcards are arranged geographically by creation location.

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IMAGE LIST

f. 1 Queen City, Kirksville 437-001 – 437-014

Identifier	Title	Description	Creation Location
437-001	Queen City Square	view showing west and south sides of Queen City town square with horses and wagons and carriages waiting in street; C. W. Hight Drugstore on west side; Biggs Furniture, E. F. Roberts Grocery; B and B Grocers and Queen City Leader businesses on south side	Queen City
437-002	Queen City Square	b/w real photo postcard; view showing west and south sides of Queen City town square with horses and wagons and carriages waiting; Cook and Lind Dry Goods on west side	Queen City
437-003	East Side Public Square	view of houses and street	Queen City
437-004	West Side of Square	b/w real photo postcard; west side of Queen City square showing C. W. Hight Drugstore and Cook and Lind Dry Goods	Queen City
437-005	Residential Street	view from side of street	Queen City
437-006	Residential Street	view from center of street	Queen City
437-007	High School	exterior corner view	Queen City
437-008	Hospital	exterior view	Queen City
437-009	Christian Church	exterior view	Queen City
437-010	Methodist Church	exterior view	Queen City
437-011	St. Marks Lutheran Church	exterior view	Queen City
437-012	RR Depot	exterior view from tracks	Queen City
437-013	Greetings of Christmas	Christmas postcard from Queen City	Queen City
437-014	North Methodist Episcopal Church	exterior view	Kirksville

f. 2 Clarence 437-015 – 437-023

Identifier	Title	Description
437-015	S. Center Street	looking north on S. Center St.
437-016	A Busy Day	people at railroad depot
437-017	Roller Mills	exterior view of mill and train cars
437-018	Culver Hotel	exterior view of hotel and street
437-019	Olive Hotel	man standing in front of hotel
437-020	Baptist Church	exterior view
437-021	Christian Church	exterior view
437-022	S. Center St. M. E. Church	exterior view

437-023	College Boarding House	exterior view
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f. 3 Cairo

437-024 – 437-038

Identifier	Title	Description
437-024	Street scene	view of street in Cairo
437-025	Street scene	view of street in Cairo from across RR tracks
437-026	Street scene	view of street and RR tracks
437-027	Wabash Depot	Exterior of Depot and train
437-028	Wabash Depot	Exterior of Depot
437-029	Seasons Greetings	Christmas postcard from Cairo
437-030	School Children	group of children & teachers standing in front of school
437-031	School Children	children in front of school
437-032	School Building	exterior view in snow
437-033	Cairo Hotel	exterior view in snow
437-034	Brick Business Block	exterior of brick buildings used for business
437-035	Brick Business Block	exterior of brick buildings used for business
437-036	Presbyterian Church	exterior view
437-037	Christian Church	exterior view
437-038	Baptist Church	exterior view

f. 4 Higbee

437-039 – 437-051

Identifier	Title	Description
437-039	Chicago & Alton Railroad Depot	exterior of the Chicago & Alton Railroad Depot in Higbee with unidentified people outside
437-040	MKT Railroad Depot	men standing in front of depot at Higbee
437-041	Walton's New Mine	exterior view in snow
437-042	Scene at Mine #11	men standing in front of mine
437-043	Mine Number Eleven	exterior view of mine
437-044	C. & A. RR Bridge	view of bridge from bank
437-045	Lake scene	small lake from the bank
437-046	Main Street	shows men gathered in street and horse-drawn cart
437-047	Main Street	shows children gathered in street, women on side-walk, and horse-drawn carriages
437-048	Main Street	view along Main Street in Higbee, Missouri
437-049	Main Street	shows horse-drawn carriages driving up street and men on the roof of a building to left
437-050	Baptist church	exterior view of front.
437-051	A Church	exterior view

f. 5 Centralia

437-052 – 437-067

Identifier	Title	Description
437-052	Allen Street	view down Allen Street in Centralia, Missouri
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437-054	Chicago & Alton Depot	exterior view; unidentified man waiting for train to arrive
437-055	Bank of Centralia	exterior view, with nearby Robinson & Dawson Shoes, Wiseman's Store, and Dr. J. T. Nickerson's office; unidentified individuals talking on street corner
437-056	M.S. Bush Furniture Store	exterior view; unidentified individuals standing out front
437-057	Colored School	Brick building with children and teachers standing outside
437-058	Centralia High School	black and white photo of exterior
437-059	First Christian Church	exterior
437-060	Allen Street Methodist Church	exterior
437-061	Water Tower	View of water tower and neighboring building
437-062	Burton, A., House	exterior, unidentified people, possibly Burton and family on porch.
437-063	Patterson, M T, House	exterior front, unidentified man and two women (possibly Patterson family) on porch, located on corner of Barr and Singleton Streets, in 1905 one of J A Johnson's residences
437-064	Noel, J G, House	exterior front, unidentified woman and young girl on sidewalk
437-065	Green, W L, House	exterior front and side, located on corner of Collier and Sneed Street, 1905 owned by Letha J. McBride
437-066	Bush, M. S., House	exterior front
437-067	Earley, Charles, House	exterior front emphasizing chimney corner, located on corner of Sneed and Bradford Street, 1905 Home of R L Hope, later, residence of A B Chance, then Centralia Historical Museum

f. 6 Green Ridge

437-068 – 437-084

Identifier	Title	Description
437-068	Missouri, Kansas & Texas Depot	exterior of the M.K.T. Railroad Depot in Green Ridge, Missouri
437-069	Greetings from Greenridge, MO.	collage of images of Green Ridge, including public school students, railroad depot, grain elevator, and buildings
437-070	Green Ridge	view of horses and buggies parked on the side of a street
437-071	Green Ridge	view down an unidentified street in Green Ridge, Missouri
437-072	Grain Elevator	exterior of grain elevator, with workers outside
437-073	Public School	exterior view of public school building
437-074	Public School Students	group photo of unidentified students of the First Room
437-075	Public School Students	group photo of unidentified students of the Second Room
437-076	Public School Students	group photo of unidentified students of the Third Room

437-077	Post Office	exterior of the Green Ridge Post Office with clerks and mail carriers standing out front
437-078	Methodist Episcopal Church	exterior of the Methodist Episcopal Church building in Green Ridge, Missouri
437-079	Baptist Church	exterior of the Baptist Church building in Green Ridge, Missouri
437-080	Christian Church	exterior of the Christian Church building in Green Ridge, Missouri
437-081	Congregational Church	exterior of the Congregational Church building in Green Ridge, Missouri
437-082	House	exterior view of home with upper porch
437-083	House	exterior of home with wrap-around porch
437-084	Woman	interior view with unidentified woman sitting at a piano

f. 7 Windsor 437-085 – 437-101

Identifier	Title	Description
437-085	Main Street	view from center of street of buildings
437-086	Main Street	north side of Main Street
437-087	Windsor	houses along street
437-088	Windsor	houses along street
437-089	Windsor Residences	houses along street
437-090	MKT Railroad Depot	exterior view
437-091	Rock Island Depot	exterior view
437-092	Post Office	exterior view with group of people standing in front
437-093	Hotel Campbell	exterior corner view
437-094	Hotel Windsor	exterior corner view
437-095	Baptist Church	exterior view
437-096	M. E. Church	exterior view
437-097	Congregational Church	exterior view
437-098	Christian Church	exterior view
437-099	Laurel Oak Cemetery	view of gravestones and trees
437-100	Laurel Oak Cemetery	entrance to cemetery
437-101	Winter Moonlight in Rock Island Park	view of water and park in moonlight

f. 8 Calhoun 437-102 – 437-116

Identifier	Title	Description
437-102	Main Street West	businesses on Main Street
437-103	North Side of Square	businesses on Main Street
437-104	East Side of Square	businesses and residences on Main Street
437-105	West Side of the Square	view along the west side of the square in Calhoun, including businesses, sidewalks,

		pedestrians, and horses with carts
437-106	Scene in Residence section	homes along street
437-107	Scene in Calhoun	residences
437-108	Missouri, Kansas & Texas depot	b/w photo postcard, exterior view; two men sitting outside.
437-109	High School	exterior view
437-110	City Hall	exterior corner view
437-111	Baptist Church	exterior view
437-112	Methodist Church	exterior view
437-113	Presbyterian Church	exterior view
437-114	Christian Church	exterior view
437-115	Hundred Foot Bluff	bluff with ice flowing over into river
437-116	Gutridge's Clay Pit	two men, horses & wagon in clay pit