

MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOOD OF 1927 ALBUM
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SUMMARY

Size.	1 linear foot
Geographic locations.	Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1925-1928
Bulk dates.	1927
Language.	English.
Summary.	Photograph album containing 214 images of the 1927 Mississippi River flood; one photostatic copy of a check; one newspaper clipping
Restrictions on access.	None.
Related collections.	None.
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Mississippi River Flood of 1927 Album is a visual record of selected Louisiana losses from the 1927 Mississippi Basin flood. One of the worst natural disasters to occur in the U.S., this flood took the lives of thousands, made refugees of hundreds of thousands, and caused vast destruction. The photo album was prepared for O. K. Allen (1882-1936), Chairman, Louisiana Highway Commission and later Governor, and presumably used for securing Federal disaster aid. This album became the property of George Cobb Everett (1885-1946), LSU Board Supervisor and member of the committee sent to Washington, D.C. in 1927 to secure funds for rebuilding destroyed roads and bridges. Most of the photographs are identified as the work of Baton Rouge photographer, Jasper G. Ewing. Some of the photographs were published in the *Fourth Biennial Report of the Louisiana Highway Commission of the State of Louisiana, 1926-1928*.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The album contains 214 black and white photographs showing flood damage to roads, bridges, and buildings primarily in the Atchafalaya River region and the town of Melville, Louisiana. Besides images of damage, the photographs include depictions of repair crews, levees, barges, crevasses, and railroads. Some photos pre-date the flood and a few depict scenes from non-flooded areas. The album includes a photostatic copy of the first check for one-half the amount of Federal disaster money paid to Louisiana and a newspaper clipping concerning Louisiana's implementation of the first gasoline tax.

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CONTAINER LIST

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U:243	1	One photograph album containing 214 images