

## Guide to the Skeets Calvin Collection 2000.04

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**Title** Skeets Calvin Collection  
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### **Name and location of Repository**

Hazel E. Johnson Research Center  
Greeley History Museum  
714 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Greeley, Colorado 80631  
Phone: (970) 336-4187  
Email: museums@greeleygov.com  
URL: <http://greeleymuseums.com>

### **Collection Summary**

**Dates** 1910-1999  
**Bulk Dates** 1941-1999  
**Level of description** Collection  
**Extent** 15.4 cubic feet  
**Creator(s)** Millard "Skeets" Darwin Calvin

### **Administrative/Biographical History**

**Millard "Skeets" Darwin Calvin** (1916-1999), life-long Greeley area resident. Raised on family farm near Kuner. Began photography career in Greeley at Gardner Studio about 1940. Joined U.S. Army Air Force (76th Bomber Squadron 1st Air Corps) March 11, 1942. Photographer for the Army Air Force during World War II serving in both Europe and the Pacific. Honorable discharge 1946. Post-war career: photo journalist for Greeley Tribune 1946-1950; Greeley Rodeo photographer 1950-1975; campus photographer for Colorado State College (CSC) 1956; photo journalist Greeley Journal 1968-1975; freelance photographer 1976-1999; photography show 1992. Married Juanita Goodwin-Cain 1948 and adopted Larry Cain, Juanita's son from a previous marriage, about 1949. Unknown date of divorce. Married Loretta Ann Droesler 1956. Received GED 1952. Member of Greeley VFW Post 2121 1946-1999 and commander 1954-1965, 1984/85, and 1990/91. Member of several various outdoor clubs. Relevant other employment: Bartender at Dutch's 1971 and Swamper at Roasty's 1980-1999.

**Carol Rein Shwayder** (1931-2010), long-time resident of Greeley, Colorado. Produced multi-volume publication titled "Weld County Old and New" on the history and people/families of Weld County.

**JoAnna Luth Stull** (1955-), Weld County resident since 1981 and friend and fellow genealogist of Carol Rein Shwayder. She worked at Kersey as the Interim Town and Court Clerk in 1999. JoAnna worked as interpretive staff at the City of Greeley Museums from 1994-1996 and came on as regular staff in August of 1999. She became Registrar for the Museums in 2005.

### **Scope and Content**

Photographs, negatives, slides and documents related to the photography career and personal photography pursuits of Skeets Calvin. Major topics include images taken during World War II while Calvin was overseas in Europe and the Pacific; buildings and events in Weld County or that affected Weld County, such as water projects in Larimer County; personal vacation trips; and portrait photography in various settings, weddings, businesses, homes, etc.

### **System of**

#### **Arrangement**

Folders were divided into broad topics of "Events," "Places," and "People." Material types are kept together under these topics. Items alphabetized according to subtitle and then to the topical title of the folder. People's names are alphabetized by last name when present. When known, creator's titles for folders were utilized. 3-D objects have been removed and stored with other 3-D materials.

### **Conditions**

#### **governing access**

There are no restrictions on the access of this collection.

### **Conditions**

#### **governing reproduction and use**

Must credit Skeets Calvin Collection

### **Languages and**

#### **scripts of the materials**

English

### **Custodial**

#### **History**

Mary Lou Solomon, who cared for Skeets in his later years, was the estate executor and cared for the materials upon his death. She provided access to the collection to local historian, Carol Rein Shwayder, for her research.

**Immediate Source  
of Acquisition**

Mary Lou Solomon on April 14, 2000 through a donation.

**Related Archival  
Materials**

City of Greeley Museums accession # 2012.94  
City of Greeley Museums accession #2013.55  
Materials held at the University of Northern Colorado Archives

**Notes**

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Skeets Calvin Collection, 2000.04

**Names**

Andersons  
Behrmann, Bernie  
Behrmann, Eleanor  
Bohlander  
Calvin, Anna Eliza Van Horn  
Calvin, Betty  
Calvin, Everett Monroe  
Calvin, Juanita Goodwin  
Calvin, Larry Allan Cain  
Calvin, Lewis Monroe  
Calvin, Loretta Ann Droesler  
Calvin, Millard Darwin "Skeets", 1916-1999  
Calvin, William Van  
Cambell, Glen  
Chamberlain, Gary D.  
Conklin, Carol Lorene Hafkey  
Cypers, Vince  
Cypher  
Daniels  
Davis, Curt  
Dunn, Phyllis Lenore Plumb  
Enders, Dick  
Erickson  
Fraizers  
Freeman, Barbara Jean DeHart  
Fulkner  
George  
Goodman  
Goodwin  
Griffen, Chet  
Gunder, Jackie Marie Kercher  
Hancocks  
Hansen  
Hansen, Norman  
Hartmans, Bill

Hause, J. Gilbert  
Hayes, Dick  
Hendman  
Hobbs, Terry M.  
Hotches  
Johnson, Mae  
Jones  
Kingery, Margaret Elaine Zimmerman  
Korman  
Lakin, Frank Pierce  
Langshaw, Melvin Scott  
Leach, Dorothy Calvin  
Lord  
Lyons, Ruth  
Mackey  
Martin  
Meeker  
Meyer, Douglas  
Moody  
Munoz, Albert  
Munoz, Helen  
Munoz, Pat  
Murrey, Ben Jr.  
Nardin  
Neents, Evelyn  
Nigg, Herbert  
Norcross  
O'delle  
O'Keefe  
Oliver, Floyd  
Porter  
Price, Jana Dee Ragan  
Rauchenstein, Patricia Elaine Ross  
Reiff  
Reiff, Guy Gene  
Sanderson  
Schneider  
Stephens  
Stone  
Swisher, Clark  
Tatman, Barbara K. Johnson Smith  
Trelton  
Trebath, Cynthia Ann Sutherland  
Tuyner, Hank  
Vance  
Vigel, Flora

Walker  
Warren  
Wood, Bill  
Yeager, Chris  
Zabka, Dorothy Martin

## Places

Alva B. Adams Tunnel (Colo.)  
Bald Mountain Pressure Tunnel (Colo.)  
Berger & Company (LaSalle, Colo.)  
Brush (Colo.)  
Cache la Poudre River (Colo.)  
Carter Lake Reservoir (Colo.)  
Cheyenne (Wyo.)  
Colorado State College (Greeley, Colo.)  
Colorado State College of Education  
Columbine Bowl (Greeley, Colo.)  
Cranford Hall (Greeley, Colo.)  
D & D Bean Company (Greeley, Colo.)  
England  
Estes Park (Colo.)  
Europe  
Evangelical Free Church (Greeley, Colo.)  
F.W. Woolworth Company (Greeley, Colo.)  
Farr Farms Company  
Farr Feeders Inc. (Greeley, Colo.)  
Flatiron Powerplant (Colo.)  
Fort Collins (Colo.)  
France  
Galeton (Colo.)  
Germany  
Glenmere Park (Greeley, Colo.)  
Great Western Sugar Company  
Greeley (Colo.)  
Greeley (Colo.). Police Department  
Greeley Chamber of Commerce (Greeley, Colo.)  
Greeley Community Building (Greeley, Colo.)  
Greeley Daily Tribune (Colo.)  
Greeley Gas Company  
Greeley High School (Greeley, Colo.)  
Greeley Mall (Greeley, Colo.)  
Greeley Post Office (Greeley, Colo.)  
Greeley Union Pacific Railroad Depot (Greeley, Colo.)  
Grover (Colo.)  
Home Lite & Power Co. (Greeley, Colo.)  
Horsetooth Reservoir (Colo.)  
Jackson Field (Greeley, Colo.)

Japan  
Kersey (Colo.)  
Kersey High School (Kersey, Colo.)  
Kuner (Colo.)  
La Salle (Colo.)  
Lincoln Park (Greeley, Colo.)  
Lucerne (Colo.)  
Meeker Junior High School (Greeley, Colo.)  
Murphy Lumber Co.  
Olympus Tunnel (Colo.)  
Orchard (Colo.)  
Pawnee Buttes (Colo.)  
Peters Pop Corn & Confections (Greeley, Colo.)  
Ramada Inn (Greeley, Colo.)  
Roasty's Steakhouse (Greeley, Colo.)  
Rocky Mountain National Park (Colo.)  
Seeley Lake (Colo.)  
Sunrise Community Health Center (Greeley, Colo.)  
Union Colony Civic Center  
University of Northern Colorado  
Warnoco Roller Rink  
Weld County (Colo.)  
Weld County Courthouse (Greeley, Colo.)  
Weld County General Hospital (Greeley, Colo.)  
Weld County Veterans Memorial (Greeley, Colo.)

**Subjects**

Buildings  
Nature  
Oil wells  
Portrait photographs  
Railroads  
Rodeos  
Vacations  
Veterans' organizations  
Water supply  
Weather  
World War, 1939-1945.

**Document Forms**

Digital images  
Documents  
Negatives  
Objects  
Photographs  
Photograph albums  
Postcards  
Slides

Yearbooks

**Occupations**          Photographer

## **Contents**

### **Series I: Events**

Archival materials that are primarily significant for the occurrence or time period they came from such as images taken during World War II, parades, weddings, etc.

#### **Subseries A: Colorado**

Events known to take place in Colorado, but outside of Greeley

#### **Subseries B: Greeley**

Events known to take place in Greeley, Colorado

#### **Subseries C: Greeley Water Supply**

Images of project events that affect/provide Greeley's water supply

#### **Subseries D: Holidays**

Related to holiday celebrations

#### **Subseries E: Life**

Related to life events, such as birthdays and deaths

#### **Subseries F: Nature**

Related to major events caused by weather

#### **Subseries G: Trips**

Primarily composed of images, which Skeets took while on trips in Colorado and further afield

#### **Subseries H: Unknown**

From creator's original titles on the folders, images are known to be events, but location(s) are unknown

#### **Subseries I: Weddings**

Commissioned images taken by Skeets of weddings

#### **Subseries J: WWII**

Materials related to Skeets's service in World War II, including images that he took.

### **Series II: People**

Archival materials that are primarily significant for the person or people being documented, which includes mainly portrait photography in various settings.

**Subseries A: Family**

Images related to family groups, excluding portrait photography

**Subseries B: Groups**

Images of groups of people, excluding families

**Subseries C: Portrait**

Portrait photography images taken by Skeets, primarily commissioned work

**Series III: Places**

Archival materials that are primarily significant for the location they document, which includes elements of nature, businesses, and towns.

**Subseries A: Colorado**

Images taken of locations in the state of Colorado, but outside of Greeley, Colorado.

**Subseries B: Greeley**

Images taken of location in Greeley, Colorado other than those focused on business locations

**Subseries C: Greeley Businesses**

Principal subject matter is of the locations of businesses that were located in Greeley, Colorado at the time the image was taken

**Subseries D: Nature**

Principal subject matter is related to various elements of the natural world

**Subseries E: Outside Colorado**

Locations are outside the state of Colorado

**Subseries F: Transportation**

Principal subject matter is related to modes of transportation

**Subseries G: Unknown**

Places with unknown locations

**Container List**

**Series I: Events**

**Subseries A: Colorado**

**Box Folder**

8 1-9

13 134-201

14 1-19



**Subseries B: Greeley****Box Folder**

F:\Raw Images

8 10-34

9 1-39

14 20-176

15 1-17

**Subseries C: Greeley Water Supply****Box Folder**

15 18-41

**Subseries D: Holidays****Box Folder**

9 40-42

10 1-8

15 42-62

**Subseries E: Life****Box Folder**

10 9-15

15 63-65

**Subseries F: Nature****Box Folder**

10 16-18

**Subseries G: Trips****Box Folder**

10 19-28

15 66-155

**Subseries H: Unknown****Box Folder**

10 29-34

15 156-167

**Subseries I: Weddings****Box Folder**

10 35-36

15 168-187

16 1-139

**Subseries J: WWII**

**Box Folder**

11 1-38

19 5-7

**Series II: People**

**Subseries A: Family**

**Box Folder**

1 1-54

2 1-11

16 140-141

**Subseries B: Groups**

**Box Folder**

2 12-20

16 142-163

19 8

**Subseries C: Portrait**

**Box Folder**

2 21-23

16 164-182

17 1-135

**Series III: Places**

**Subseries A: Colorado**

**Box Folder**

3 1-24

12 1-103

18 1-6

**Subseries B: Greeley**

**Box Folder**

3 25-30

4 1-35

12 104-162

18 7

**Subseries C: Greeley Businesses**

**Box Folder**

4 36-50

12 163-201

13 1-10

**Subseries D: Nature**

**Box Folder**

5	1-42
6	1-21
13	11-88
18	8-15
19	1

**Subseries E: Outside Colorado**

**Box Folder**

6	22-33
13	89-102

**Subseries F: Transportation**

**Box Folder**

7	1-8
19	2

**Subseries G: Unknown**

**Box Folder**

7	9-30
13	103-133
19	3-4