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GEORGE ROGERS CLARK NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, 23 JULY 1934

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 1 folder of photographs

COLLECTION
DATES: 23 July 1934

PROVENANCE: H. E. Armstead, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1934

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS: (P 0307) George Rogers Clark Memorial Construction Photographs, 1931–1933; (P 0325) Ezra Winter Murals in the George Rogers Clark Memorial Photographs, ca. 1941.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1934.0903

NOTES:

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Construction of the George Rogers Clark Memorial in George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, Vincennes, Indiana, began 1 September 1931. The memorial was one feature in the construction of the park. The Indiana George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial Commission directed the project. Architect Frederic Charles Hiron designed the memorial. Local labor completed the memorial in spring 1933. President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the structure and the park on 14 June 1936.

The obituary for Harry E. Armstead states that he was a “retired insurance man and former aerial photographer.” Armstead’s aerial photography included aerial mosaics, Civilian Conservation Corps camps, and images used by the *Indianapolis Star* rotogravure section. Armstead worked for the Employers Liability Assurance Company for twenty-five years. He died 21 January 1954.

Sources:
Armstead, Harry E. (obituary), *Indianapolis News*, page 17, column 1.
Taylor, Robert M., Jr., ed. *Indiana: A New Historical Guide*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1989. General Collection: F527 .I538 1992.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Three bird’s-eye photographs show the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park and immediate vicinity, including the George Rogers Clark Memorial, Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral, and the Lincoln Memorial Bridge spanning the Wabash River. The views, numbered 712, 713, and 715, depict the area from angles looking west, northeast, and southwest respectively. Each photograph bears the following blue stamp on its verso:

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH
309th Observation Squadron
U. S. Air Corps Reserve
Schoen Field, Ft. Benjamin Harrison
Photo By Master Sergeant H. E. Armstead
Pilot 1st Lt. F. W. Sommer
Date JUL 23 1934

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Historical Park and immediate vicinity

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