

Title: Janowiak, Norbert Collection

Reference Code: Mss-0858

Inclusive Dates: 1940 - 1993

Quantity: 8.1 Cu. Ft.

Location: NE, Sh. 052-053

Creator: Donated by Mark Janowiak, February 2014

Abstract: Norbert Janowiak (1921-1993) was a successful commercial and portrait photographer who operated the Janowiak photography studio on 914 N Plankinton Ave, Milwaukee and later in Brookfield. Janowiak entered the US Army Signal Corps in September 1944 and served as a photo unit officer until demobilization in May 1946, having achieved the rank of 1st Lieutenant by the time of his relief. He was stationed in Central Europe and was present at the Potsdam Conference (1945) as well as the liberation of Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp near Linz, Austria. After returning to Milwaukee, Janowiak worked as a photographer until the early 1990s.

Scope and Content: The bulk of the collection consists of commercial negatives and photographs, a name/subject index of which is currently being created. Photographs include large numbers of commercial photos from Milwaukee based companies as well as portraits. Photographs and slides from Potsdam conference, concentration camps, and central Europe are also included in a separate wartime photo box. Wartime manuscripts include orders, service papers, abstracts, and personal letters. Manuscripts also include certificates/awards, receipt and expense journals, travel maps, brochures, as well as commercial advertisements and magazines.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: Primarily English. Some items are in German or French.

Notes: Several oversize photo boxes, all shelved with Norbert Janowiak collection.

Arrangement: Boxes 1 – 3: Manuscripts. Boxes 4 – 11: Photos

Folder Title	Box #	Folder #
Certificates (1 of 2)	1	1
Certificates (2 of 2)	1	2
Military – Extracts	1	3
Military – ID Card	1	4
Military – Orders	1	5
Military – Personal Letters	1	6
Military – Service Papers	1	7

Musical Instruments	1	8
News Publishings (Wartime)	1	9
Picture Descriptions (Wartime)	1	10
Travel Books and Brochures	1	11
Miscellaneous	1	12
Columbia Hospital	2	1
Commercial – Amerock	2	2
Commercial – Assorted Consumer	2	3
Commercial – Assorted Industrial	2	4
Commercial – David White Instruments	2	5
Commercial – ESB, Rayovac, Willard Brands	2	6
Commercial – Food Service Companies	2	7
Commercial – Froedtert Malt Corp	2	8
Commercial – Kurth Malting Co.	2	9
Commercial – Le Gout Deserts	2	10
Commercial – Realist	2	11
Commercial – WEMP	2	12
Commercial – Western Electric	2	13
Commercial – Zinn Malting Co.	2	14
Janowiak Studio Advertising	2	15
News Publishings	2	16
Receipt and Expense Journals	2	N/A
Maps (non-military)	3	1
Child Life	3	2
Magazines – Consumer (Milw. County Based)	3	3
Magazines – Consumer (Based outside Milw. County)	3	4
Magazines – Industrial (Milw. County Based)	3	5
Magazines – Industrial (Based Outside Milw. County)	3	6
Magazines – Miscellaneous	3	7
Photography and Art Exhibitions	3	8
Small Catalogs – Consumer	3	9
Torch – Milwaukee Advertising Club	3	10
PHOTOS		
WWII Era, includes Holocaust, Potsdam; reg. size	4	
Abstracts, Commercial, Portraits, Political Figures; reg. size	5	
Abstracts, Commercial; OS	6	
Still Life, Portraits, Plymouth Rapid Transit System; OS	7	
Commercial, Miscellaneous; OS	8	
Commercial; OS	9-11	

NOTE: Studio negatives are boxed separately. Index is being compiled.