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Del Rae Studio – Ralph Stanley Photograph Collection (1930-1940's)

Ralph Stanley is never listed as a “photographer” in local city directories, but his name is stamped on several of the images. His wife, Eva, appears at a variety of studios in a variety of positions: receptionist, treasurer, helper. Ralph is listed as a mechanic, building superintendent, and in 1956 “Stanley’s Garage”. He died Jan. 16, 1968.

Del Rae Studio is listed in the Davenport, IA City Directory from 1932-1941 at 230 Brady Street. The 1942 directory lists Stanley Studios at that address.

16 x 20” Aerial Photographs - 10 total

Unidentified airport

Unidentified factory along river (IL side? Campbell’s Island?)

Unidentified factory with quarry beside and bridge in distance (Buffalo? Linwood?)

Unidentified farm, possibly dairy

Centennial Bridge with both Davenport and Rock Island Shorelines (3 views)

A 2008 QCT article by Dustin Lemmon states Del Rae Studio was hired to take black and white pictures from 1938 to 1940 while the Centennial Bridge was under construction. Perhaps??

Unidentified Football Stadium and School (2 views)

Fire! Kay Furniture store 115 West Second Street. Can see fire hoses laying in street, throngs of people. Can see many of the buildings along Brady, Second and Third Streets including many that are no longer extant. Old Masonic Temple is in the image – it was torn down in 1941 so must be before then.

8 x 10” Photographs – 20 total

Interiors of factory with men working; exterior of building or factory

Labeled 5-30.42 and numbered 1,2,7,8,9,10 so perhaps May 30, 1942

2 Airplanes – labeled 39#1

Plane/smoke trail – labeled 39#13

Parachute landing – labeled 39#19

Construction Equipment and Site – visible billboard or sign “LeClaire Hotel”

5 x 7” and photo postcards

Airplane on ground NC 22091

According to Civil Aircraft Registry this is a Luscombe 8A built circa 1939

United Airlines hangar

Bi-Planes

Texaco Station

Airplane United “Mainliner” NC 18939

Car race? Demonstration?