

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARCHIVES**

**Guide to**

**AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS**  
**FROM THE**  
**MONTGOMERY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY**

Aerial photographs provide important data about land development, agricultural land use, and environmental features, and were used by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District to assist with agricultural and environmental planning. Although it is clear that most of the photographs in the collection were taken by the United States Department of Agriculture, it is also possible that some were taken by the Defense Mapping Agency, as some of the earlier photographs show sites that would have been of military significance during World War II and were at one time classified. Today the photographs are primarily used for environmental assessments as they show the history of development on particular sites.

**PROVENANCE**

The photographs were donated to the Archives by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District in October 1998.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The six cubic feet of aerial photographs represent ten aerial surveys of Montgomery County performed from 1937 to 1981 by the United States Department of Agriculture.

**NOTE ON ARRANGEMENT**

The photographs are organized according to the year in which the aerial survey was performed. Within each year they are grouped in folders or flat files in numerical order by unique identification number, except in the case of photograph numbers 179# 2R to 279# 95 from 1979 which are housed in individual folders. The bulk of the images range in size from 9 ½ x 9 ½ to 12 x 12, although the collection also contains some oversized images (46 x 23) for the years 1943, 1944, and 1951, many of which are duplicates.

Complete indexes exist for the years 1951, 1970, and 1979 in the form of small prints of the photographs pasted together to form an overall view of the County. The identification numbers on the index can be matched to individual photographs. A copy of a topographical map of the Brighton Dam Watershed area of Howard and Montgomery Counties in 1943 serves as a partial guide to some of the photographs from that year.

Index maps for 1951, 1979, 1979 – Map Case 6-1

Index maps for 1957 – Map Case 6-1

- there are 2 index maps for 1957, hand drawn

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**BOX INVENTORY**

**Box 1 Flat File (Located E1c)**

**1937**

AHA 26# 39

AHA 27# 40-47

FG 118

31-34, 38, 40-42

92, 94, 96

120-121, 123, 125, 129, 131-132, 172, 174

FG 119# 103, 105

**1943**

DCO 1# 60-64, 66

DCO 2# 62, 64, 66, 67-70, 72, 74

DCO 3# 16, 48, 50, 52, 70

DCO 10

7-10, 12-14, 62, 64, 66-68

69-70, 72, 86, 88-92

**Box 2 Flat File (Located E1c)**

**(1943, Cont.)**

DCO 11

40, 42, 44-49

85-88, 90, 92-95

DCO 12

6, 8, 10-18, 20

93-96, 98-99, 101-102, 104, 106-107

**Box 3 Flat File (Located E1c)**

**(1943, Cont.)**

DCO 13

5-6, 8-18

20-21, 58, 60-64, 66, 68, 70, 72-73

110-119

120, 122-126

DCO 15# 115-116

**Box 4 Flat File (Located E1c)**

**(1943, Cont.)**

DCO 21# 130-136, 138-140, 142, 144, 146

DCO 22

10, 12, 14-16, 18-20, 22, 24, 26

58, 60-62, 64-67

DCO 25

36, 38, 40, 42-47

65-66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78

145, 147-148, 150, 152, 154, 156-157

**1951**

**Box 3 (Located E1a)**

NV 1G

3-26

27-55

57-80

NV 2G

3-19

23-40

45-62

**Box 4 (Located E1a)**

**(1951 Cont.)**

67-79, 81-87

89-118

121-134, 142-151

NV 3G

1-33

36-58, 61-66

**Box 5 (Located E1a)**

**(1951, Cont.)**

68-75, 80-90

NV 5G

1-17

19-41

42-69

71-95

99-107

**1957**

**Box 6 (Located E1a)**

RC 1

2-14  
19-37  
40-62  
63-85  
88-108  
109-130  
131-134, 141-142, 146-149, 152-168

RC 2

1-20  
21-40  
41-60  
61-80  
81-101  
105-125

**Box 7 (Located E1a)**

**(1957, Cont.)**

126-145  
146-166  
167-187  
188-207

RC 3

1-7, 10-11, 14-25  
26-48  
81-87, 94-97

NV 1T

23-39  
40-58  
123-139  
140-151

NV 2T

6-26

NV 2T# 27-33; NP 2T# 43-45; NV 2T# 46-55

NV 2T# 56-70

**Box 8 (Located E1a)**

**(1957, Cont.)**

NV 2T# 79-97 (77 and 78 are restricted)

**(Box 8, Cont.)**

**(1957, Cont.)**

NP 2T# 98-100, 118-120; NV 2T# 121-133, 135-140

NV 3T# 82-91, 129-130; NP 3T# 92-94, 127-128

NV 4T

1-10, 13-36

28-45, 47-50

51-66

72-94

95-115

116-125, 128-140

141-157

NP 4T# 169-171; NV 4T# 172-181

NV 4T# 182-189

NP 5T# 48-50; NV 5T# 51-66

**1963**

**Box 9 (Located E1b)**

NV 1DD

9-17, 24-36

39-54

NV 2DD

2-17

21-37

39-59

63-86

118-129, 131-140

141-158

NV 2DD# 161-185; NP 2DD# 186-189

NV 2DD

213-239

**Box 10 (Located E1b)**

**(1963, Cont.)**

241-261

NP 2DD# 262, 280-281; NV 2DD# 282-293

NP 3DD# 106; NV 3DD# 107-109, 111-117

NV 3DD# 134-136; NP 3DD# 189-190

NV 3DD

191-206, 211-216, 218

3-7, 12-25

**1970 (Index Map, Map Case 6-1)**

**Box 11 (Located E1b)**

NV 1LL# 2-9

NV 2LL

4-9, 14-17, 21-24, 27-40

45-59, 63-78

84-96, 98-101, 105-124

127-140, 142-152

168, 170-182, 187-196, 198-215

**Box 12 (Located E1b)**

**(1970, Cont.)**

NV 3LL# 3-13, 54-55

NV 4LL

2-12, 14, 20-35

36-43, 45-47, 51-59

60-69

NV 4LL# 70-74; NP 4LL# 75-76

NV 4LL

106-117 **(12 and 13 are missing)**

120-135

NV 4LL# 136-137; NP 4LL# 138-139; NV 4LL# 161-170

NV 4LL# 171-181

**1979 (Index, Map Case 6-1)**

179# 2R, 3-4, 5R, 6L, 7-13

279# 24R, 25

**Box 13 (Located E1b)**

**(1979, Cont.)**

279# 26-27, 28R, 29L, 49R, 50-54, 55R, 88, 89, 90-95

105-107, 108R,

123-128 **(check Box 14)**

129-131R **(Box 14, E1b)**

131L

132-134, 135R

379

16L, 17R, 18-20, 21R, 22R, 23,

24R, 25R, 26L, 29L, 30-33

34-35, 36L, 37L, 75R, 76, 77L, 78L



**(Box 13, Cont.)**

**(1979, Cont.)**

479# 7, 8-12, 13R, 14R

**1980**

**(Box 13, Cont.)**

17# 165-167, 171-173, 223-225 (1 folder in Box 14)

**1981**

**(Box 13, Cont.)**

439# 24-26, 28-29, 32, 65-73, 75, 125-128, 167-169, 209-211, 251-254 (1 folder in Box 14)

### **Oversized Photographs**

**1937**

**Box 14 (S/B 15 || Located E1d)**

FG 118# 120-121, 133, 139

**1943**

**(Box 14, Cont.)**

DCO 1# 1-60, 62-67

DCO 2# 62-75

DCO 3# 48-54, 69, 71

DCO 10# 6-8, 10-13

**Box 15 (S/B 16 || Located E1d)**

**(1943, Cont.)**

DCO 10# 14-16, 60-74, 85-94

DCO 11# 39-51

**Box 16 (S/B 17 || Located E1d)**

**(1943, Cont.)**

DCO 11 # 84-96

DCO 12# 5-21, 92-110

**Box 17 (S/B 18 || Located E1d)**

**(1943, Cont.)**

DCO 13 # 1, 3-23, 52-75

**Box 18 (S/B 19 || Located E1d)**

**(1943, Cont.)**

DCO 13 # 104-105, 107-113, 115-117, 119, 121-128

DCO 15# 113-119

DCO 16# 120

DCO 21# 123-132, 134-139

**Box 19 (Located E1d)**

**(1943, Cont.)**

DCO 21# 140-148

DCO 22# 3-8, 10-25, 54-67 **(and duplicates)**

**1944**

**Box 20 (Located E1d)**

DCO 25# 36-38, 40-46, 48-52, 58-64, 67-78, 89, 144-154, 157-160

**1951**

**Box 21 (Located E1d)**

NV 1G# 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53,  
57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 73, 75, 77, 79

NV 2G# 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60

**Box 22 (S/B 23 || Located E1e)**

**(1951, Cont.)**

NV 2G# 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115,  
124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150

NV 3G# 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, 25, 27, 29

**Box 23 (S/B 24 || Located E1e)**

**(1951, Cont.)**

NV 3G# 38, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 69, 71, 75, 82, 84, 86, 88

NV 5G# 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 21, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39

**Box 24 (S/B 25 || Located E1e)**

**(1951, Cont.)**

NV 5G# 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 99  
101, 107

**Box 26 (Located E1e)**

**Restricted**