1958

Adler’s Department Store Fire Photographs

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Name of Creator(s) (2.6): Vann E. Hettinger

Scope and Content (3.1): Scanned from film images by the photographer Vann E. Hettinger. On May 20th 1958 he photographed fire that consumed Adler’s Dept. Store on Broughton Street. The Savannah Morning News called it the worst downtown fire since 1889 and Adler’s a landmark for shoppers for 70 years.

Conditions Governing Access (4.1): Attribution-non commercial creative commons license from Hettinger.

Language and Scripts of Material (4.5): English

Administrative/Biographical History (2.7): Hettinger was a bystander, living in Savannah and working at IBM in 1958. “The only recollections I have of taking the pictures is that I was recently out of college, on my first real job with IBM. I was supposed to be at work, but the fire was just too appealing. I was aggressive enough to get close enough (as you can tell from the photos) to get wet from the spray of the hoses. So I had to go home and put on a fresh WHITE shirt and tie before returning to work.” Letter from donor.

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