### Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Michael A. Buonora Photograph Collection

**Call Number:** PC 34

**Creator:** Unknown (various photographers)

**Inclusive Dates:** circa early 1900’s to mid 1950’s

**Bulk Dates:** 1920’s, 1930’s, 1940’s and 1950’s

**Abstract:** There are 397 photographs of the various streets and neighborhoods throughout the Albany area taken by a number of unknown photographers collected by Albany native Michael Buonora.

**Quantity:** 2 boxes containing 397 photographs, in total.

**Language:** English

### Administrative Information

**Custodial History:** None.

**Preferred Citation:** Michael Buonora Photograph Collection, Albany Institute of History & Art Library, New York.

**Provenance and Acquisition Information:**

Accession #: LIB 2015.11.397
Accession Date: January 2015

This photograph collection was donated by Albany native Michael Buonora in January 2015 in one complete accession. The totality of the photographs arrived in two to three inch binders in a box that mainly held them, originally for safe-keeping but then to ultimately store them all together.

**Processing Information:**

Processed by Brieanna Chillious; completed on May 2016.
The photographs at first appeared not to have been organized in any manner or fashion when they first arrived at the Institute, only to have been stored in binders to protect them from any further potential. There was also no original order established for the photographs themselves. For the preservation aspect, the endangerment of their condition was protected from plastic document/ sheet protectors, only to prevent them from sticking to one another. Therefore, this collection was organized at the folder level, of establishing fifteen photographs in each acid-free, archival quality folders, all stored within an acid-free, archival quality box.

### Restrictions

**Restrictions on Access:** None.

**Restrictions on Use:** There is no restriction on use for this collection; however, permission to publish material must be obtained in writing prior to publication from the Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12210.

### Index Terms

**Persons**
- Laura Buonora
- Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Mrs. Rockefeller (“Happy”)
- Florence Tittlebaum
- Loretta Viola

**Families**
- Fratianni Family
  - Anthony and Josephine Fratianni and their children
- Lizzi Family
  - Frank Lizzi
  - Joe Lizzi
- Nordolillo Family
  - Graziano and Maria Nordolillo and their children
- Panetta Family
  - Dominick and Mary
- Sano Family
  - Benedetto Sano and his family
- Spagnolo Family
  - Thomas and Rosa

**Organizations**
- None.

**Subjects**
- None.
**Places**
Albany, New York

**Document Types:** Photographs

**Titles:** None.

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**Biographical Note**

Michael A. Buonora was born in the late 1930’s and was raised in Albany, New York. Michael Buonora is an Italian American who is also an Albany native, having lived most of his life here within the Capital Region. Since the early 1980’s he started collecting photographs, mainly of the Albany area. Throughout the years of him collecting photographs, Michael wanted to collect the ones that could speak to the viewer of its overall beauty of the area, the same way he sees it being a native of Albany. They also visually captured the essential livelihoods of local residents, prominent persons as well as prominent places, residential neighborhoods and other areas of significance. He has collected approximately almost 400 black and white photographs that have been processed in the collection.

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**Scope and Contents**

The photographs housed in the collection depict a lot of the familiar and not-so familiar territories in Albany. General subject matter of the photographs is portraits of the local residents, business persons as well as snapshots of strangers, mainly photographed within the Albany area, in addition to standard photographs of areas within around the county itself. The collection spans from early to mid 20th century, specifically from the early 1920’s up to the mid 1950’s, basing the decades on the style of dress, automobiles and changes in architecture relevant to the style and trend at the time.

**Organization of the Collection**

There are 397 photographs in one series.

**Related Materials**

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**Separated Materials**

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