

DeKalb History Center

Alton W. Langley Collection

Scope and content: Alton Langley (1904-1997) was one of DeKalb's first developers, a banker, trucking firm owner, deputy sheriff, and a long-time bailiff to DeKalb County grand juries. The Alton Langley Collection is made up solely of photographs taken in the early part of the 1900's through the 1980's. There are pictures of many famous people, including Burt Reynolds, Harry S. Truman, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Other pictures are of various Atlanta landmarks, and DeKalb citizens.

Provenance: Gift from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department in 1996 (ACC # 1996.28)

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citation should be as follows:

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Biographical Sketch of Alton W. Langley: Alton Langley was born in DeKalb County and lived in Avondale Estates. He served as Grand Jury bailiff after retiring at 70 from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. He served until 1981. He was also in the banking business and owned the Langley Transfer Company. He also worked for a time at Stone Mountain Park and is said to have helped put up the cables used to support the cable cars there. The parking deck on West Trinity used by the courthouse is named for Alton Langley. He also started the Langley Museum of Pictures in the heart of Avondale.

Description: The Alton Langley collection consists of primarily photographs. There are photographs of family, friends, local politicians and Avondale Estates, as well as the parking deck named for him. Langley's sheriff's department badge is part of the collection as well.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Langley, Alton (1904-1997)

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb County (Georgia)
 Decatur (Georgia)
 DeKalb Sheriff's Department (Georgia)
 Avondale Estates (Georgia)
 Langley Transfer Company
 Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain (Georgia)

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Accidents/Fire
	2	Avondale Estates
	3	Items photocopied from collection
	4	Langley Parking Deck
	5	Langley Photo museum
	6	Misc. photos 1 of 3
	7	Misc. photos 2 of 3
	8	Misc. photos 3 of 3
	9	Pat Jarvis
	10	Photos and negatives copied for exhibit
	11	Police department
	12	Politicians

American flag patch, Langley's badge/ID and a Decatur 1996 metal pin have been removed to museum storage.

Folder of oversized photographs, some mounted, Stored in Oversized Misc Items Box 1 in basement archives storage