Guide to the Frank and Diane Davison Home Movie Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Frank and Diane Davison Home Movie collection
Dates: circa 1950s-1967
Collection number: MS 175
Creator: Davison, Frank, Jr.
Creator: Davison, Diane.
Collection Size: .5 linear feet(1 box)
Repository: African American Museum & Library at Oakland (Oakland, Calif.)
Oakland, CA 94612

Abstract: The Frank and Diane Davison Home Movie Collection consists of 23 color and b&w, 8mm home movies documenting the family life of the Davison family during the 1960s. The home movies include 63 minutes of footage of the family camping, skiing, at the beach, dancing "The Twist", and celebrating Halloween, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and birthdays of friends and family members. The majority of the footage appears to take place in Alaska and Pacific Northwest with footage of family trips to Atlantic City, New Jersey, Oakland, California, and Panama.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Original film reels restricted. Digital files are open to the public.

Access Restrictions
Materials are for use in-library only, non-circulating.

Publication Rights
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Acquisition Information
The Frank and Diane Davison Home Movie Collection was donated by Steve Polta to the African American Museum & Library at Oakland in 2012.

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Scope and Content of Collection
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**Arrangement**

Series I. Home movies

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

African American families.
African Americans--Alaska.
Twist (Dance).
Fort Sherman (Panama).
Amateur films.

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**Home movies**

Physical Description: 23 reels + 46 digital files

Series Scope and Content Summary

Includes twenty three 8mm b&w and color films recorded by the Davison family.

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**Box 1**

**Frank and Craig in Alaska** [MS175_A8L01] circa 1950s

Physical Description: b&w, 8mm

Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 50 (s)


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**Box 1**

**Untitled** [MS175_A8L02] circa 1950s

Physical Description: b&w, 8mm

Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 54 (s)

Material Specific Details: Two boys riding bicycles with training wheels and tricycle on sidewalk [0:04] Boy sitting on couch, woman opens curtains, woman pulls pot out of oven, boy wearing New York Yankees t-shirt walks through living room, woman straightening up living room [1:03] Woman and boy on stairs, boy sitting on bed, two boys sitting on bathroom tub, bedroom [2:02] Boys and woman cooking and eating in kitchen [2:19]

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**Box 1**

**Untitled** [MS175_A8L03] circa 1950s

Physical Description: b&w, 8mm

Physical Description: Run time: 3 (min): 03 (s)

Material Specific Details: Children sitting on couch and man sitting in chair in living room, children running around and dancing in living room [0:01] Two women walk into kitchen from backdoor, man sitting in chair in living with children dancing [0:27] Two women in kitchen preparing meal [1:28] Children standing on sidewalk and playing in front yard [1:38]
Box 1  “Thanksgiving ’60, sleigh ride Frank & Craig, launching of missile” [MS175_A8P04] 1960
Physical Description: b&w, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 3 (min): 05 (s)

Box 1  “Halloween, Frank’s birthday, kids in snow & Craig” [MS175_A8L05] circa 1960s
Physical Description: b&w, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 50 (s)
Material Specific Details: Children in costumes sitting at dinner table, one trying to cut cake, children holding balloons outside in the dark, children holding balloons in living room [0:06] Man shoveling snow off sidewalk [1:14]

Box 1  “Modeling ceramics” [MS175_A8L06] circa 1960s
Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 58 (s)
Material Specific Details: Woman and two boys wearing formal attire in living room, woman modeling dresses in living room, ceramics vase and figurines in living room [0:01]

Box 1  “Visiting on Christmas 1. Lights outside our house 2. The Jackson family (Air-Force) 3. The Heady’s House 4. Sleeping Craig back at our house 5. Gilliams and baby also Lassie” [MS175_A8L07] circa 1960s
Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 3 (min): 08 (s)
Material Specific Details: Blue and red Christmas lights on exterior of house, Merry Christmas sign in window [00:01] Two boys standing in snow-covered front yard at night [0:22] Children playing with toys in living room next to Christmas tree [0:25] Christmas tree in living room, two boys and baby sitting on couch and lying on floor, man in military uniform with Gilliam nametag in kitchen [2:12]

Box 1  “1. Craig and Frank working out in basement X-Mas (60) 2. Part-time New Year’s Eve heads are bad Buddy doing footwork 4. Dress that I made” [MS175_A8L08] circa 1960s
Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 3 (min): 05 (s)
Material Specific Details: Two boys dancing and playing saxophone and drum [0:01] Couples dancing and kissing in living room, woman modeling dress in living room [2:07]

Box 1  “Christmas at our house” [MS175_A8L09] 1960-12-26
Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 3 (min): 10 (s)
Material Specific Details: Boys dressed in Western outfits playing with drum and cap gun on Christmas morning [0:01] Woman preparing rolls in kitchen [1:00] Boy in Western outfit playing with cap gun in living room [1:42] Man drinking in living room, boys in Western outfits playing, toys under Christmas tree, children eating at dinner table [2:42]
Box 1

“Craig’s birthday party four years old, Frank & Buddy playing ball Alaska” [MS175_A8L10] 1961-06-03

Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 49 (s)

Box 1

“Alaska all didn’t come out” [MS175_A8L11] 1961-07

Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 1 (min): 40 (s)
Material Specific Details: Woman holding child, group of men, women and children at campground, children cooking hot dogs over fire, men cooking ribs over campfire [0:08]

Box 1

“Christmas ‘61 in Alaska Frank & Craig doing the twist” [MS175_A8L12] 1961-12-26

Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 41 (s)

Box 1

“Frank’s birthday Oct. 29 ’61 Christmas ‘61” [MS175_A8L13] 1961

Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 41 (s)

Box 1


Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 49 (s)
Material Specific Details: Two boys in tuxedos standing in front of apartment building [0:01] Six military planes performing maneuvers [0:38] Military airplanes taking off from runway as crowd watches at air show [0:41] Formation of nine military jets flying by crowd [1:13] Group of men and women at campground in woods, cars parked at Otter Lake [1:55]

Box 1

“Vicki’s 1st birthday” [MS175_A8L15] 1963-05-11

Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 47 (s)
Material Specific Details: Two boys holding up toddler as she attempts to walk in living room [0:01] Toddler crawling on living room floor, playing with oversized clothes pin [0:50] Woman holding toddler’s arm as she walks in living room [1:22] Boys singing happy birthday sitting at dining room table, baby girl blowing out candle and eating birthday cake [1:57]
Box 1  
**Untitled [MS175_A8L16] 1963-05-15**

Physical Description: color, 8mm  
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 43 (s)  

Box 1  
**“Kids on beach, Trip across country from Alaska” [MS175_A8L17] 1963-06**

Physical Description: color, 8mm  
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 40 (s)  
Material Specific Details: View from passenger’s seat as car drives on highway, forest on roadside [0:01] View from passenger’s seat as car drives on highway along shoreline [0:20] Driving over the Yaquina Bay Bridge [1:29] Children playing at the beach in Atlantic City, New Jersey, boy in front yard [2:00]

Box 1  
**Untitled [MS175_A8L18] 1963-09-24**

Physical Description: color, 8mm  
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 42 (s)  
Material Specific Details: Men and women drinking and dancing at party, boys drawing with crayons sitting in front of television in living room [0:01]

Box 1  
**“Xmas 1966” [MS175_A8L19] 1966-12-25**

Physical Description: color, 8mm  
Physical Description: Run time: 3 (min): 05 (s)  

Box 1  
**Untitled [MS175_A8L20] circa 1960s**

Physical Description: color, 8mm  
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 38 (s)  
Material Specific Details: Car driving on highway, mountains and glacier in the distance, moose with calf crossing road [0:01]

Box 1  
**“Vicki (baby)” [MS175_A8L21] circa 1960s**

Physical Description: color, 8mm  
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 51 (s)  

Box 1  
**“Frank on skis” [MS175_A8L22] circa 1960s**

Physical Description: color, 8mm  
Physical Description: Run time: 2 (min): 49 (s)  
Box 1

“Oakland Bar-B-Q, Yo-Yos” [MS175_A8L23] circa 1960s

Physical Description: color, 8mm
Physical Description: Run time: 1 (min): 11 (s)
Material Specific Details: Cookout in backyard [0:01] Boys playing with yo-yos [1:09]