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Title William H. Mortensen: Homes, Cars, and Class Picture

Date 1920-1939

Primary Maker William H. Mortensen

Medium Photography; gelatin silver prints on paper

Description Subjects include: A group of boys, some sitting, others standing, but all wearing suits and ties, posed on the steps of a large brick and stone building.

William H. Mortensen is seated in the front row fifth from the right. This is probably a class picture. Two photographs of a two-story colonial house with leafless trees and snow on the ground, a close-up of the doorway where a small dog sits on brick steps. The house is located on Ridgefield Street. A two-story house with two small children standing on the front steps, a grassy lawn, a tree and a chickenwire fence. The sidewalk and part of the street are visible. This is possibly Maple Avenue. Three similar photographs of an unidentified two-door

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convertible automobile from various angles. Three photographs of an automobile pulling a trailer. They are identified on verso as a Curtiss Aerocar & Graham Eight. Two of the photographs are taken in Hartford, one in front of Second Church, and one in front of the State Capitol. Two other photographs appear to be copies of half-tone images of the interior of the Curtiss aerocar, possibly taken from a manual or advertisement.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 10 1/8 x 13 1/4in. (25.7 x 33.7cm) Sheet (height x width): 7 3/4 x 9 3/4in. (19.7 x 24.8cm) Mount (height x width): 11 1/8 x 14 1/2in. (28.3 x 36.8cm)