

Basic Detail Report

Title Parties at Heublein Tower

Date 1950-1958

Primary Maker William H. Mortensen

Medium Photography; gelatin silver prints on paper

Description Formal and informal portraits of different groups of men at parties at Heublein Tower in Simsbury, Connecticut, also known as the Hartford Times Tower. Most of the men are wearing suits, some wear eyeglasses, and most are wearing nametags. They are standing on a grassy lawn with the stone walls of the tower visible in the background. Some hold glasses, one man smokes a pipe. One image has several men seated at a tables under a tent for a meal, with cups, plates, utensils, and napkins visible. Two men wear military uniforms, some men are wearing aprons. Occasions include a party for Paul Miller, the president of Gannett Paper Company; a party for General Dwight D. Eisenhower; and a barbeque for General Eisenhower when he was the candidate for the Republican nomination for President, which included a visit by Eric Johnston, then president of the Motion Picture Association of America, and later an ambassador appointed by Eisenhower. Other people identified in the photographs include: Chester Bowles; Herman M. Levy of the Motion Picture Theater Owners of Connecticut; William H. Mortensen; Frank Murphy, editor of the Hartford Times; Charles F. T. Seaverns, Ronald Reagan, President of the Screen Actors Guild; and Elmer Watson, the state Motor Vehicle Commissioner.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 7 1/2 x 9 3/16in. (19.1 x 23.4cm) Sheet (height x width): 8 1/8 x 10in. (20.6 x 25.4cm)