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Stephen Sprague collection, circa 1964-1979

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Creator

Sprague, Stephen

Abstract

Activity files, personal library, photographic materials, and audio-visual materials, circa 1964-1979, of Stephen Sprague (1942-1979), photographer, teacher, and filmmaker. The activity files include correspondence and research notes documenting his film, photography, and video projects; office files from his tenure as professor at Purdue University; and research papers on geology, photography, and anthropology. The bulk of the collection consists of photographic materials: black-and-white and color negatives, transparencies, proof prints, and fine prints—which relate to his major projects including his M.F.A. thesis Maxwell Street Flea Market, The Work of C.J. Pansirna, Photographs of Fraternity Life, Photographs of DePue, Illinois, A Decade of Documentary, Yoruba Photography, and his last projects on Mexico and Peru. The films, videotapes, and audiotapes represent his documentary, artistic, and ethnographic efforts. Some of the more realized projects are John David Mooney: Plasma Light Sculpture (1974), Mr. and Miss Nude America (1974-75), When It Is My Time, My Star Will Shine (1975), Maxwell Street Alley Blues (1976), and Deep in a Dream (1977).

Quantity/ Extent

28.5 linear feet

Language of Materials

English

Biographical/ Historical Note

Stephen Sprague (1942-1979) was an American photographer, teacher, and filmmaker. Sprague received an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1970. He worked as an assistant professor of photography and film for Purdue University. He was mainly interested in the concepts of documentary photography, including the ways in which the photographer’s personal and cultural biases might be revealed. Sprague died in 1979.
Scope and Content Note

This collection has been divided into four series: Activity Files (1966-79), Personal Library (1971-75), Photographic Materials (1964-79), and Audio-visual Materials (1968-78), relating to the short but varied career of photographer, filmmaker, and videographer, Stephen Sprague. The collection was arranged largely as received from David Sprague.

Series one: Activity Files, 1966-79. Arranged alphabetically by the original folder headings, and then chronologically within each folder. The bulk of these files concern documentary projects in the 1970s employing photography and film. Maxwell Street Alley Blues, Naked City, Old Time Fiddlers Convention, C.J. Pansirna, Peru, and Yoruba are all represented. While assistant professor at Purdue, Sprague taught several film and photography classes. Files from this period contain correspondence with colleagues; bibliographies for classes on the history of photography and visual anthropology; two self-published books containing work by his photography students; several grant proposals; and others relating to personal and professional matters. There is correspondence relating to specific projects or subjects in several folders throughout the series especially those labeled "Peru," "Yoruba," and "Society for the Anthropology of Visual Communication". The folder "Photography Correspondence" concerns one-person and group exhibitions, video and film demonstrations, and exchanges of information on related topics.

The Activity Files contain five research papers by Sprague; two relate to his studies in geology, two to his studies in photography and film, and one to his published paper on research done in Africa, "Yoruba Photography: How the Yoruba See Themselves" (1978). The latter was delivered (in several versions) to audiences ranging from anthropologists to photographers. Considering the trajectory of his interests during his last years, this was probably the direction that his future work would have taken.

Of special interest in this series are the following items: two research papers by Bruce Jenkins and a handwritten note by Sprague on a lecture by Hollis Frampton, filmmaker; correspondence and biographical notes on C.J. Pansirna (1888-1969), a commercial photographer in Chicago whose interests in documenting ethnic groups may have been an early influence on Sprague; a three-page, photocopied typescript titled "Harold Allen-A Photographic Autobiography"; and several scripts and logs relating to Sprague's film, video and slide productions.

Series two: Personal Library, 1971-1975. Contains books and photographic miscellany by photographers Les Krims and Charles Swedlund. This is probably a small portion of a larger library once owned by Sprague; though there is no evidence of the scope of that collection. There are three books, 1971-1972, by Les Krims. Two of the books by
Swedlund are illustrated flip-books. Also included are Swedlund's Do-It-Yourself Portfolio, and his Phenakistascope Discs.

**Series three: Photographic Materials, 1964-1979.** Includes a wide range of black-and-white and color materials—transparencies, positives, negatives, proof sheets, work prints, and fine prints. There are some unidentified photographs in this series. The earliest materials relate to Sprague's geological interests and travels. The bulk of the series begins with his serious study of photography in Chicago around 1968, and continues through his teaching career at Columbia College and Purdue University.

This series has been divided by record types into the following subseries: Negatives and Contacts (1964-78); Transparencies (1965-78); and Photographs (ca.1965-79).

**Series four: Audio-visual Materials, 1968-78.** Includes 16 mm. and super 8 mm. films, 1/2 in. helical scan black-and-white videotapes, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotapes, and 1/8 in. audiocassettes. This series encompasses nearly every project Sprague undertook during the period 1968-78. Included are final edited pieces which represent the culmination of the project, original camera footage, various work prints, and audiotapes. The clips vary in length from a few seconds to one hour and include fifty-two 16 mm. films, sixteen super 8 mm. films, thirty-three 1/2 in. reel-to-reel videotapes, twenty-six 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotapes, and ten 1/8 in. audiocassettes.

Sprague's earlier work, 1968-73, consists of three film projects. The most noteworthy of these, *Oink*, won an honorable mention at the First International Erotic Film Festival, San Francisco (1970). Beginning in 1973, Sprague began utilizing several moving picture formats. The bulk of this series represents projects undertaken between 1973 and 1978 and includes both film and video productions on fraternity life at Purdue University, the Mr. and Miss Nude America Contest, a blues band on Maxwell Street (Chicago), and Nigerian and Peruvian culture.

Audio-visual materials have been separated into film and video projects, and then arranged chronologically. Audiotapes which pertain to a particular project have been kept with that project. Otherwise, the tapes have been arranged chronologically.

**Arrangement**

Series One: Activity Files, 1966-1979

Series Two: Personal Library, 1971-1975


Series Four: Audio-visual Materials, 1968-1978

**Names and Subject Terms**

Sprague, Stephen, 1942-1979 [https://lccn.loc.gov/n90650914]
Restrictions

Conditions Governing Access

Access to this collection requires an appointment with the Volkerding Study Center.

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Provenance

The Stephen Sprague Archive was gifted to the Center between 1983 and 1984 from the Sprague family and Sprague’s ex-wife, Linda Sprague. After Stephen Sprague’s death in 1979, the collection was inventoried by his brother, David Sprague, and later transferred to the Center.

Separated Materials

One portfolio, "Photographs: Institute of Design" (Portfolio 6, Illinois Institute of Technology, 1969. Number 100 of 100) and approximately 3 linear feet of master prints by Stephen Sprague were transferred to the Center’s Fine Print Collection.

Preferred Citation


Processing Information

Container List

Series 1: Activity Files, 1966-1979
Note: arranged alphabetically then chronologically. Quantity: 2 linear feet.

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2        Research papers: "Is There Hope for a New American Cinema?" S.F. Sprague, 1969
5        Running Dog One and Done, 1976 [periodical with article by S.F. Sprague]
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7        Society for the Anthropology of Visual Communication, reprints, 1978
8        The Whammy Hour, circa 1975
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11       Yoruba photography: Ibeji, 1973-1978
12       Yoruba photography: proposal by Marilyn Hammersley Houlbert, 1972-1974
13       Yoruba photography: slide lecture, 1976
Selected Index to Activity Files
(By folder heading)

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Harris, Lynn, 1974, 1976
Josephson, Ken, 1975
Meek, A.J., 1974
Mooney, John David, 1975, 1978
Parker, Bart, 1973, 1975
Sugarman, Charles, 1975
Swedlund, Charles, circa 1975
Society for Anthropology of Visual Communication
Ruby, Jay, 1975-1978
Peru
Gamarra-Thomson, Rosa, 1978
Yoruba photography
Houlberg, Marilyn Hammersley, 1973-1976

Series 2: Personal Library, 1971-1975
Note: arranged alphabetically by author. Quantity: 0.5 linear feet.

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- Swedlund, Charles and Liz. *We Have a Daughter*, 1972. [with photograph on a string]

Note: materials are separated into the following subseries – negatives, transparencies, and photographs. The black-and-white and color negatives and contacts in the collection span the years 1964 to 1978. They include Sprague’s major projects: Maxwell Street Flea Market (1970), The Work of C.J. Pansirna (1972), Photographs of Fraternity Life (1973), Photographs of DePue, Illinois (1973), and Yoruba Photography (1975-1978). Many miscellaneous and smaller project negatives are also represented, including negatives for commercial work for Marshall Fields and Company, a department store in Chicago; the "Plastic America" series; and shots of Battleground, Indiana.

The negatives are divided into two groups: black-and-white and color. They are arranged chronologically by project. A miscellaneous category includes smaller identified and unidentified projects. When a particular subject or project encompassed several years, the negatives for that project were kept together at the expense of strict chronology.

The contact-printed proof photographs are in the form of contact sheets, i.e., two or more negative strips printed side by side on one sheet of photographic paper, or contact strips, i.e., a single negative strip printed on a piece of photographic paper cut to the size of the negative strip. Contact sheets were originally stored in loose leaf binders with the contact sheets serving as pages. The contact strips were originally stored with the negative inside the negative sleeves.

The contact sheets and strips were ordered to mirror the organization of the negatives, i.e., they were first divided by film type, and then by identified or unidentified project in chronological order.

In most cases, the negatives have a matching positive in the form of either contact sheets or strips. A notation in the lower left corner of the negative envelope indicates the existence of either contact sheets or strips.

Black-and-white and color negatives and contacts include 35 mm., 6x6 cm., 4x5 in. and some 5x7 in. The bulk of the negatives and contacts are black-and-white 35 mm. and 6x6 cm. There are some glass plate negatives by C.J. Pansirna.

There are approximately 2,700 transparencies, mostly color. The bulk of the transparencies document Sprague’s climbing trips from 1967 to 1973; his boat trip in 1971; his multi-media production of a script by Kurt Vonnegut titled "Between Time and Timbuktu," presented in 1973; and his slide lecture, selected from a larger group of transparencies, on non-western uses of photography, and involving his studies in Nigeria, Mexico and Peru. Many of the camping, hiking, and sailing transparencies appear to be casual, personal photographs of outings with friends.

Most of the transparencies arrived untitled and unorganized, and were arranged by processing date. Some contain annotations by Sprague concerning place and date. Transparencies of his Nigerian, Mexican, and Peruvian projects are in the original metal boxes. There are handwritten notes and subject classification headings inside the boxes.

The 1,677 photographs in the collection are divided into three groups: black-and-white, color, and photographs by others. There are 1,315 black-and-white prints, 136 color, and 226 photographs by others. The prints range in size from 8x10 in. to 16x20 in.

The bulk of this series relates to Sprague’s major projects: Maxwell Street Flea Market (1970), The Work of C.J. Pansirna (1971), Photographs of DePue, Illinois (1973), Photographs of Fraternity Life (1973), and Yoruba Photography (1975-78). The remainder are miscellaneous smaller projects and unidentified photographs which are arranged chronologically. These projects include geology thesis micrographs (ca.1967); photos from a summer workshop (1969); photographs of Chicago (1970-73); nudes; series entitled "Out of Focus" (ca.1970) and "Plastic America" (1970-73); commercial work done for Marshall Fields and Company (1971-73), and photographs of
Battleground, Indiana (ca.1975). The miscellaneous category (1967-79) also includes work from 1969 and earlier, and many portraits of Sprague's wife and friends.

Photographs by others consist primarily of images by his students. The majority of the work is from Sprague's class projects at Columbia College, and document the community of DePue, Illinois and fraternity life at Purdue University. There are two portfolios from classes at Columbia College and Purdue University.

Items transferred from this series to the Master Print Collection include the portfolio, "Photographs: Institute of Design," from the Illinois Institute of Technology with fine prints by Aaron Siskind, Joseph Jachna, and others, and master prints by Sprague.

Subseries 1: Negatives and Contact Prints

Note: Box 6 contains black-and-white, 35 mm., 6x6 cm., or 4x5 in. negatives. Box 7 contains black-and-white, 35 mm., 6x6 cm., 4x5 in., or 5x7 in. negatives. Box 8 contains color and glass plate negatives, 35 mm., 6x6 cm., or 4x5 in. negatives and contact sheets. Box 9 contains contact sheets, black-and-white negatives, 35 mm. or 6x6 cm. Boxes 10-11 contains contact sheets, black-and-white negatives, 35 mm., 6x6 cm or 6x9cm.

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Subseries 2: Transparencies
Note: arranged chronologically. Quantity: 2 linear feet.

Box   Folder
Mountain Climbing in the Rockies, 1970
Boat Trip Side Show, 1971 [also includes transparencies not in slide trays]
"Bike Trip to Attica," 1972
DePue, Climbing Trip to Grand Teton National Park, Santa Fe (New Mexico), 1973
"Between Time and Timbuktu," Portraits, Art History Class
Transparencies, 1974
Pet Cemetery, Big Bend (Texas), Ceramic Pieces, Landscapes, "Eating and Drinking: Photographs by A and D 209," Van Gogh Exhibition Installation, 1975
Slide Lecture on Yoruba, Mexican, and Peruvian Uses of Photography, 1975-1978 [handwritten notes on transparencies]
"Peru," 1978 [metal box]
Linda Sprague, 1969-1973 [color, unmounted, 35 mm.]
Plastic America, 1970-1973 [color, unmounted, 35 mm.]
Marshall Fields, 1971-1973 [color, unmounted, 35 mm.]

Subseries 3: Photographs
Note: arranged chronologically. Box 29 contains color photographs. Box 30 contains the Stephen Sprague collection of photographs by others. Quantity: 11 linear feet.

Box   Folder
14   Maxwell Street, 1970
15   Miscellaneous, Early work, pre-1969
     Maxwell Street, 1970
     Purdue, 1973
     DePue, 1973
16   Pansirna, 1971
17   Purdue, 1973
18   DePue, 1973
19   Yoruba, 1975-78
20   Yoruba, photographs by local photographers, 1975-78:
    Ade. De-Love Photo
    Ariyo Photo Studio
    Blessed Hope Photo
    Chief Atos Photo Works
    Dupe Photo Studio
    I. Mudah Photo
    Oju Mo Ola Photo Service
    Pax Photo Works
    Remmy Photos
    Simple Photographer
    Sir Special Photography
21   Yoruba, photographs by local photographers, 1975-78 [glass plates]
22   Yoruba [photoconstruction of Oba of Ila-Orangun], 1975 [one piece]
23   Miscellaneous geology thesis [photomicrographs], ca.1967
24   Miscellaneous, 1969-1975
25   Miscellaneous, 1969-1975
26   Miscellaneous, 1975-1979
27   Miscellaneous, 1975-1979
28   Miscellaneous oversize, 1969-1979; miscellaneous artwork [non-silver],
    n.d.
30   Personal photographs, circa 1920-1940; student work, ca.1971-1976;
    Peru [personal photographs], ca.1978
31   Student work, 1973 [DePue]
32   Student work, 1973 [Purdue]
33   Student portfolios, 1971-1972 [Project 1: A Portfolio of Photographs,
    Columbia College, 1971; Ten Prints, Purdue University, 1972]

Note: materials have been separated into the following subseries – moving pictures, videotapes, and audiotapes.
The materials have been separated into film and video projects, and then arranged chronologically.

Subseries 1: Moving Pictures
Box   Folder
34   Maintaining Workers Interest, n.d.
    Christmas, n.d.
Santa Film, n.d.
When I'm 64, n.d.
Between Time and Timbuktu, 1974
When It Is Time, My Star Will Shine, 1975
Ila Ibegi Ikinne Ibegi, 1977
Carver, 1977
Haircutting, 1978
Animals, n.d.
Oink, 1968
Blue Moon, 1968
Our Boat Movies, 1970
Bed Race, 1973
Cattle Marking I and II, 1978
Photographer, 1978 [with Melcho]
Melcho I and II, 1978
Gift Exchange, 1978
Huachua, 1978
Discussion and Weaver, 1978
Market, 1978
Wedding, 1978
Atomic Alert, n.d.
No Core, n.d.
Garbage, n.d.
Eclipse, n.d.
John David Mooney: Plasma Light Sculptures, 1974
George Sugarman at Purdue, 1975
Robert Mallary: Sandbox, 1975
Family, 1977 [incomplete]
Maxwell Street Alley Blues, 1976
Deep in a Dream, 1977

Subseries 2: Videotapes

Box Folder

DePue Show, n.d.
Fair Girls Tap Dance; Linda's Mother, n.d.
[unrelated pieces]
Grand Prix '73 Bed Race, 1973
Grand Prix '74, 1974
Naked City: Mr. and Miss Nude America, 1974
Miss Nude Teeny-Bop, 1974
Little Miss Indiana Talent Contest, 1974
Wabash Ash, 1974
Old Time Fiddlers' Convention, 1974
Steve and S. Pounders, 1974
Letter to Don V., 1974  [Don Visicini]
Beer Olympics ’75, 1975
Beta Theta Pie Party, 1976
A Day in the Work Life of F. Treesia, 1978

Subseries 3: Audiotapes

Box    Folder

34     Time Warp, n.d.
       Doc in Chicago, n.d.
       DePue Documentary, 1972
35     Uncle John, n.d.
       David Stratton, n.d.
       Dennis, Eric, Linda, n.d.
       Linda Sprague Sings, n.d.
       Boat Trip Slide Show, 1970
       Marilyn and Family, 1975
       Highland Music, 1978
       Rosa, 1978
36     Frame (oversize, ornate, painted picture frame)
Index to Audio-Visual Materials

Moving pictures

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  Maintaining Workers Interest, n.d.
      Educational film, 16 mm., possibly not by Sprague

  Christmas, n.d.
      Outtakes, 16 mm.

  Santa Film, n.d.
      Original, super 8 mm.

  When I'm 64, n.d.
      Original, 8 mm.

  Between Time and Timbuktu, 1974
      Vonnegut production, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

  When It Is My Time, My Star Will Shine, 975
      Reflexive film showing an anthropologist and Yoruba crafts persons in Nigeria
      47 min., sync., sound, color
      1. Magnetic track 950, super 8 mm.
      2. Introduction outtakes, super 8mm.
      3. Introduction outtakes, super 8mm.
      4. Edited original ELA, super 8mm., 843 ft.

  Ila Ibegi Ikinne Ibegi, 1977
      Miscellaneous, super 8 mm.

  Carver, 1977
      Outtakes, super 8 mm.

  Haircutting, 1978
      1. S8 sync., camera original, super 8 mm. (Peru, 8 July 1978)
      2. Hairdresser outtakes, super 8 mm.
4. Haircutting ceremonial music, non-sync. and sync., Charango music, 1/8 in. audiocassette

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Animals, n.d.
1. Original, silent, 16 mm.
2. Outtakes, 16 mm.

Oink, 1968
1. Original, black-and-white, 16 mm.
2. Soundtrack, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Blue Moon, 1968
Synchronized sound original, 7 1/2 ips., 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Our Boat Movies
16 mm.

Bed Race, 1973
1. Unlabelled, 16 mm.
2. Frat slingshot, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
3. Frat slingshot, 16 mm.
4. 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
5. Original EFG, 16 mm. head

Cattle Marketing I and II, 1978
1. S8 sync. sound, camera original, super 8 mm. (Peru, 8 July 1978)
2. S8 sync. sound, camera original, super 8 mm. (Peru, 8 July 1978)
3. Film sound, Paucara, music from haircutting ceremony, Rosa's discussion of Makitos, 1/8 in. audiocassette (26 July 1978)
4. Santiago in Paucara, sync., 1/8 in. audiocassette (26 July 1978)

Photographer, 1978 [with Melcho]
S8 sync. sound, camera original, 24 fps., super 8 mm. (8 July 1978)

Melcho I and II, 1978
1. S8 sync. sound, camera original, 24 fps., super 8 mm. (Peru, 8 July 1978)
2. Herd scenes, Melcho and wife, super 8 mm.
3. Melchos, 1/8 in. audiocassette

**Gift Exchange**, 1978

Sync. sound, Kod., 24 fps, super 8 mm.

**Huachua**, 1978

S8 sync. sound, 24 fps., camera original, super 8 mm. (Peru, 8 July 1978)

**Discussion and Weaver**, 1978

Makitos, S8 sync. sound, 24 fps., camera original, super 8 mm. (Peru, 8 July 1978)

**Market**, 1978

S8 sync. sound, 24 fps., camera original, super 8 mm. (Peru, 8 July 1978)

**Wedding**, 1978

1. S8 sync. sound, 24 fps., camera original, super 8 mm. (Peru, 8 July 1978)

2. Sync. sound and non sync., Market day, sync. sound, 1/8 in. audiocassette (23 July 1978)

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**Atomic Alert**, n.d.

16 mm., possibly not by Sprague

**No Core**, n.d.

16 mm.

**Garbage**, n.d.

16 mm., black-and-white

**Eclipse**, n.d.

1. Magnetic track, 16 mm. head

2. Work print, 16 mm. tail

3. Optical track print, 16 mm. tail

4. A-Roll, print, 16 mm. tail

5. B-roll, print, 16 mm. tail

6. Answer print, 16 mm.

7. Final mix master, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
John David Mooney: Plasma Light Sculptures, 1974

With Lynn Harris, a personal response to the essence rather than the form of Mooney's sculpture 12 min., sound, color

1. Short version, 16 mm.
2. Long version, 16 mm.
3. Print outtakes with sync., 16 mm.
4. Titles, 16 mm.
5. Original sync. sound, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape (16 Mar. 1974)
6. Music track, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

George Sugarman at Purdue, 1975

An informal discussion with the sculptor about his work while a visiting artist at Purdue. 18 min., sound, color

1. Studio C.A.S., 16 mm. tail
2. Titles original, 16 mm.
3. Slides, cut A.S., 16 mm.
4. Mag. and film, slides end sequence, 16 mm.
5. Slides, outtakes with sync., 16 mm.
6. Mag. outtakes, slides with sync., 16 mm.
7. Last scene (Gwen's house) titles, 16 mm. head
8. Work print, 16 mm. head
9. First answer print, 16 mm.
10. Original processed EFB, 16 mm. head
11. Low noise AV 176, #2, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Robert Mallary: Sandbox, 1975

Visual record of the artist’s kinetic sculpture constructed at Purdue. 12 min., sound, color Print, 16 mm.

Family, 1977 [incomplete]

1. Family lobster, 16 mm.
2. David Sprague, 16 mm.
3. Parents, 16 mm.
4. Betsy Sprague, 16 mm.
5. Betsy Sprague, 16 mm.

David Sprague interviewed, conversations in the van, interviewed on deck, ¼ in. reel-to-reel.
7. Betsy Sprague, tails out, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
8. Betsy Sprague, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
9. David Sprague, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
10. Stephen Sprague's house, tails, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

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Maxwell Street Alley Blues, 1976
Direct cinema documentary of a blues band on Maxwell Street (Chicago, Ill.) 10 min., sync.
1. Original negative, no work print, Linda talks and record store window speaker, sync.
2. Outtakes, C.A.S. work print of negative, 16 mm.
3. Original negative, Linda and Globe, Art Institute of Chicago, 16 mm. tail
4. Original negative print, 16 mm. head
5. Band sync. outtakes, 16 mm.
6. Reversal original, 16 mm.
7. Outtakes/mag. sync. track, 16 mm.

Maxwell Street Alley Blues, 1976 (continued)
8. Original black-and-white negative, roll #1, 70-453, 16 mm. head
9. Original black-and-white negative, non-sync., pan of circle, CU people and merchandise, record store, 16 mm. head
10. Reversal, rough edit, 16 mm.
11. Work print, 16 mm.
12. Work print, sync. sound and CA outtakes, 16 mm.
13. Head track, 16 mm.
14. Interviews, work print, sync. sound, 16 mm.
15. Blank used, 16 mm.
16. Mag. used, splices, 16 mm.
17. Mag. blank used, 16 mm.
18. Print 06, 16 mm. (2 Jan. 1977)
19. Sync. sound, original, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
20. Background of Maxwell St. with ducks, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
21. Sync. sound tape transfer, first, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Deep in a Dream, 1977
What to do at a high school prom; film class project satirizing traditional educational films
20 min., sound, black-and-white
1. Original black-and-white reversal, 16 mm. head
2. Original black-and-white reversal, outtakes, 16 mm. head
3. Outtakes, 16 mm. head
4. Work print, titles, 16 mm. head
5. Work print, 16 mm. head
6. Music track, 16 mm. head
7. Narration track, 16 mm. head
8. Dialogue, 16 mm. head
9. Final print, 16 mm.
10. Narration sound effects, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
11. Sync. #1, tails out, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
12. Sync. #2, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
13. Sync. master track, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Videotapes
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DePue Girls, n.d.
Master mix, 30 min.

Fair Girls Tap Show, Linda’ Mother, n.d.
Unrelated pieces, 30 min.

Grand Prix ’73 Bed Race, 1973
1. 30 min.
2. 30 min.
3. 30 min.
4. Master dub
5. 30 min.

**Grand Prix '74, 1974**
1. Balloons, 30 min.
2. Debbie Patterson, 30 min.

**Naked City: Mr. and Miss Nude America, 1974**
1. Original footage, 30 min.
2. Original footage, 30 min.
3. Original footage, 30 min.
4. Original footage, 30 min.
5. Original footage, 30 min.
7. Dick Drost interview, original footage, 30 min.

**Miss Nude Teeny-Bop, 1974**
1. Original footage, 30 min.
2. Original footage, 30 min.
3. Original footage, 30 min.
4. Original footage with winners

**Little Miss Indiana Talent Contest, 1974**
30 min.

**Wabash Ash, 1974**
Conceptual art, 30 min.

**Old Time Fiddlers' Convention, 1974**
1. 30 min.
2. 30 min.
3. 30 min.
4. 30 min.
5. 60 min.
Steve and S. Pounders, 1974
   1. 30 min.
   2. 60 min.

Letter to Don V., 1974 [Don Visicini]
Collaborative letter to photographer, 30 min. (20 Oct. 1974)

Beer Olympics '75, 1975
Purdue, master, 30 min.

Beta Theta Pie Party, 1976
   30 min.

Audiotapes
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Time Warp, n.d.
   1. Final mix, dup., 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
   2. Master, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Doc in Chicago, n.d.
   1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

DePue Documentary, 1972
12 min., slide/tape show
   1. Class project, Columbia College (Chicago), 1/8 in. audiocassette
   2. Twin track, 7 1/2 ips., 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape
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Uncle John, n.d.
   Original, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

David Stratton, n.d.
   Track, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Dennis, Eric, Linda, n.d.
   "Star Spangled Banner," "Let It Bleed," 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Linda Sprague Sings, n.d.
   1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

Boat Trip Slide Show, 1970
Master mix, 1/4 in. reel-to-reel audiotape

*Marilyn and Family, 1975*

Accompanied by a super 8 mm. film not in collection, 1/8 in. audiocassette (14 May 1975)

*Highland Music, 1978*

Jaime Guardia-Charango/Las Hermanas Sandhez, vocals, 1/8 in. audiocassette (Lima, Peru, 11 July 1978)

*Rosa, 1978*

Rosa after seeing Marilyn's film, 1/8 in. audio cassette (21 June 1978)
correspondence and research notes, 1978.