

Title: Rauschenberg vintage proof (VP) black and white negatives and contact sheets Identifier: ACC5

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Content Description: "Vintage Proof" or "VP" black and white negatives mostly from the 1950s and 1960s, including original 120mm and large format Black Mountain era negatives taken by Robert Rauschenberg, and copy negatives of early family photographs and select other images. Negatives are no longer in original order; negatives from the same roll of film will appear on different contact sheets. It is unknown when and why this happened. Contact sheets likely named (VP) and created later (post 1970) by Rauschenberg studio staff.

Inventory:

- Negatives Box 1: VP001 – VP084; Box 2: VP085 - VP154; Box 3: VP155-VP221; MISSING: VP164, VP169.
- Contact Sheet binder 1: VP001 - VP100; Contact Sheet Binder 2: VP101 - VP221

General Note

2016: Negatives were archivally rehoused (strips independently sleeved and placed in new negative pages) for cold storage. Due to rehousing, original layout per contact sheet page no longer exists; however, it was confirmed that negatives in each set match the images on contact sheets. Exceptions noted in the inventory.

Access Restrictions Note: Contact Sheets available for research. Negatives in cold storage; accessible by RRF staff only.