

ARCHIVAL RECORD

RG1954.MI **Gadd, Ben Sr., 1905-1995**

Moving Images, 1934-1974; mostly 1940-1970.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Musician, Insurance Agent, home movie photographer, railroad enthusiast.

Size: 178 reels of 8mm motion picture film

BACKGROUND NOTE

Ben Gadd Sr. was born in Hastings, Nebraska in 1905. Gadd was one of the founders and conductors of the Collegian Orchestra, originally known as the U of N Collegians, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Collegians were a popular dance band in the late 1920's and early 1930's. They played at the Antelope Park Pavilion and the Lindel Party House.

Gadd worked as a general agent for Guarantee Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was a home movie photographer making movies of everything from his family to steam engines going across the country. He died on September 19, 1995.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The home movies of the Ben Gadd collection are arranged in chronological order based on subject.

Reels 1-147: Home Movies of the Gadd family, consists of home movies taken between 1934 and 1974. These films depict Gadd family members and friends at home for holidays and celebrations. Footage also includes family vacations across the country. This series is arranged into five groups by decade.

Reels 148-178: Home movies of trains, consists of home movies taken during the 1950's and 1960's of trains from several railroads including the UP, CB&Q, IC, and the California Zephyr. These films were taken track side as well as from moving trains.

DESCRIPTION

Motion Picture Film - Family

Group 1 - 1930s

- Reel: 1. November 1934, Sandra 16 months Claude and Dorothy's Wedding, June 1935
2. July 1, 1935 to Christmas 1935
 3. Spring/Summer, 1936
 4. September 1936, Wedding - Eleanor

5. December 1936
6. Easter and Spring, 1937
7. July 4, 1937 to Wyoming Trip
8. Summer, 1937, Wyoming Trip and home
9. Christmas, 1937
10. 1938, Spring to July
11. July 4th to October, 1938
12. Christmas 1938 - skates - Ben's 1st time out
13. Trip - Des Moines to Quebec
14. Trip - Quebec to New York
15. Trip - New York to Illinois to Lincoln
16. Summer, 1939
17. Winter, 1939-1940

Group 2 - 1940s

- Reel: 18. Summer, 1940
19. Summer and Fall, 1940 Aunt Myrtle and May
 20. January 1941, Jimmy to New Orleans, April, 1941
 21. New Orleans Trip, April, 1941
 22. Summer 1941, Wyoming and Ben's first day of school
 23. 1942, Sandra at Kewanis, first time, ends with Jr. Commando Scrap Drive
 24. Spring 1943, January 1945
 25. August 1943 and Linda, January 1945
 26. Summer, 1944, 2 Birthdays, Aunt Myrtle
 27. 1944, Linda - birth, 1st Christmas, Ben's dog
 28. Summer, 1945
 29. 1945, 1946
 30. 1946, Wyoming
 31. 1946, Wyoming, Jimmy and Peggy, Eleanore, Stanley and Karlyn, Paul Ayer and his car, Gaby and Jim Westcott, Ann and Irmygard, K.C.
Frederick and Kirk, Dorothy Frederick, Spring, 1946, Buffalo at Pioneer, Karen and Linda, Patty and Barbara, Wyoming, Bob Batton, Ruth Ann and Bob, Jeep ride and Bob, Hans and Oubs, Linda 2 year party, winter snow, kite
 32. January 1947, Florida convention, Rick and Eva, Key West trip, Ford and Eleanore, Washington and Mt. Vernon, Skywalkers
 33. Spring 1947, Tripp's yard
 34. April 1947, Linda's Birthday, age 3
 35. July 4th, 1947
 36. July 1947, Camp Kewanis
 37. Winter 1947-1948, Ruth Ann family in Lincoln, snow pictures
 38. Easter 1948, Birthday party, 4 years, Becky
 39. 1948, 4th Birthday Party, Agency party, Crete
 40. Summer 1948, Agency Picnic
 41. July 4th, 1948, Milt Elber's picnic
 42. August 1948, Lake Okaboji, IA
 43. August 1948, Lake Okaboji, IA

44. Summer/Fall, 1948, Lake Okaboji, Abbeot Steam Engine, Nita and Mary, Paulson, Spice, Linda and trike
45. Winter/Spring, 1949, Jim, Han, Ruth Ann and Rod
46. Winter/Spring, 1949, Easter, 1949, Tripps/Gadds, Aunt Stell, Polly, Irv, Sandpile, Linda, Karlyn, Tripps' roses

Group 3 - 1950s

- Reel:
47. April 1950, Fly's Estate, birthday party
 48. April 1950, birthday, June 1950, Eva and Dick Peck family and picnic, Linda at age 6
 49. June and July, 1950, Eleanor and Aunt Myrtle
 50. August 1950, Vacation with Mullen's, Rushmore Memorial, Wyoming, Corine and Linda
 51. August 1950, Vacation
 52. 1950, Wyoming Trip, last roll
 53. November 1950, Fly's house 1951, Easter
 54. 1951, Mexico
 55. July 4th, 1951, picnic at Minneapolis with Pecks, Tripp's yard and flowers, not too good, Ben leaving scout camp for canoe trip
 56. 1951-1952, May, 1951, Pecks, Groth, Claus, Mary Story Baccalaureate, Jones baby, July 4th, 1951, Ben leaves for Scout Camp
 57. 1952, Dot and Kristi, Spring, house, tulips and lilacs, Linda
 58. 1952, Golden Wedding Anniversary, Ben's run at stadium
 59. 1952, Golden Wedding Anniversary, picnic, golf, Patty
 60. Summer and Fall, 1952 (described on original film box as "splendid film") Lake Okaboji, fish, swimming, home again, Larry's last leave
 61. Fall 1952, Ray and Sandy, Linda's prize vegetable, our flower garden and Militzers, Rita and Dennis
 62. 1953 Trip - Washington, Cape Cod, Plymouth Rock
 63. 1953 Trip - Longfellow home, Bunker Hill, Dartmouth, New York City
 64. October 1953, Rediger's baby, Hugh and Pauline, Grandma's birthday
 65. April 1954, H.S. Track, Linda's party, Houston, Southern Pacific Steam Shots, Hotel Shinook, 1954, Convention Trip #1
 66. April 1954, Convention shots in New Orleans, Convention Trip #2
 67. April 1954, train pictures, "City of New Orleans," trip home from Convention, convention trip #3
 68. April 1954, Relations in Illinois, steam engine shots, Illinois Central streamliner Chicago, Burlington, California Zephyr, steam engine at Lincoln Roundhouse, convention trip #4
 69. September 1954, Sandra and Jack's wedding
 70. September 1954, Family picnic, backyard, Aunt Myrtle, Sandra, Jack, Larry, Amy, train shots, CB&O large steam engine
 71. September - October, 1954, Aunt Myrtle, Polly and Irvin, train shots of UP, Linda on a bike
 72. 1954, Christmas, our house, Jack and Sandra's apartment, train
 73. 1955, Christmas, all the family and office party, Militzer's, all inside pictures

74. April 1956, Linda's party and Hawaiian leis
75. July 1956, Laramie Peeks, Eva, Janet cap and gown
76. 1955, California trip, Ben and Tim, 25th Anniversary
77. 1955, Robinson's, RR Valley, Ruth and Kay, horse and Linda, Robinson's leaving, August 27, UP shots at Valley
78. Summer 1955, last part of trip to September, August and September, 1955, train shots at Omaha, Optimist base, bull team at airport, Sandra and Jack's first anniversary
79. May 1956, Dad, Neoma, Corine at Paul's from Linda's school and class, 1957, 1958, Linda's dress, Ben's wedding
80. 1956, Trip to Williamsburg
81. September 19, 1956, Williamsburg to Swathmore
82. 1956, New York
83. September 1956 to April, 1957, Jim and Band at Swathmore, 1956, Christmas, 1956, snow
84. June 1957, Agency at Kubitschebs, Finnerty Wedding
85. August - September, 1957, Lake Okaboji, Bierbause, Paulson's, CB&O Switch Engine, 800 Valley, NE
86. Fall 1957, football parade, July 4th, 1957, Linda's Wedding, January 1958, dress
87. July 1958, Kirk Kristi, picnic, K.C. and Dot
88. 1958, Aunt Myrtle, Steve Elmer, family picture, white package
89. August - September, 1958, Trip
90. August - September, 1958, Trip
91. October 1958, Aunt Myrtle, picnic, Valley, NE, UP, Lori Lee
92. Spring 1959, Lori Lee and Easter
93. May 9th and 10th, 1959, train and Mother's day, tulips, Lori, Centennial train exhibit at depot
94. May 1959, June 6th, 1959, graduation and mall
95. June 12, 1959, Denver and Journey to yesterday, Summer, Lori
96. August 1959, Jack at Halloween, Lori in swing, Ben Jr. moving
97. August - October, 1959, at Lake Okaboji, Beirbause, visit to relatives, Tripps Uncle Glen's
98. Fall 1959, pin oak, Thanksgiving and winter snow, Lori, April, 1960, Linda's surprise party

Group 4 - 1960s

- Reel: 99. August 1960, visit to Franklin, Lori swimming
100. August and September, 1960, California Trip, Ford, Eleanore and Peggy, Leta, Linda and Mother Gadd, Trip to Sandra J. in California
 101. August 1960, train in mountains, enroute west
 102. August 1960, California Zephyr, train into Sacramento, trailer, Seminary
 103. September 1960, trailer, Saucolita, the beach, park, beautiful film, Sandi and Linda
 104. September 1960, return, Ben and Linda, train in mountains, Salt Lake City, Linda, Mormon Square, trip to Denver, brief shot of the Holmes
 105. 1960, Christmas, #1 Florida trip, Smokies, Myldred and Jim, Sandie, Lori, Jack

and Ben

106. January 1961, #2 Florida Trip, Eleanore's, Chicago
107. January 1961, #3 Florida Trip, Hotel Cypress Gardens, Chicago
108. June 1961, rail fan trip, Dad, Neoma, and relative picnic
109. June, July, August 1961, Neoma and Corine, Lori and Davie and baby Ben, trip west #1
110. August 1961, west bound, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, Pocket Canyon, California
111. August 1961, trip west San Francisco and Linda Leta, home bound color bad
112. Fall 1961, Colorado train back from California, Rene, Lori and Ben III, Nancy and Shirley
113. June/Summer, 1962, Uncle Bob, Monterey Park, Long Beach
114. June 1962, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Jim, Linda, Sandie
115. June 1962 trip, Muir Woods, Portland, Seattle, Victoria
116. June 1962, Victoria, Vancouver, Canadian Pacific
117. June 1962, Banff
118. August 1962, Wilsonville, Lori, Bunny, Nancy B., Linda, Leta, Ben Sr., boat
119. 1962, Christmas, Stephen, Lori, Bend and early spring, 1963, short shot of train in basement
120. June 1963, Dad, Neoma, Corine, Ben, Nancy, and Children, backyard playing, David Dudek and Lori, and Benny
121. October 1963, Hayes Center, field day, (very good of all children)
122. Spring, 1963, Rail trip, David and Harmon girls, Graduation Harmon Hall
123. May 1963, William Woods, June, 1963, Fredericks, Ben Jr., Lori, Benny in backyard
124. 1963, Christmas
125. July 14, 1964, William Woods, Linda's birthday
126. November 1964, Grand Canyon, S & J in California
127. November 1964, Grand Canyon, S & J in California
128. May 1, 1966, at Blue Hill, Ben's family and house
129. June 1966, last of Colorado Rail Fan Trip, good of narrow gap, July-August, Lori, Glen, Steve at Children's Zoo
130. September 1966, Mediz Pa, 69th St., terminal street car, Eleanore, ford, house
131. September 1966, Strasburg, R.R., Washington D.C., Arlington Cemetary
132. Spring, 1967, flowers, snow, Peru, Ebners, Gadd Jr. and Linda, October 2, 1967
133. June 1968, Graduation Party, B&N, family, Kevin, Brian, Sheri, Eleanore, Janet (labeled on original box as "Outstanding")
134. June 1968, Sandra and Children, Ben, Nancy and children, sandpile, watermelon, hose and showers, Karlyn's baby
135. May 1969, Fulton, Churchill, Chapel Memorial, William Woods Campus, Oklahoma City, Zoo, family
136. May - July 1969, Oklahoma City, Ben's family, house, Father's Day, patio meal, Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek
137. July 1969, Cripple Creek, Colorado, Keenes, Shickle's, 1st day Jeep trip
138. August 1969, 2nd day Jeep trip, Bob Kar
139. August 1969, Lori, Ben, Steve, flowers, September 1969, Harny and Kay Miller,

- January 1, 1970, sledding, all 6 grand children, Ben Jr.
140. January 1, 1970, inside, New Year's dinner talk preparations, evening, children
Ginny, kitchen

Group 5 - 1970s

- Reel: 141. January 1970, sleds at hill, Jack, Sandie and Children, Davie, May, 1970, steam
trip, Denver, Laramie
142. May 1970, steam, trip, Denver, Laramie, August 1970, Benny and Stevie in
Sandpile, Sheri and Sandie
143. 1971, Wyoming, Buffalo Bill Lake and Dam at Cody, Granddad fishing
144. 1971, trip to Black Hills and Wyoming
145. Spring, 1973, trip with Militzer's to Oklahoma, Gadd's and house, Walt's sister
and husband, and house in Tulsa
146. Summer, 1973, Grandchildren and all here, backyard, Holmes Park, picnic, in
boats
147. 1974, April, train at Fremont, July 1, Gadd's home, Linda and Charlie, Berry's
mother, Nancy, Steve, and Donna

Motion Picture Film - Trains, 1950s and 1960s

- Reel: 148. May 1961, Iowa Railfan Club trip (2 days)
149. August 27, 19, train shots at Valley, Nebraska, Millard crossing, Summit and
Vinton Street Viaduct of UP power; railfan trip from Omaha to Spaulding,
Nebraska, October 22, 1955; November, 195, shots at CB&Q Roundhouse in
Lincoln, Nebraska.
150. 1949, Colorado convention
151. July 4, 5, and 6, 1958, steam trip CB&Q 5618 4-8-4 along the Mississippi River;
Duluth, Missabi & Iron Range steam double header from rear car.
152. C&NW passenger station in Chicago, then tracks south of downtown Chicago
showing New York Central Hudson on a mail train; at Cincinnati steam on the
N&W going along Ohio River, shots from observation car of "our" train,
"Powhatan Arrow," coal mine town, June 1953.
153. UP 8444 Denver to Rawlins and return, May 11 and 12, 1968.
154. Steam trip Chicago to Lincoln, Illini Rail Club, CB&Q 632 4-8-4.
155. October, 1957, Columbus to Spaulding UP trip.
156. October, 1957, Columbus to Spaulding UP trip.
157. Spring of 1965, 0 gauge layout Bernard Corbin at Red Oak, Iowa, also family
Christmas, 1965.
158. May 1973, Denver to Laramie and return trip with UP 8444.
159. May 1973, Denver to Laramie and return trip with UP 8444.
160. May 1954, Grand Island UP steam.
161. January 1954, Colorado trip and train shots at Cheyenne.
162. January 1954, Colorado trip and train shots at Cheyenne.
163. September 12, 1956, Chicago IC shots including Pan american and commuter

- trains, Chicago to Roanoke, steam action out of Roanoke (several trains).
164. Spring 1960 and steam trip to Lincoln, June 1960, CB&Q 5632 with engine at roundhouse.
 165. Spring 1960 and steam trip to Lincoln, June 1960, CB&Q 5632 with engine at roundhouse.
 166. 1966 railfan trip to Colorado including Durango and Silverton.
 167. 1966 railfan trip to Colorado including Durango and Silverton.
 168. June 8-13, 1959, Trip to Yesterday, CB&Q 5632 to Lincoln, CB&Q 5632 Lincoln to Denver, over Cumbres Pass, Durango and Silverton.
 169. September, 1957, UP steam Valley, Nebraska.
 170. 1958, UP steam Valley.
 171. 1958, UP steam Valley.
 172. June 1961, Lincoln Railfans trip.
 173. 1954, Colorado trip, railroad shots supposedly removed.
 174. 1954, Colorado trip, railroad shots supposedly removed.
 175. June 1962, railfan excursion.
 176. June 1962, railfan excursion.
 177. 1955, California Zephyr trip.
 178. Spring 1955, trip to Nebraska City with railfan special, steam at roundhouse.