

Thorvald Erikson Sr films and photographs

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Abstract A collection of 8 mm home movies created by Thorvald Erikson Snr and family members depicting daily life at 37 Curd St, Greenslopes; holidays to Coolangatta; and swimming competitions at the Davies Park Pool. There is also footage of the Roma Street Markets, where Thorvald Sr ran his fruit and vegetable business. Some of the films depict the activities of the Leander Swimming Club of which Thorvald Erikson Jr was a member. The club met every Thursday night the Valley pool, but on Saturdays mornings trained at the Davies Park pool. One film depicts the swimming club travelling to Mt Isa for the 1957 North Queensland Swimming Championships. Photographs include a large portrait of Thorvald Jr in his swimming costume, captioned 'Winner of Brisbane Metropolitan and Queensland State Primary Schools' Swimming Championships, 1956 (10 years); a wedding photograph of Len Eriksen and his wife Betty, with bridesmaid and best man (Thorvald Eriksen), at the Albert Street Church, Brisbane; and photographs of 37 Curd Street, Greenslopes, taken in 2007.

Description 37 reels of film ;

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Series 1: Films (1954-1959)

Series number 1

Series title Films

Date 1954-1959

Scope and content

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Author / Creator

Erikson, Thorvald, Sr.

Description

Description 26 home movies
standard 8 mm

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Items in this series:

Film 1: Leander picnic (1954)



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Date 1954

Scope and content

Information on can: Leander Picnic 1954; Karen, Thor, Chris, Mom & Dad. Footage shows swimming practice at Davies Park Baths, home of Leander A.S.C. (Amateur Swimming Club), including views of the Brisbane River beside the baths; members and families of Leander A.S.C. attending a club picnic at a seaside location.

Description

Description 1 film reel (10 min. 32 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (126 feet)

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Film 2: Christmas (1954)



Unit ID 32442/2

Date 1954

Scope and content

Information on can: Christmas 1954. Footage shows scenes from Christmas 1954 at the

Erikson family home at 37 Curd St, Greenslopes; celebrating Christmas at another unidentified residence; swimming at Davies Park Baths; backyard cricket.

Description

Description 1 film reel (14 min. 49 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (178 feet)

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Film 3: 'The Hold-Up' (1955?)



Unit ID 32442/3

Date 1955?

Scope and content

Peter's film 'The Hold-Up'.... Chris & Grandad. Footage shows scenes at 37 Curd St, Greenslopes including a boy wearing a cadets uniform, then an Anglican Church Grammar School uniform, and shots of various family members. This is followed by a short film titled 'The Hold-up' made by Peter Erikson and starring the Erikson children, filmed at Curd Street.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min. 49 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (58 feet)

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Film 4: Coolangatta and Davies Park Baths (1955)



Unit ID 32442/4

Date 1955

Scope and content

Footage shows the Erikson family at a beach house at Coolangatta; swimming at Davies Park Baths.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min. 24 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (53 feet)

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Film 5: Coolangatta (1955?)



Unit ID 32442/5

Date 1955?

Scope and content

Footage shows the Erikson family at a beach house and at the beach at Coolangatta.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min. 25 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (52 feet)

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Film 6: Erickson residence (1954-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/6

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Information on box: Uncle Len & Betty. Footage shows visitors at the Erikson family's residence at 37 Curd St, Greenslopes.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min. 14 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (51 feet)

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Film 7: Roma Street Markets (1954-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/7

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows Roma Street Markets where Mr. Erikson had a fruit merchant business.

Description

Description 1 film reel (2 min. 55 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (35 feet)

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Film 8: Townsville swimming competition (1954-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/8

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows a swimming competition at Tobruk Memorial Baths in Townsville.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min. 23 sec.; colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (53 feet)

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Film 9: Coolangatta foreshore (1954-1957?)

Unit ID 32442/9

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows a crowd gathered on the foreshore at Coolangatta. Very short film.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (15 feet)

Film 10: Erikson family (1956-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/10

Date 1956-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows the Erikson family relaxing and playing in the yard of 37 Curd St, Greenslopes.

Description

Description 1 film reel (2 min. 16 sec.; colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (27 feet)

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Film 11: Tennis and Davies Park Baths (1954-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/11

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Information on box: Karen playing tennis. Footage shows a tennis match; scenes at Davies Park Baths.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (48 feet)

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Film 12: Davies Park Baths (1954-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/12

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Information on box: Chris, Thor, Peter swimming; Norma going overseas. Footage shows swimming at Davies Park Baths; 37 Curd Street, Greenslopes; seeing off a cruise ship.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min. 29 sec.; colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (54 feet)

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Film 13: Erikson family (1954-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/13

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Information on box: Family and Home, Chris, Thor, Karen. Footage shows the Erikson family in the yard of 37 Curd St, Greenslopes.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min. 21 sec.; colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (52 feet)

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Film 14: Holiday scenes (1954-1957?)

Unit ID 32442/14

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows a holiday beach house and a horse.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (30 feet)

Film 15: 'Arcadia' cruise (1954-1957?)

Unit ID 32442/15

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows a cruise on the 'Arcadia'.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (50 feet)

Film 16: Erikson family (1954-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/16

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Information on box: Chris one year old & Karen, home. Footage shows the Erikson family in

the yard of 37 Curd St, Greenslopes; a car ride.

Description

Description 1 film reel (3 min. 24 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (41 feet)

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Film 17: Erikson family (1954-1957?)

Unit ID 32442/17

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Information on box: Chris at 6 months. Footage shows children playing in back yard. Very short film.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (25 feet)

Film 18: Children's birthday party (1954-1957?)

Unit ID 32442/18

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows a young boy, a children's birthday party, dress-ups.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (50 feet)

Film 19: Holiday scenes (1954-1957?)

Unit ID 32442/19

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows holiday scenes, passengers alighting from a plane.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (50 feet)

Film 20: Beach scenes (1954-1957?)



Unit ID 32442/20

Date 1954-1957?

Scope and content

Footage shows beach scenes, family swimming.

Description

Description 1 film reel (4 min. 47 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (58 feet)

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Film 21: Mount Isa trip (1954)



Unit ID 32442/21

Date 1954

Scope and content

Information on box: Mt Isa 1954, Peter and Thor. Footage shows members of families of Leander A.S.C. travelling to Mount Isa for a swim meet. Includes footage of gathering at the airport, boarding the plane, stopping at Longreach Airport, views from the plane, landing at Mt Isa, swimming events at Mt Isa Swimming Pool at Kruttschnitt Park, Mt Isa street scenes and views over town, the flight back to Brisbane via Cloncurry, Richmond, Proserpine, Mackay, Rockhampton and other stops.

Description

Description 1 film reel (28 min. 20 sec.; colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (340 feet)

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Film 22: Royal visit (1954)



Unit ID 32442/22

Date 1954

Scope and content

Footage shows the 1954 Royal visit to Brisbane including the Hamilton Hotel decorated for the visit, crowds lining Kingsford Smith Drive, the Royal motorcade passing Brett's Wharf, crowds and the motorcade on Coronation Drive and numerous other locations around the city, marching bands, soldiers, decorated buildings and streets.

Description

Description 1 film reel (23 min. 29 sec.; colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (284 feet)

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Film 23: Melbourne Olympic Games (1956)

Unit ID 32442/23

Date 1956

Scope and content

Footage shows the Olympic Games in Melbourne, 1956.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (180 feet)

Film 24: SS Himalaya cruise (1954-1959?)

Unit ID 32442/24

Date 1954-1959?

Scope and content

Footage shows the SS Himalaya on a cruise in the Pacific.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)

Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (360 feet)

Film 25: SS Himalaya cruise (1954-1959?)

Unit ID 32442/25

Date 1954-1959?

Scope and content

Footage shows the SS Himalaya on a cruise in the Pacific.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (200 feet)

Film 26: London trip (1954-1959?)

Unit ID 32442/26

Date 1954-1959?

Scope and content

Footage shows a business trip to London including market scenes.

Description

Description 1 film reel (Colour, silent)
Standard 8 mm acetate reversal positive (40 feet)

(16 digital)

Series 2: Photographs (1956-2007)

Series number 2

Series title Photographs

Date 1956-2007

Scope and content

Five photographs including:

- Large portrait of Thorvald Erikson Jr in his swimming costume, captioned 'Winner of

Brisbane Metropolitan and Queensland State Primary Schools' Swimming Championships, 1956 (10 years);

- Wedding photograph of Len Erikson and his wife Betty, with bridesmaid and best man (Thorvald Erikson), at the Albert Street Church, Brisbane;
- Photographs of 37 Curd Street, Greenslopes, taken in 2007.

Description

Description 5 photographs

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