Alan L. Mayor Collection

Type of Material
Manuscript Materials, Photographs, Negatives, Slides, Datebooks, Sound Recordings

Physical Description
162 linear feet of manuscript material including:
- 113 linear feet of photographic prints
- 19 linear feet of negatives
- 22 linear feet of slides
- 5 linear feet of CD/DVD/Floppy disc photographic files
- 1 linear foot of datebooks
- 2 linear foot of press passes

Dates

Access/Restrictions
The collection is partially processed, but is open for research use. The Center for Popular Music only owns rights to the physical materials in this collection. All materials in this collection are under copyright that is owned by the Mayor Family. Researchers must receive prior written permission from the Mayor Family for any reproductions of use. Center staff are able to assist with copyright questions for this material.

Provenance and Acquisition Information
This collection was donated by Alan Mayor’s sister, Theresa Mayor Smith, in October 2017. The Center’s Director and Archivist picked up a portion of the collection on October 6, 2017 from Mrs. Smith’s storage unit in Cadiz, Kentucky. The second, and largest, portion was picked up by the Center's Archivist and Assistant Archivist on October 13, 2017 from Cadiz, Kentucky. The third batch of remanding binders of negatives was dropped off at the Center by Mrs. Smith on November 9, 2017.

Agency History/Biographical Sketch
Alan Leslie Mayor was born in Belleville, Illinois on August 21, 1949. Alan’s dad, Albert Mayor Jr. was a Major in the Air Force at the time and was stationed at nearby Scott Air Force Base. After Alan graduated from Austin Peay State University located in his hometown of Clarksville, TN he moved straight to
Nashville, TN and began photographing professionally in the mid-1970’s until his health declined in 2013. He loved every aspect of Nashville living there for 42 years. Mayor was a well-known Music Row photojournalist in Nashville. He worked with many up and coming artists, as well as generations of stars in the music industry. Mayor documented countless number one parties, Fan Fair (now known as CMA Fest), music industry award ceremonies, and other music industry events. In his free time Alan was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish, boat, camp, and scuba dive. He also enjoyed time with friends and family. Alan Mayor passed away on February 22, 2015 in Clarksville, TN from stroke related complications.

**Scope and Content**
This collection is comprised of 159 linear feet of photographic materials documenting Nashville and the music industry from about 1970 to 2013. The collection includes photographic prints, negatives, slides, digital photographic files, datebooks, press passes, and other various manuscript material.

**Subject(s)**