Manuscript Collection

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Alan L. Mayor Collection

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 photo journalist 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)