

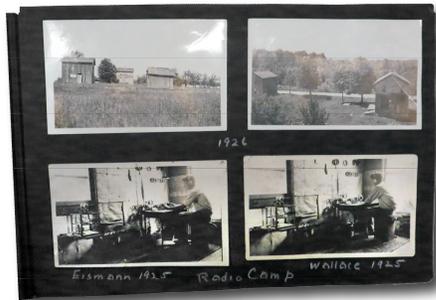
# Album 7. Frank Dawson Bliley Photo Album 1 1920–1927 Scanned: September 2015

## Introduction

This album covers a period in Frank Dawson Bliley's early life between the ages of 14 and 21. During this period he recorded his life as a teenager moving with his parents and sister, Joanie, to Florence Colorado to helpfully benefit his father's respiratory health.



There are many photos of Dawson's lady friends and his car.



Dawson was a radio ham and there are several photos of his station and outings.

The album contains several series of photos of family road trips. It seems that regardless of the season, the family members dress very nicely and a bit formal. What is surprising is the Model T car does not have any internal baggage compartment, and almost no photos show anything like baggage attached to the outside of the car. Certainly, they must have traveled rather lightly, a lot more lightly than those of us in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century consider reasonable.

He attended the University of Pittsburgh, ("Pitt") for three years and then transferred to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated at the age of 23 from Pratt in the spring of 1929 with a degree in electrical engineering. He then headed off to the "West" to look for adventure and employment. Having relatives in Colorado, it was a safe place to go and a familiar area from his living there for two years in his early teen years.

## About the Album

The album was found in the family archives in Boulder with the pages broken from the binding. *As a result, the exact order of the pages is unknown* and they were scanned in a thoughtful sequence that later was discovered to be imperfect. Thankfully, many photographs and pages are captioned. I placed small labels on each sheet and identified the front and back of each. The label contains an abbreviated album number, in this case 7, of the ten albums found and scanned in 2015. Each page has a sticker on it identifying it as Album 7, sheet number and front or rear side. For example: "Bliley, F. Dawson - Album 1 1920-27 - Page 38-Rear-P0-300.tif" = Album 7's 38th sheet rear.

The photos have suffered from age in various ways. Some have turned yellow and many show the signs of contamination from the glue used to hold the photos to the page. As a result, you will see some “exes” [X] show up as lightened areas of the photo. I have tried to compensate for this distortion as much as is practical.

All pages were scanned at a fairly high resolution of 1,200 ppi. Only a couple of individual photos were chosen for higher-resolution scans.

## Geographical References

There are many references to geographical locations. Here is a list of a few.

- Boulder, Colorado
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Gravenherst, Ontario
- Marion, Ohio
- Niagara Falls, New York and Ontario
- Pittsburgh History: 1927 gas tank explosion — Pages 35 & 36  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YWVP8w-a8w&spfreload=1>

This explosion took place five miles from where Frank Dawson Bliley was residing (4621 Centre Ave) and going to college and the Page Street Public School (1398 Page Street).

- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Royal Gorge, Colorado
- Warren, Pennsylvania—Summer 1927
- Washington DC

## Page Images

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