

# Guide to the Paul Ganster collection of Freddy Fixer Parade photographs

GEN MSS 2160



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 2160

**CREATOR:** Ganster, Paul

**TITLE:** Paul Ganster collection of Freddy Fixer Parade photographs

**DATES:** 1964, 2024

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5.63 linear feet (5 Boxes)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.18 Gigabytes (1,180,000,000 bytes and 87 computer files.)

**LANGUAGE:** Materials are in English.

**SUMMARY:** The collection contains photographs of the 1964 Freddy Fixer parade and spectators in the Dixwell neighborhood of New Haven, CT taken by Paul Ganster, then an undergraduate student at Yale University. Contains silver gelatin photographic prints, contact sheets, safety film negatives, and born digital material. Contains creator supplied numbering system for photographic materials, see printed image inventory [Box 1, Folder 1] for more information.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Beinecke Library reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.gansterpaul>.

To order reproductions from this collection, please send an email with the call number, box number(s), and folder number(s) to [beinecke.images@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.images@yale.edu).

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Paul Ganster (Yale, 1965), 2024.

## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Box 5: Restricted fragile material. Original computer files may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult access copies instead of the originals.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Paul Ganster collection of Freddy Fixer Parade photographs. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Yale Archival Processing Manual.

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## TypeCollection

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## Biographical / Historical

The Freddy Fixer parade is the oldest and longest running Black American parade in the Northeast of the United States since 1962. The parade originally began as a community run cleanup project in the Dixwell neighborhood of New Haven, CT, organized by Dr. Fred "Freddy Fixer" Smith and the Dixwell Development Agency, with the clean-up concluding with a meal. Early iterations of the parade included pageants and contests for children in the neighborhood to participate in, with most festivities happening at or near the Dixwell Community House. The parade continues to run to this day.

Information in this historical note was primarily drawn from the Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade website, as well as from the Edward Grant Oral History Project, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

The collection is organized by physical and digital photographic format.

The original structure and file names of digital images have been maintained.

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## Collection Contents

### Photographs

b. 1, f. 1-14	Mounted prints	1964
b. 2, f. 1	Mounted prints	1964
b. 3, f. 1	Small prints	1964
b. 4, f. 1-2	Contact sheets	1964
b. 4, f. 3	Film negatives [6 sleeves]	1964
b. 5, f. 1	Electronic files <i>1 Flash Drive</i>	

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Flashdrive  
2024-genam-0027\_01  
*1 Flash Drive 1177158228 bytes 87 bytes (1.18 Gigabytes) 87 computer files (1177158.23 kilobytes)*

Dates for digital images were determined by date they were last modified before being transferred to Yale University in March 2024.

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<https://preservica.library.yale.edu/explorer/explorer.html#prop:4&bbe45852-fd9b-4525-8b23-625a48ad95e0>

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

African Americans -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Parades

### Geographic Names

New Haven (Conn.)  
New Haven (Conn.) -- History

### Genres / Formats

Born digital  
Computer files  
Photographs