

**Bruno Hauptman Trial**  
**Photographs**  
1/1935 ó 2/1935

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## DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Hauptman Trial Photographs

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10 AM to 4 PM every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month; by appointment

### Abstract:

Collection consists of twenty-three assorted photographs of scenes from the trial of Bruno Hauptman. The photographs do not provide complete coverage of the trial but give a general overview of different events surrounding, and within, the courthouse. The photographer is unknown.

### Content Notes:

The infant son of Charles Lindbergh, Charles Lindbergh Jr., was kidnapped from the bedroom of the family home in Hopewell, NJ on March 1, 1932. His body was discovered on May 12, 1932. Bruno Hauptman, a carpenter born in Germany, was charged with the kidnapping based on evidence of a car license plate, gold coins, handwriting analysis and wood matching the ladder that was used to access the bedroom window. The trial ran from January 1, 1935 through February 13, 1935 at the County Courthouse in Flemington, NJ and was the original trial of the century in the United States. Bruno Hauptmann was convicted of the crime and was executed on April 3, 1936.

### Scope and Content:

The twenty-three photographs depict scenes outside the courthouse of the lead defense attorney Edward J. Reilly, Reilly and Hauptman at the defense table, the wooden ladder and of Charles Lindbergh Sr. entering the courtroom. No further information concerning the origin of these photographs is available, as they were acquired by the Society through purchase from a local antique dealer.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Series 1. Trial Photographs

#### Box 1: Folder:

1. Px6611 - Courthouse in Flemington, NJ with crowds.
2. Px6612 - Union Hotel, across the street from the Courthouse
3. Px6613 - Defense Attorney Edward J. Reilly, with dog and children
4. Px6614 - Defense Attorney Edward J. Reilly
5. Px6615 - Defense Attorney Edward J. Reilly and others indoors
6. Px6616 - Defense Attorney Edward J. Reilly and Bruno Hauptmann
7. Px6617 - Hauptmann being led into the courtroom by state troopers
8. Px6618 - Same
9. Px6619 - Hauptmann, state trooper and others at defense table
10. Px6620 - Scene of packed courtroom with defense table and occupants in the foreground
11. Px6621 - Reilly, Hauptman and others at defense table
12. Px6622 - Courtroom scene with Hauptmann in foreground
13. Px6623 - Close up of Hauptmann, state troopers and attorneys
14. Px6624 - Courtroom
15. Px6625 - Hauptmann being led into courtroom, similar to folder #7
16. Px6626 - Spectators in courtroom
17. Px6627 - Charles Lindbergh Sr. entering the courtroom
18. Px6628 - Same as above, portion of Lindbergh Sr. enlarged
19. Px6629 - Men entering the courtroom, unidentified
20. Px6630 - Group of men in hallway, unidentified
21. Px6631 - Evidence ladder being carried into courtroom
22. Px6632 - Evidence ladder displayed, unidentified man
23. Documents confirming the purchase of the photographs