

Basic Detail Report



Image of a camera misfire

Date
11/22/1963

Primary Maker
William Allen

Medium
Film

Dimensions
15/16 x 1 7/16 in. (2.4 x 3.6 cm)

Object number
1989.100.0023.0002

Description
Original 35mm black and white negative taken by Dallas Times Herald staff photographer William Allen. This image may be a camera misfire; it shows a sidewalk and curb, some litter and the lower part of a man's leg. Photographers would sometimes snap a photo of nothing in particular just to make sure that the film was advancing through the camera properly. It is not known whether this misfire was deliberate or accidental. Because this shot is one of the first pictures on the roll, it seems more likely to have been a deliberate misfire.