

Brown Photo Collection Online Updates and Improvements

Thanks to some ingenuity and hard work by an OCPL staff member, the oversized photographic prints in the Brown Collection are now available by request in high resolution digital format.

The new online home for the images can be found on the library's new web site at ohiocountylibrary.org. Click on "Wheeling History" on the home page and then "W. C. Brown Collection." The oversized images can now be viewed in their entirety online rather than in two scans.

The Brown Collection includes photographs of Wheeling in the 19th and early 20th century. As one of the most important collections held by the Ohio County Public Library, the originals are available for viewing by appointment only. The photographs were donated to library in 1950 by W.C. Brown, one of the city's first photographers. The pictures were taken by Brown and his father and had been recently restored by George Kossuth. The photos have been digitally copied to preserve as much of the artistic quality and style of the original as possible. If you would like a high resolution copy of a photo from this collection, please make a request through the [OCPL contact form](#).



ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES: OCPL staff member Erin Rothenbuehler uses the interesting (and slightly terrifying) setup she invented to digitally photograph the large format Brown prints at high resolution.