

An Inventory of the James A. Michener Papers, Tweedy-Riley Photograph Collection

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Dates: 1985-1992

Creator or Collector: Riley, Frank (Creator); Riley, Elfrieda (Creator); Tweedy, Anne (Collector)

Size: Approximately 1 linear foot (9 photo albums and 28 packets/groupings of snapshots).

Abstract:

Ten photo albums and 28 packets/groupings of snapshots, plus one box of duplicate photographs and negatives.

Scope and Content Note:

Nine photo albums and 28 packets/groupings of snapshots, plus one box of duplicate photographs and negatives, consisting of photographs of trips and cruises Frank & Elfrieda Riley, Anne Tweedy's parents, took with Jim and Mari Michener, 1985-1992. Also includes a photo album of the [James A. Michener Arts Center](#), Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 1988.

Biography of James A. Michener:

James Albert Michener was born in 1907 to unknown parents and raised as an orphan in the care of widow Mabel Michener of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. By the time he graduated from high school in 1925, he had visited 45 out of the 48 states. He was given a scholarship to Swarthmore, and after graduating summa cum laude in 1929, he traveled and continued his education at nine universities inside and outside the United States. During this time, he also taught in Pennsylvania, Colorado, and at the Harvard School of Education.

When he was not teaching, Michener worked as a textbook editor in New York, and he joined the British Merchant Marines. During WWII, he joined the Navy, making use of his experience in the British Merchant Marines to climb through the ranks to lieutenant and his knowledge of history to carry out sensitive assignments in the South Pacific. It was this experience that brought about *Tales of the South Pacific* in 1947, which won a Pulitzer Prize. Michener used this novel as the cornerstone of his writing career, publishing almost 50 books in the next 50 years, including *Sayonara*, *Hawaii*, *The Source*, *Iberia*, *Caravans*, *The Covenant*, *Sports in America*, and *Poland*.

In 1977, a four-part public television series called *The World of Michener* covered Israel, Hawaii, Spain, and Poland, just a few of the countries upon which his books have been based. Several other books have been turned into movies or miniseries, and two of his novels have been turned into musicals (most notably *South Pacific*, which won its own Pulitzer Prize).

During the time that he was publishing, however, Michener did not ignore the world around him. He ran for Congress in 1962 and held positions on several committees, including the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, the U.S. Postal Service stamp committee, and an

advisory position on a council for NASA. He also spoke often at congressional hearings and at functions of those organizations in which he held particular interest.

James A. Michener died at the age of 90 on October 16, 1997 in Texas, three years after his third wife, Mari Yoriko Sabusawa. He had no children.

Biography of Frank and Elfrieda Riley and Anne Tweedy:

Frank Riley, travel editor for the *Los Angeles Times* and *Los Angeles Times Magazine* from 1971 to 1988, and his wife Elfrieda were friends of James A. and Mari Michener. He also published articles in other newspapers and wrote and co-authored several books. Elfrieda Riley was the wife of Frank Riley. Anne Tweedy is the daughter of Frank and Elfrieda Riley.

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research.

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Locations of Originals (if applicable):

Acquisition Information (if applicable):

Gift of Anne Tweedy in 2003.

Documentation relating to the acquisition is on file in Archives, RG 13 S1 F11-2.

Subjects:

- Michener, James A. (James Albert), 1907-1997
- Riley, Frank, 1915-1996
- Riley, Elfrieda
- Tweedy, Anne
- Bennett, Tony, 1926-
- McLeod, Gavin, 1930-
- Dick, Ron (Air Vice Marshall, CB, FRAeS, RAD (Retd.))
- Donahue, Troy, 1936-2001 (actor)
- Finkel, Elliot (pianist & conductor)
- Russell, Jane (actress)
- Russell, Nipsy, 1918-2005 (comedian)
- Robinson, Robbie (singer)
- Glimcher, Dr. Sumner (Professor Emeritus of Dept. of Film, Video & Broadcasting at New York University's School of Continuing Education and a professor of visual arts).
- Blair, Dr. Lawrence (writer/co-producer of "Ring of Fire")

Inventory:

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 1 -- Scrapbooks		<u>Cruise Photo Album 1: Aleutian Cruise</u> Snapshot album of photos from an August 1985 cruise Frank & Elfrieda Riley took with James A. and Mari Michener from Japan to the Aleutian

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					<p>Islands. Michener was listed as a special guest and the cruise itinerary listed him as conducting research. The album label notes that this was the first cruise the Rileys took with the Micheners.</p> <p>“World Discourse” trip of the Aleutian Islands—flew to Tokyo, then Sapporo, and boarded the ship at Hokkaido. Places visited included Tokyo and Yokohama; Kushiko, Hokkaido; in the Aleutian Islands: Attu Island, Segula Island, Garelo Island, Atka Island, Bogoslof Island; St. Paul Island, Pinnacle/St. Martin Islands; Gembel, St. Lawrence Island; Little Diomedes Island, Alaska; and Nome with a flight to Seattle.</p> <p>Four photographs are attached to the front cover of the album. The itinerary is pasted to the inside front cover.</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 1 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Cruise Photo Album 2: Alaska Cruise</u></p> <p>Snapshot album of photos from a 1988 (June 29-July 15) cruise Frank & Elfrieda Riley took with James A. and Mari Michener. Two Alaska cruises, north from Vancouver to Sitka on the MS Nordham and south from Ketchikan to San Francisco on Sitsmar's Farisky. 4 days in Sitka over July 4th weekend for the festivities in conjunction with the publication of James A. Michener's book <i>Alaska</i>.</p> <p>James A. and Mari Michener were Grand Marshalls of Sitka's July 4th parade. Michener gave two presentations on the Fairisky.</p> <p>The front pocket contains: A one page "Sitka Alaska" undated brochure designed and produced by Alaska West Associates and a 1 page 2-sided flier entitled "Going Ashore."</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 1 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Cruise Photo Album 3: Marquesas Cruise</u></p> <p>Snapshot album of photos from a June/July 1989 cruise Frank & Elfrieda Riley took with James A. and Mari Michener in the South Pacific.</p> <p>Michener lectured on this cruise.</p>

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					<p>Places visited included: Papeeta Tahiti; Arutua Tuamote Islands; Fatu Hiva, Marquesas; Ua Pou, Marquesas; Ua Huka, Marquesas; Motu Tio Tio Island; Hiva Oa; Margusan Island and Hiva Oa; Fatu Hiva; Nuka Hiva; Hia Oa; Bora, Bora; Cook's Bay, Moorea.</p> <p>The album includes photographs of the Micheners at the Riley's Tweedy-Riley in California.</p> <p>The last page has a map of "Les Marquesas."</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 1 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Cruise Photo Album 4: "Wind Spirit" Caribbean Cruise with Jim and Mari</u></p> <p>Snapshot album of photos from a February 23-March 3, 1980 cruise Frank & Elfrieda Riley took with James A. and Mari Michener on the Windstar Small Cruises "Wind Spirit."</p> <p>Places visited included St. Thomas Island; St. Martin Island; Rendezvous Island (aka Tintamor Island); St. Barthelmey, Lesser Antilles; Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands; Jost Van Dyke; St. Thomas; St. Johns Island (featured in Michener's novel <i>Caribbean</i>).</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 1 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Cruise Photo Album 5: "Crown Princess" Cruise</u></p> <p>Snapshot album of photos from a September/October 1990 cruise Frank & Elfrieda Riley took with James A. and Mari Michener. The cruise was preceded by a brief New York City visit including lower Manhattan and ferry ride to Ellis Island.</p> <p>Places visited on the cruise: St. Thomas; Antigua; St. Maarten, Netherland Antilles; San Salvador Island, Bahamas; and Nassau.</p> <p>Celebrities on the cruise included: Tony Bennett as well as Gavin McLeod and other cast members from the television series "Love Boat."</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 1 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Photo Album 9: James A. Michener Arts Center</u></p> <p>A photo album of the James A. Michener Arts Center, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 1988.</p>

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					<p>The photo album contains photographs of the James A. Michener Arts Center, Riley's B & B, and photographs of nearby historical sites visited by the Micheners.</p> <p>The first page contains an invitation to the Grand Opening Gala of the James A. Michener Arts Center and a center leaflet. The back pocket contains two color photographs of the exterior of the museum.</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 1 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Loose Items: One paper envelope with note reading, "Meeting Jim & Mari Polish friend scene from [Hon.?] Hotel window."</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 5"x7" color photographs • 1 4"x4" color photograph of James A. Michener sitting in an airplane.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 2 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Cruise Photo Album 6: "Regal Princess" Inaugural Cruise</u></p> <p>Snapshot album of photos from a August 31-September 7, 1991 cruise Frank & Elfrieda Riley took with James A. and Mari Michener from Fort Lauderdale, Florida and back with port stops in Nassau in the Bahamas; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 2 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Cruise Photo Album 7: Radisson Diamond Cruise</u></p> <p>Snapshot album of photos from a September/October 1992 cruise Frank & Elfrieda Riley took with James A. and Mari Michener from Genoa Italy to the Caribbean, including stops in Italy, Spain, and San Salvador. The cruise followed Christopher Columbus's route to the Caribbean.</p> <p>Places visited included: Las Palmas de Gran Canaria; Puerto Rico; San Salvador; Nassau; Palma, Majorca; and Malaga, Spain.</p> <p>At the back of the album is a SS Radisson Diamond-Diamond Cruise folder containing 12-5"x7" photographs of James A. and Mari Michener on the</p>

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					cruise. These may have been taken by employees of the ship.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 2 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Cruise Photo Album 8: S.S. Rotterdam</u> Snapshot album of photos from a September 27 - October 31, 1991 cruise Frank & Elfrieda Riley took with James A. and Mari Michener in November 1993 of Seattle; Ketchikan, Alaska; Aleutian Islands; Muroran, Hokkaido, Japan; Vladivostok, Russia; Pusan, South Korea; Beijing, China; Hong Kong, Singapore and Bali, Indonesia. Visits also included: Xingang, port of China; Beijing & Great Wall, China; and Naka, Okinawa. After the photographs of South Korea, the rest of the photos are photocopies.</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 2 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Photo Album 10: Book Signing for <i>The Novel</i></u> Small photo album with photographs of James A. Michener at a signing of his book <i>The Novel</i>. Eleven black and white photographs were taken by Susan Shapiro. The album also contains ten color photographs (looks like instant Polaroid photographs).</p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 2 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Loose Items: Packets of Photographs and Negatives</u> 1 paper envelope labeled "Jim M Duplicates" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-5"x7" color photographs • 1-4 1/2"x6" color photographs </p>
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 2 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Loose Items: Packets of Photographs and Negatives</u> 1 plastic envelope labeled "Fox Photo 1HR Labs" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-5"x7" color photographs (dolphins) • 1 plastic folder of negatives labeled "dolphins" </p>
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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-5"x7" color photographs • 9-4 1/2"x6" color photographs • 17 folders of negatives
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 2 -- Scrapbooks		<p><u>Loose Items: Packets of Photographs and Negatives</u></p> <p>1 clear plastic bag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Passenger List for Marquesas Cruise-24th June-8th July 1989." (The album for this cruise is in Box 1). • 12 folders of negatives • 1-4 1/2"x4 1/2" color photograph. Handwriting on back reads, "Wind Song' Cruise June-July 1989 Papute Marquesas Jim's Friends." Note attached to the bottom reads, "Incomplete." (The album for this cruise is in Box 1).
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 1	Loose Photographs and Negatives.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 2	No labels. Photographs only.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 3	June/July 1989 – Marquesas. Photographs only.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 4	Duplicate Pictures of Jim & Mari. Photographs only.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 5	Feb-Mar, 1992 Antarctica. Photographs only.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 6	Radisson Diamond, 10/1992. Photographs only.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 7	Dolphin Experience, Ruth's Pier. Photographs only.
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate	Folder 8	Antigua, Russian Ship, Barbados Tour, Botanical Gardens, Villa Mon____,

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			Photographs and Negatives		01/1989.
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Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 10	St. Maartin, Martinique. Photographs and Negatives
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 11	Helicopter Ride on Crater. Photographs and Negatives
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 12	Hyatt Hotel Grounds, Plane to Kona. Photographs and Negatives
Tweedy-Riley	SC 1-40		Box 3 -- Duplicate Photographs and Negatives	Folder 13	Jim's Lectures, St. John's, 01/1989. Photographs and Negatives