

## Aerial Photographs

The aerial photo collection in the map area is comprised of coverage for 56 Minnesota counties, ranging from the early 1930's to the early 1970's. The collection is not comprehensive. Indexes are not available for all of the years; the ones that we have are indicated on the county index folders. Also in the collection are air photos of geologic features in the United States. These are arranged alphabetically by state.

### Locating Aerial Photographs

- 1 Determine in what county the desired area is located.
- 2 Locate the folder of photo mosaic indexes and maps for this county. Together these form a visual key.
- 3 Each county map represents one set (year) of air photos. Choose one year.
- 4 Assemble the index mosaic for that year. Each piece is numbered and has an assembly diagram on the edge.
- 5 Locate the desired area on the county map for the chosen year.
- 6 Locate the same area on the index mosaic for that year.
- 7 Copy down the alphanumeric codes surrounding the desired area. There will be more than one set of numbers. You need all of them.
- 8 Air photos overlap front to back and side to side. Each string of numbers and letters refers to one photo.
- 9 In the air photo cabinets, locate the appropriate county and year.
- 10 The folders are arranged sequentially by the alphanumeric photo codes.
- 11 Locate the appropriate folder and photos.
- 12 Repeat the above procedure for each year and area.

### Other Information

Pocket stereoscopes are available at the bottom of the right hand cabinet.  
Air photos and pocket stereoscopes can be checked out for three weeks.