Fred Wendorf’s Life in Sixteen Photos (assembled by Gail Wendorf and Jacek Kabaciński)

Fig. 1. Young Fred Wendorf, around 1944. At that time he was already enlisted to the army. Due to World War II he suspended his plans to study archaeology at the University of Arizona.

Fig. 2. Lieutenant Fred Wendorf in military uniform in 1944, before leaving for Europe. He joined the 10th Mountain Division and during heavy fighting with the Germans in Italy he was seriously wounded in March 1944 near Bologna.
Fig. 3. US Senate Memo re 1958 photo

Fig. 4. Fred Wendorf, Rep. John Dempsey, Dr. Wayne Grover, Rep George Mahon, US Senate, 1958
Fig. 5. Early 1950’s, New Mexico. Most of Fred Wendorf’s early archaeological career was devoted to salvaging and protecting archaeological heritage. He was a pioneer of large-scale rescue excavations during the construction of highways, pipe-lines and reservoirs in the Southwest United States.

Fig. 6. In front of the Laboratory of Anthropology, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1960. Before moving to Southern Methodist University in 1964, Fred Wendorf was a Director of this laboratory and there his first Egyptian projects were carried out.

Fig. 7. Fred Wendorf with Jim Hester from the Museum of New Mexico in Santa Fe, 1960. It was Jim Hester who convinced him to engage in the Aswan Dam salvage archaeological project.
Fig. 8. Aswan, 1963. Fred Wendorf, the director of the Combined Prehistoric Expedition, at the entrance to the Great Temple of Ramesses II before it was dismantled and relocated
Fig. 9. Gebel Sahaba, 1965. Combined Prehistoric Expedition rescue excavations directed by Fred Wendorf recovered a Late Paleolithic cemetery often considered one of the earliest evidence of warfare.

Fig. 10. Nile Valley, early 1960's. Fred Wendorf and CPE paleontologist Bob Slaughter.
Fig. 11. Fred Wendorf and Egyptian geologist Dr. Rushdi Said. 1967

Fig. 12. Fred Wendorf and Eide Mariff, 2003. Members of Mariff’s family from Asjut worked for decades for the Combined Prehistoric Expedition in the Nile Valley and the Western Desert
Fig. 13. Best friends. Fred Wendorf and Romuald Schild. Nabta Playa, 2008
Fig. 14. Nabta Playa, early 2000’s. Fred Wendorf recovering the megalithic stelae

Fig. 15. Desert camp in Nabta Playa, 2010. Fred Wendorf in his tent
Fig. 16. Fred Wendorf in his house library