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## Summary Information

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<td>Creator - Photographer</td>
<td>Clatworthy, Fred Payne, 1875-1953</td>
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<td>Date</td>
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<td>Extent</td>
<td>1.0 Linear feet (1 diary and 1 photo album in 2 boxes)</td>
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<td>The photograph album is stored in Ph.00005 in the Photography collection.</td>
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<td>Archival Material [Flat-Box]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Abstract</td>
<td>Diary and photograph album of Nelle Stevenson (1884-1975), a college student studying botany at the University of Nebraska, of her travels and botany field work in Colorado in the summer of 1907.</td>
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### Preferred Citation note
Nelle Stevenson collection, Mss.01197 (accession 84.128), History Colorado, Denver, Colo.
Biographical note

Nelle Stevenson (1884-1975), also known as Nellie, studied botany and received her degree from the University of Nebraska in 1908. She also worked at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of one diary and one photograph album both created by University of Nebraska student Nelle Stevenson (1884-1975) in 1907. From June 17 to Aug 20th of that year, Stevenson traveled to Colorado for a summer botany course. While in Colorado, she documented her daily activities including traveling, lodging, and interactions with fellow students and local communities. Locations documented include Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Durango, Silverton, Sulpher Springs, Mesa Verde, Mancos, Ouray, Estes Park, Boulder, and Denver. The diary and photographs offer a snapshot into Colorado tourism at the turn of the century.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Copyright statement

History Colorado may not hold copyright to this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Collection was donated by Robert Cleveland Scott, Nelle Stevenson's son, in 1984.

Processing Information note

Collection processed by Emily Moazami in March 2014.
Related Materials

Other related collections

Portions of Stevenson's diary were published in the following: *Essays and Monographs in Colorado History*, no.5, Denver, Colo.: Colorado Historical Society, 1987. A copy is available in the Stephen H. Hart Library and Research Center at History Colorado.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Boulder (Colo.)--Photographs
- Colorado Springs (Colo.).
- Denver (Colo.)
- Durango (Colo.)
- Durango (Colo.)--Photographs
- Estes Park (Colo.)
- Estes Park (Colo.)--Photographs
- Mancos (Colo.)
- Manitou Springs (Colo.)
- Ouray (Colo.)
- Pikes Peak (Colo.)
- Pikes Peak (Colo.)--Photographs
- Silverton (Colo.)
- Sulphur Springs (Colo.)

Personal Name(s)

- Allen, Louise -- Photographs
- Clements, Edith S., (Edith Schwartz) -- Photographs
- Clements, Frederic E., (Frederic Edward), 1874-1945 -- Photographs
- Field, Ethel -- Photographs
- Pool, Raymond, J., (Raymond John), 1882-1967 -- Photographs
• Stevenson, Nelle, 1884-1975 -- Photographs

Subject(s)

• Botany--Colorado
• Botany--Colorado--Photographs
• Botany--Study and teaching
• Botany--Study and teaching--Photographs
• Colorado--Description and Travel.
• Diaries--Women authors.
• Mesa Verde National Park (Colo.)--Photographs
• Tourism--Colorado--Photographs.
• Woman botanists
• Woman botanists--Photographs

Accession number

84.128.1-.39
## Collection Inventory

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<td>Description</td>
<td>Nelle Stevenson’s diary in which she entitled, &quot;Adventures of the Bumming Botanists,&quot; documents her daily activities in the summer of 1907 including traveling, food, hiking, botany, and leisure time with fellow student companions. She wrote about her visits to Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Durango, Silverton, Sulpher Springs, Mesa Verde, Mancos, Ouray, Estes Park, Boulder, and Denver. Stevenson also recorded detailed descriptions of lodging accommodations around Colorado at such sites as Fort Garland, Durango, Mesa Verde, Ouray, Longs Peak Inn, and Camp Bird Mine.</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>Nelle Stevenson created a photograph album that documented her travels in Colorado in the summer of 1907. The disbound album contains 38 gelatin silver prints and depicts students and teachers working out in the field, climbing and hiking, leisure time, accommodations at lodges and cabins, and landscape shots. People featured in the photographs include Stevenson, as well as her teachers and classmates including Dr. &amp; Mrs. Clements, Louise Allen, Raymond Pool, Mr. Bell, Ethel Field, and Arthur Sampson. Sites photographed in Colorado include Pikes Peak and the cog railroad, Mesa Verde, Estes Park, and Big Thompson Canyon. In addition to these images, the album also contains photographs of early lodges</td>
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such as Longs Peak Inn, Pikes Peak Summit House, a cabin on Cog Road halfway to Pikes Peak, and a Mesa Verde cabin, which would eventually become the site of the park’s headquarters.

Some images were photographed by Fred Payne Clatworthy (Loveland, Colo.), while photographers for the other images are unidentified. It is very likely that many of the photographs were shot by Stevenson herself; on July 27th, she noted in her diary that she was carrying a camera tripod.

Location note

This album is stored in Ph.00005 in the Photography collection.