

George Harvey, Jr. photograph albums

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator - Photographer	Barnard, George C., 1876-1947
Creator - Photographer	Harvey, George, Jr., 1876-1960
Creator - Photographer	Smedley, Will P., 1875-1968
Title	George Harvey, Jr. photograph albums
Date [inclusive]	1913-circa 1923
Extent	5.75 Linear feet (919 photographs in 7 albums)
Language	English

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical note

George Harvey, Jr. was born in Iowa on March 7, 1876. By 1900 he was living in Denver, Colorado with his family, including his father George Harvey, Sr., his mother Mary Harvey, and his siblings Frederick and Grace Harvey. He worked in Denver as a wholesale leather glove dealer. He married Jessie May Stocker in 1906, but after she passed away in 1909 he married Elvia McCoy Harvey (1890-1983) in 1911. In his spare time, Harvey was heavily involved with the Colorado Mountain Club, which was formed in 1912 with twenty-five charter members. The group led organized hikes and climbs around Colorado, advocated for wilderness protection and preservation, and lobbied for the creation of Rocky Mountain National Park. George Harvey, Jr. served the Club in a number of capacities; he acted on the Board of Directors from 1913-1922, Vice President in 1920, President 1921-circa 1922, and on the Outing Committee from 1913-1915, 1917-1918, and 1920. Harvey's involvement with the Club post-1923 is unknown. He died in 1960 in Denver, Colorado. The Colorado Mountain Club is still active today.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains 919 gelatin silver photographs in 7 albums assembled by George Harvey, Jr. that document the Colorado Mountain Club's mountaineering excursions around Colorado from 1913 to circa 1923. The photographs depict trips to Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Fern Lake, the ghost town of Ashcroft, Aspen, and the summits of Mt. Craig, Longs Peak, Mt. Hallett, Kelso Mountain and Douglas Peak, among other sites, as well as activities including hiking, climbing, camping, eating, photography, and leisure time. The photographs depict many early Colorado Mountain Club members including George Barnard, Max Giesecke, Elvia Harvey, George Harvey, Jr., Grace Harvey, Agnes Vaille, and Harriet Vaille Bouck, among many others. The albums also depict several Club members who had significant roles in Colorado mountaineering and wilderness conservation including James Graton Rogers, the first Colorado Mountain Club president and a lawyer who drafted legislation to create Rocky Mountain National Park, and Carl Blaurock, who was the first, along with his climbing partner, to climb all 14,000 ft. tall mountains in Colorado. The photos in the collection may also depict Enos Mills, a naturalist who was instrumental in establishing Rocky Mountain National Park, and Roger Toll, who was a superintendent in the Park. The majority of the photographs were shot by George Harvey, Jr. Other photographers in the collection include George Barnard and Will Smedley. Many of the trips documented in this collection are described in the Colorado Mountain Club's *Trail & Timberline* April 1922 publication.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Copyright status

History Colorado owns copyright to materials in this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

This collection was donated by Elinor Eppich Kingery in 1983.

Processing Information note

Processed by Emily Moazami in November 2014.

Related Materials

Other related collections

History Colorado holds multiple collections related to the Colorado Mountain Club, which are available through the Stephen H. Hart Library & Research Center. The Colorado Mountain Club collection (Mss.144) contains photographs, correspondence, publications, notebooks, clippings, and maps, among other materials. The Elinor Eppich Kingery collection (Mss.969) contains correspondence, clippings, and other materials related to the Colorado Mountain Club and Colorado mountaineering. The Agnes Vaille photograph collection (Ph.00452) contains photographs of Vaille's service in the Red Cross during WWI. The Henry S. Hall, Jr. American Alpine Club library in Golden, Colorado also holds photographs, archival material, books and other resources related to the Colorado Mountain Club.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Colorado Mountain Club. -- Photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Ashcroft (Colo.)--Photographs
- Aspen (Colo.)--Photographs
- Clear Creek County (Colo.)--Photographs
- Estes Park (Colo.)--Photographs
- Fern Lake (Colo.)--Photographs
- Longs Peak (Colo.)--Photographs
- Mount Craig (Colo.)-- Photographs
- Mount Hallett (Colo.)--Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Barnard, George C., 1876-1947 -- Photographs
- Blaurock, Carl, 1894-1993 -- Photographs
- Bouck, Harriet Vaille, 1880-1962 -- Photographs
- Giesecke, Max, 1880-1966 -- Photographs
- Harvey, Elvia McCoy, 1890-1983 -- Photographs
- Harvey, George, Jr., 1876-1960 -- Photographs
- Harvey, Grace M., 1890-1962 -- Photographs
- Mills, Enos Abijah, 1870-1922 -- Photographs
- Rogers, James Grafton, 1883-1971 -- Photographs
- Smedley, Will P., 1875-1968 -- Photographs
- Toll, Roger W. (Roger Wolcott), 1883-1936 -- Photographs
- Vaille, Agnes, 1890-1925 -- Photographs

Subject(s)

- Camping--Colorado--Photographs.
- Hiking--Colorado--Photographs.
- Mountaineering--Colorado--Photographs
- Rocky Mountain National Park (Colo.)--Photographs.

General note

Accession # 83.495

Album 1: Estes Park,

Collection Inventory

Series 1 Album 1: Estes Park, 1913 (163 photographs in 1 album)**Scope and Contents note**

This album contains 163 gelatin silver prints that were shot in 1913 by George Harvey, Jr., with several shot by George Barnard and Will Smedley. The photos depict an Estes Park scouting trip from June 7-10 and an Estes Park outing trip from August 11-23 that document locations in Larimer, Grand, and Boulder counties in Colorado including Bear Lake, Mills Lake, Mummy Range, Tyndall Glacier, Lake Helene, Lake Odessa, Andrew's Glacier, Longs Peak Inn, and the summits of Mt. Hallett, Flattop Mountain, and Longs Peak; Club members including George Barnard, Warren Barnard, Max Giesecke, Elvia Harvey, George Harvey, Jr., George Harvey, Sr., Grace Harvey, James Gafton Rogers, Harvey Sethman, Will Smedley, Edna Smith, Agnes Vaille, and Carl Whitehead; and activities including cooking, camping, sleeping, photography, and playing cards. The album includes handwritten captions, as well as a separate piece of paper with notes possibly written by George Harvey, Jr.

General note

Accession # 83.495.1

Series 2 Album 2: Mt. Victoria, Douglas Mt., and Mt. Craig, 1914 (99 photographs in 1 album)**Scope and Contents note**

This album contains 99 gelatin silver prints documenting three Colorado Mountain Club climbing excursions between May and July 1914. The first excursion was entitled the Smedley Trip (probably led by Club member Will Smedley) and took place from May 29-31, 1914, and includes views from Mt. Victoria (Summit County), James Peak (Gilpin County), and Mt. Evans (Clear Creek County). The second trip was to Douglas Mountain (Clear Creek County) on June 6, 1914. The third excursion was a scouting trip from June 27-July 3, 1914, and includes views of the Mummy Range (Larimer County),

Album 3: Third annual outing,

Hallett Gorge (Grand County), Grand Lake (Grand County), and the summit of Mt. Craig (Grand County). The photographs document Colorado Mountain Club members George Barnard, Max Giesecke, George Harvey, Jr., and Agnes Vaille, among many others. The majority of the photographs were shot by George Harvey, Jr. and the album features captions possibly written by him. Photos featuring Harvey may have been taken by George Barnard.

General note

Accession # 83.495.2

Series 3 Album 3: Third annual outing, 1914 (122 photographs in 1 album)**Scope and Contents note**

This album contains 122 gelatin silver prints that were primarily shot by George Harvey, Jr. during the Colorado Mountain Club's third annual outing in 1914. The photographs document various locations in Grand, Clear Creek, and Boulder Counties including Grand Lake, Chicago Lakes, Horseshoe Inn (now in Rocky Mountain National Park), the Fall River Rangers' station in the upper Horseshoe Creek, and the summit of Mt. Craig; people including the Prairie Club of Chicago and Colorado Mountain Club members including Emma Barnard, Elvia Harvey, George Harvey, Jr., Grace Harvey, Harvey Sethman, Carle Whitehead, and Mabel Whitehead; and activities including canoeing, sailing, hiking, camping, eating, and traveling via packhorses and automobiles.

General note

Accession # 83.495.3

Series 4 Album 4: Clear Creek Basin, 1915 (128 photographs in 1 album)**Scope and Contents note**

This album contains 128 gelatin silver prints that were shot by George Harvey, Jr. during the Colorado Mountain Club's trip to Clear Creek Basin in Clear Creek County, Colorado in 1915. The photographs

Album 5: Aspen,

document the summit of Kelso Mountain and views of Mt. Edwards, Grays Peak, and Torrey Peak; people including George Harvey, Jr., Agnes Vaille, and Harriet Vaille Bouck; and activities including hiking, eating, photography, and games such as baseball and tug-of-war.

General note

Accession # 83.495.4

Series 5 Album 5: Aspen, 1917 (167 photographs in 1 album)**Scope and Contents note**

This album contains 167 gelatin silver prints shot by George Harvey, Jr. depicting the Colorado Mountain Club's trip to Aspen in 1917. The photographs document locations in Pitkin County, Colorado including Aspen, Ashcroft ghost town, Castle Peak, Taylor Peak (Pitkin & Gunnison Counties), and Glenwood Springs (Garfield County); people including Douglas Collier, George Harvey, Jr., Grace Harvey, William Myatt, and Harvey Sethman, among many others; and activities including hiking, climbing, photography, and acting in a play. Photographs of note include a group shot of Club members with what appears to be severe frostbite on their faces. It is possible that these injuries have been faked, however, as many people are smiling in the photograph. Another image depicts a cabin with a sign that reads: "The Timberline, Enos A. Mills, elevation 11,050." The exact location of this building is unknown and does not appear to be the Enos A. Mills cabin located in Rocky Mountain National Park. Finally, this album contains photographs of Club members posing inside a jail in the ghost town of Ashcroft, Colo. The last remaining resident of Ashcroft poses outside the jail with multiple guns.

General note

Accession # 83.495.5

Series 6 Album 6: Long Lake and Arickaree Range, 1918 (101 photographs in 1 album)**Scope and Contents note**

Album 7: Rocky Mountain National Park,

This album contains 101 gelatin silver prints that were shot by George Harvey, Jr. in 1918 during the Colorado Mountain Club's summer outing. Photographs document places around Boulder County, Colorado including Long Lake, the Arickaree Range, Mt. Audubon, and Isabelle Glacier; people including Henry Brooks, Nancy Crips, George Harvey, Jr., Grace Harvey, Mr. Schroeder, and Agnes Vaille; and activities including camping, eating, climbing, and hiking.

General note

Accession # 83.495.6

Series 7 Album 7: Rocky Mountain National Park, circa 1923 (139 photographs in 1 album)

Scope and Contents note

This album contains 139 gelatin silver prints that depict a Colorado Mountain Club trip to Rocky Mountain National Park circa 1923. The photographs document locations around Larimer County, Colorado including Fern Lake, Fern Lodge, Odessa Trail, Odessa Lake, Notchtop Mountain, Marguerite Falls, and Little Matterhorn; people including Jane Bailey, George Barnard, Carl Blaurock, Otilie Blaurock, Fred Clark, James Causey, Max Giesecke, Alice Hale, Elvia Harvey, George Harvey, Jr., Grace Harvey, Marjorie Malins, Francis Rogers, E.W. Robinson, Leucia Robinson, Agnes Vaille, and Fred W. Wild; and activities including skiing, climbing, hiking, and photography. The album includes handwritten notes possibly written by George Harvey, Jr.

General note

Accession # 83.495.7