

Trachsel family photographs collection

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator - Photographer	Trachsel, Adolph, b. 1870
Creator - Photographer	Trachsel, Mary B., b. 1861
Title	Trachsel family photographs collection
Date [inclusive]	circa 1912-1921
Extent	2.25 Linear feet (510 photographs and postcards in 3 boxes)
Language	English
Collection [Box]	1-3

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical note

Adolph Trachsel (b. 1870) and his wife Mary B. Trachsel (b. 1861) were Swiss immigrants who lived at 735 Williams Street in Denver, Colo. and owned a series of restaurants in Denver, including the Edelweiss Café, Home Dairy Restaurant, and Café Alpine Rose.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains two photograph albums and one postcard album that date from circa 1912-1921 and document Adolph and Mary B. Trachsel's family lives and travels during that period. The photograph albums include photos of the Trachsels' vacations in Estes Park, Colo. and Excelsior Springs, Mo.; their automobile tours throughout Colorado and California; the Trachsel family home at 735 Williams Street in Denver; views of the Trachsels' restaurant, the Edelweiss Cafe, in Denver; automobile races in Colorado; damage done by the Cherry Creek flood of July 1912; and the blizzard of December 1913 in Denver, as well as other views of Denver. There are images of oil drilling ventures in Colorado, California, and Wyoming, copper mining in Nevada, gold mining in Russell Gulch, Colo., and sulphur mining in Thermopolis, Wyo., as well as two snapshots of aviators Ruth Bancroft Law (1887-1970) and Baxter H. Adams (1885-1951) flying their aircrafts in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1917. Most of the photographs were taken by Adolph and Mary B. Trachsel. The postcard album documents the Trachsels' travels through the U.S. circa 1914.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Copyright note

History Colorado may not own copyright to the materials in this collection.

Custodial History note

The donor received the albums in this collection from Bertha van Zandt. History Colorado has not been able to determine any relation between Bertha van Zandt and the Trachsels.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Dora Elizabeth Cash, 2013.

Processing Information note

Processed by Megan K. Friedel, January 2013.

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Trachsel family -- Photographs

Genre(s)

- Lithographs
- Photograph albums
- Postcards

Personal Name(s)

- Adams, Baxter H., 1885-1951 -- Photographs
- Law, Ruth Bancroft, 1887-1970 -- Photographs
- Trachsel, Adolph, b. 1870 -- Photographs
- Trachsel, Mary B., b. 1861 -- Photographs

Subject(s)

- Aeronautics--Ohio--Photographs.
- Air pilots--Photographs
- Automobile racing--Photographs

- Automobile travel--Colorado--Photographs
- Blizzards--Colorado--Denver--Photographs
- Denver (Colo.)--Photographs.
- Dwellings--Colorado-Denver--Photographs
- Floods--Colorado--Denver--Photographs
- Restaurants--Colorado--Denver--Photographs
- Swiss Americans--Colorado--Photographs.
- Voyages and travels--Photographs

General note

Accession #2013.63.1-3

Album 1: Trachsel family travels photograph album,

Collection Inventory**Album 1: Trachsel family travels photograph album, 1912-1921 1.0 Linear feet****Series description**

This album dates from circa 1912-1921 and mostly contains photos of the Trachsels' vacations and travels in Oregon, California, Colorado, Switzerland, and other locations in the American West. These photos include views of the Hewes-Kirkwood Inn in Estes Park, Colo. and the resort at Excelsior Springs, Mo., as well as a significant number of images documenting oil drilling ventures in Colorado, California, and Wyoming, copper mining in Nevada, gold mining in Russell Gulch, Colo., and sulphur mining in Thermopolis, Wyo. The album also contains interior and exterior photos of an S. M. Willner's 5 and 50 Cent store building in Kansas City, Mo.; interior and exterior views of the Trachsels's home at 735 Williams Street in Denver; an interior view of the Edelweiss Cafe in Denver; and informal snapshots of the Trachsels, their family, and friends. . Of special note are two snapshots of aviators Ruth Bancroft Law (1887-1970) and Baxter H. Adams (1885-1951) flying their aircrafts in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1917. The album also contains postcards collected by the Trachsels on their travels, as well as lithographs of artwork made by the Orcutt Company.

General note

Accession # 2013.63.1

Album 2: Trachsel family photograph album, circa 1912-1913 1.0 Linear feet**Series description**

This album dates from circa 1912-1913 and mostly contains photographs of the Trachsels' automobile tours throughout Colorado and California. The photos of the Colorado locations include Longs Peak and the Longs Peak Inn, Cripple Creek, Evergreen, Estes Park and the Stanley Hotel, Georgetown, the aerial railway to the summit of Sunrise Peak, Big Thompson Canyon, Pine Grove, Platt Canyon, Roxborough

Album 3: Trachsel family postcard album

Park, Eldorado Springs, Boulder Canyon, Williams Canyon, Cheyenne Canyon, Red Rocks prior to its establishment as a city park, the Pike's Peak cog railway, Garden of the Gods, and the Moffat Road, among other places. The album also contains photos of the interior and exterior of the Trachsels' home at 735 Williams Street in Denver, including views of Cheesman Park; other views of Denver; automobile races; damage done by the Cherry Creek flood of July 1912; the blizzard of December 4-5, 1913 in Denver; an interior view of the Edelweiss Cafe; and informal snapshots of the Trachsels, their family, and friends. Additionally, there also many postcards in the album documenting the Trachsels' travels in the United States and Switzerland.

General note

Accession # 2013.63.2

Album 3: Trachsel family postcard album circa 1914 0.25 Linear feet**Series description**

This album contains mostly postcards collected by the Trachsels on their travels in California, Utah, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Oklahoma, Missouri, Washington, D.C., and New York circa 1914. One loose postcard depicts the interior of the Trachsels' Home Dairy restaurant in Denver, Colo. There are also a few photographs taken of Mary B. Trachsel on Mount Tamalpais in California and at an unidentified beach.

General note

Accession # 2013.63.3