

Mary Wilcox Dreyer photograph albums

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator - Photographer	Dreyer, William
Title	Mary Wilcox Dreyer photograph albums
Date [inclusive]	circa 1913-1932
Extent	2.0 Linear feet (937 photographs in 2 boxes)
Language	English

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Mary Wilcox Dreyer was born in Denver, Colo. on January 17, 1914 to Rudolph E. Dreyer (1871-1941) and Cora A. Wilcox Dreyer (1879-1974). She had one sister Margaret Madeline Dreyer (1917-1920). Her father was the president of Moore Hardware & Iron Company in Denver. Mary attended the University of Denver where she studied English and was a member of numerous clubs including the Gamma Phi Beta fraternal organization. After graduating in 1935, she held various secretarial jobs including positions at Kent School for Girls (private school) and at the Denver Chamber of Commerce. Dreyer died in Denver in 1992.

Scope and Contents note

This collection contains 937 photographs in four albums that were shot by various photographers circa 1913-1932 and collected by Mary Wilcox Dreyer (1914-1922). The images depict Mary Wilcox Dreyer (1914-1922); her family and friends, including Rudolph Dreyer (1871-1941) and Cora Wilcox Dreyer (1879-1974); Dreyer's Denver residence at 2219 Bellaire Street in Denver; the Dreyer family's travels in Colorado and across the country to places such as Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska; and Mary Wilcox Dreyer's classmates from Denver East High School and possibly University of Denver, circa 1930-1932.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Copyright statement

History Colorado holds copyright to materials in this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Madeline Dunn and Thomas Sullivan, 1993.

Processing Information note

Processed by Emily Moazami in December 2015.

Related Materials

Mixed collection note

History Colorado also holds the Mary Wilcox Dreyer manuscripts collection (Mss.1827) which contains scrapbooks with photos and other materials; yearbooks; certificates and diplomas; and commencement programs, circa 1900-1950.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Alaska--Photographs
- Estes Park (Colo.)--Photographs
- Oregon--Photographs
- Washington--Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Dreyer, Cora, 1879-1974 -- Photographs
- Dreyer, Mary Wilcox, 1914-1992 -- Photographs
- Dreyer, Rudolph, 1871-1941 -- Photographs

Subject(s)

- Automobile travel--Colorado--Photographs
- Dwellings--Colorado--Denver--Photographs
- Glaciers--Alaska--Photographs

- Hotels--Colorado--Photographs
- Tourism--Colorado--Photographs.
- Tourism--Photographs

General note

Accession # 93.42

Album 1: Dreyer family photo album,

Collection Inventory

Album 1: Dreyer family photo album, 1913-1917 0.5 Linear feet (225 photographs in 1 album)

**Box
1**

Scope and Contents note

This album contains 225 gelatin silver snapshots depicting Mary Dreyer's family, friends, and travels from October 1913 to August 1917. The photographs depict people including Rudolph Dreyer (1871-1941), Cora Wilcox Dreyer (1879-1974), Mary Wilcox Dreyer (1914-1922), and Margaret Madeline Dreyer (1917-1920), among many others; holidays including Christmas and Thanksgiving; interior and exterior shots of the Dreyer's Denver residence at 2219 Bellaire Street; the Dreyer family's tourism in Colorado to the Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak, Bear Creek Canyon, and Estes Park, among other sites; and the Dreyer family's tourism to Washington, DC and Baltimore, Maryland including visits to the Washington Monument, White House, and the U.S. Capitol Building. Some photographs in the album were shot by William Dreyer, while the other photographers are unidentified.

Album 2: Dreyer family photo album, 1920-1924 0.5 Linear feet (349 photographs in 1 album)

**Box
1**

Scope and Contents note

This album contains 349 gelatin silver snapshots depicting Mary Dreyer's family, friends, and travels from 1920 to 1924. The photographs depict people including Rudolph Dreyer (1871-1941), Cora Wilcox Dreyer (1879-1974), Mary Wilcox Dreyer (1914-1922), and Margaret Madeline Dreyer (1917-1920), among many others; holidays including Christmas and Labor Day; and leisure time including biking, ice skating, and the Denver Motor Club. The album also depicts the interior and exterior of the Dreyer's Denver residence at 2219 Bellaire Street. The majority of the photographs in the album depict the Dreyer family's tourism via automobile to locations in Colorado including Breckenridge, Canyon City, Craig, Granby, Hayden, Manitou, South Park, and Steamboat Springs, among many other

Album 3: Dreyer family photo album,

sites. The album includes many photographs depicting inns, lodges, and hotels across Colorado as well. Other photographs document the family's travels to other states and abroad including southern California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Washington, DC, Virginia, Montreal (Canada), and Paris (France). In the back of the album, there are also 6 loose photographs dating from circa 1890-1940. The photographs include formal portraits of the Dreyer family, as well as cyanotypes depicting a group of unidentified women.

Album 3: Dreyer family photo album, 1924-1929 0.5 Linear feet (315 photographs in 1 album)

**Box
2**

Scope and Contents note

This album contains 315 gelatin silver snapshots depicting Mary Dreyer's family, friends, and travels from August 1924 to August 1929. The photographs depict people including Rudolph Dreyer (1871-1941), Cora Wilcox Dreyer (1879-1974), and Mary Wilcox Dreyer (1914-1922), among many others; holidays including Christmas, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Decoration Day (Memorial Day); and leisure time and sports including archery, croquet, golfing, and the motor club. The album also depicts the interior and exterior of the Dreyer's Denver residence at 2219 Bellaire Street. The majority of the photographs in the album depict the Dreyer family's tourism via automobile to such locations in Colorado including Boulder Canyon, Little Cub Creek in Evergreen, Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Lewiston Hotel in Estes Park, Cheesman Lake in Pike National Forest, Broncho Dude Ranch in Evergreen, and Greymont, Colo. Locations shot in Oregon include Portland, Columbia River Highway, Columbia Gorge Hotel (Hood River), Wah Gwin Gwin Falls, Multnomah Falls, and Wahkeena Falls. Locations shot in Washington state include Seattle; Washington University; Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma; and National Park Inn and Paradise Inn in Mount Rainer National Park. Locations shot in British Columbia include Vancouver and Victoria. The photographs also depict ship travel to locations in Alaska including Glacier National Park, Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka, Skagway, Wrangell, Lake Bennett, Taku Glacier, and Dead Glacier. Several photographs shot in Sitka, Alaska depict Native Alaskans.

Album 4: Mary Dreyer's classmates album,

Album 4: Mary Dreyer's classmates album, circa 1930-1932 0.5 Linear feet (48 photographs in 1 album)

**Box
2**

Scope and Contents note

This album contains 48 photographs that were collected by Mary Wilcox Dreyer (1914-1922). The majority of the photographs depict portraits of Dreyer's classmates from Denver East High School and possibly University of Denver, circa 1930-1932. Many of the photographs are signed to Mary. These photographs were shot by different professional photographers including Stoffel Studio. Other photographs in the album are snapshots of Dreyer's friends posing outdoors in front of automobiles and houses. These photos were possibly shot by Mary Dreyer.