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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Clyde W. Stauffer Family Photograph Album
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0139
Date:	1935 - 1940
Creator:	Stauffer, Clyde Weaver, 1899-1984 (policeman) (Photographer) Stauffer, Clyde Weaver, Mrs. (Photographer)
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The collection consists of a disassembled photograph album, featuring images from the travels of Stauffer and his wife.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was bequeathed by Clyde W. Stauffer in August 1984. Mr. Stern, as administrator of the estate, sent the album to the Museum.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Born in Alliance, Ohio on November 28, 1899, Clyde Stauffer served in the U.S. Navy from November 8, 1917 to July 31, 1919. He later worked as a police officer in Detroit, Michigan. He and his wife were active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars police post in Detroit, serving terms as post commander and president of the Women's Auxiliary, respectively. They traveled extensively throughout the United States to attend VFW meetings, and the album forms a record of their travels during the years 1935-1940. After retirement from the Detroit police force, the Stauffers moved to Oscoda, Michigan, and he worked at Wurtsmith Air Force Base. Later they lived in Tucson, Arizona. Stauffer died in August, 1984.

Album forms a record of vacation travel by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Stauffer, 1935-1940. Their travels were occasioned by Mr. Stauffer's position as commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars police post of Detroit, Michigan, and the need to attend V.F.W. meetings around the country. Mrs. Stauffer was president of the V.F.W. auxiliary. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Stern met the Stauffers in Oscoda, Michigan, and both families eventually relocated in Tucson, Arizona.

Scope and Contents

This album consists of 109 loose pages, bearing a total of 134 black and white silver gelatin photoprints, some postcards, and a photomechanical reproduction clipped from a publication, with a 1939 World's Fair ticket stub. The subjects of the photographs include: Lincoln's birthplace and other sites in Kentucky; Tennessee; Georgia; Florida; Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts; the 1939 New York World's Fair, ships in Battery Park and Manhattan buildings; the ships *The Normandie*, *The Queen Mary*, and *The U.S.S. Constitution* and the Southern Clipper airplane; the Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota, Cathedral Spires and Mount Rushmore portrait busts during construction; Yellowstone National Park and Wyoming; Rocky Mountain National Park, Pikes Peak and Denver, Colorado; Bryce Canyon, the Mormon Temple, Zion National Park, Salt Lake City and other areas of Utah; Boulder Dam; Santa Catalina Island; Carlsbad Caverns; and celebrities Bill Robinson and Eddie "Rochester" Anderson at a barbecue in Los Angeles. There are also photographs of the Stauffers and of friends whom they visited during their travels.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- African American entertainers -- 20th century
- Automobile travel -- Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- U.S.A.
- Entertainers -- 1930-1940
- Exhibitions -- 1930-1940 -- New York
- National parks and reserves
- Parks -- Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- U.S.A.
- Recreation -- Photographs -- 1930-1940 -- U.S.A.
- Travel -- Photographs -- 1930-1940
- Vacations -- Photographs -- 1930-1940
- Veterans -- Photographs -- 1930-1940
- Veterans -- societies, etc -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Albums
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- 1900-1950
- Postcards
- Tickets -- World's Fair, 1939 -- New York (N.Y.)

Names:

- Anderson, Eddie "Rochester", 1905-1977

New York World's Fair (1939-1940 : New York, N.Y.)
Robinson, Bill, 1878-1949
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- 1930-1940

Places:

Badlands National Park (S.D.) -- 1930-1940 photographs
Black Hills (S.D. and Wyo.) -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Bryce Canyon National Park -- photographs -- 1930-1940 -- Utah
Colorado -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Florida -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Georgia -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Kentucky -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Mt. Rushmore S.D. -- photographs -- 1930-1940
South Dakota -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Tennessee -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Wyoming -- photographs -- 1930-1940
Zion National Park (Utah) -- photographs -- 1930-1940

Container Listing

Box 1	Photograph Album, 1935 - 1940
Box 1	<p>Eddie (Rochester) Anderson at V.F.W. barbecue, Los Angeles Pistol Range : photoprint, 1940/08/29 1 Item (Silver gelatin on paper, mounted with photo corners on scrapbook page.; 3.7" x 6.0") Photographer: Stauffer, Clyde Weaver, 1899-1984 (policeman) Language: English. Notes: AC0139-0000001 (AC scan no.) 93-12795 (OPS neg no.) Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Photographs must be handled with cotton gloves unless protected by sleeves. Photograph apparently taken either by Clyde W. Stauffer or Mrs. Stauffer at barbecue during Mr. Stauffer's tour of V.F.W. chapters.</p> <p>Names: Anderson, Eddie "Rochester", 1905-1977 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- 1940 -- Photographs</p> <p>Topic: Barbecue cookery -- 1940 -- Los Angeles Cal. -- Photographs Veterans -- 1940 -- Photographs African American actors</p> <p>Place: Los Angeles (Calif.) -- 1940 -- Photographs</p> <p>Culture: African Americans -- 1930-1940</p>