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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Archives Center Glass Plate Collection
Date:	ca. 1910-1920.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0246
Creator:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Physical Sciences
Extent:	0.1 Cubic feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown. Found in collections, November 12, 1986.

Provenance

Provenance of first eight items unknown. Additional acquisitions of miscellaneous glass plates may be added to this collection in the future.

Processing Information

Collection processed by David Haberstick, 1986

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Archives Center Glass Plate Collection, National Museum of American History.

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Scope and Contents

Collection designated for miscellaneous glass plates, unidentified and/or of unknown provenance. The plates included here are indexed, but additional items may be added to the collection. There are eight plates, both negatives and positives; subjects include a man with cog railway tracks(?), two images of an observatory and two of the moon, and four identical images (two negatives and two positives) of Henry A. Rowland with his ruling engine.

Arrangement

Divided into two series.

Series 1: Silver Gelatin Plates (8 x 10)

Series 2: Silver Gelatin Plates (4 x 5)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Cog railways
- Observatories
- Ruling engines

Types of Materials:

- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- Glass -- 1910-1920
- Transparencies

Names:

- Burka, S. W.
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Physical Sciences
- Rowland, Henry Augustus

Places:

- Moon

Container Listing

Series 1: Silver Gelatin Plates (8 x 10)

Box 1, Folder 1	Positive, Man with cog railway? tracks, unidentified building in background, undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Positive, observatory on hill with other buildings. Image silvering., undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Positive, observatory, identical to plate number 2, except laterally reversed. Image silvering., undated
Box 1, Folder 2	Negative, enlarged image of the moon, undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Negative, Henry A. Rowland with ruling engine., undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Negative, Henry A. Rowland with ruling engine. Broken corner, lower left., undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Positive, Henry A. Rowland with ruling engine. Original envelope signed [S.W. Burka?], undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Positive, Henry A. Rowland with ruling engine. Image partially treated with red opaquing medium.

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Series 2: Silver Gelatin Plates (4 x 5)

Box 1, Folder 4	Negative, Telephone transmitter, New York-San Francisco, 1895
Box 1, Folder 4	Negative, Bell telephone transmitter, 1876
Box 1, Folder 4	Lantern slide positive, Bell telephone transmitter and receiver, New York-San Francisco, 1895

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