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## Guide to the Lantern Slide Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Archives Center Lantern Slide Collection
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0686
<b>Date:</b>	ca. 1890-1920.
<b>Extent:</b>	0.2 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Archives Center, NMAH, SI.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	Approximately 200 lantern slides, of various scenes in America and Canada, many of them published by railroad lines, presumably to arouse tourist interest in travel by rail. New York State and California are especially emphasized. Some images depict the railroads, railroad stations and railroad equipment. One group of images is from the Nabisco factory.

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Immediate source of acquisition is unknown. Almost certainly transferred from one of the curatorial divisions, because it has an inventory tag (1980), predating the Archives Center's existence, but no other information is known.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Cathy Keen, 2015.

### Preferred Citation

Archives Center Lantern Slide Collection, ca. 1890-1920, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research and access on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

### Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

Probably public domain, copyrights expired. Fees for commercial reproduction.

## Scope and Contents

Approximately 200 glass lantern slides [exactly 214], of various scenes in America and Canada, many of them published by railroad lines, presumably to arouse tourist interest in travel by rail. Especially emphasized are New York State and California. Some slides feature the railroads and railroad equipment. Some of the slides are scenes from a cereal factory, showing the manufacture of shredded wheat.

Some slide makers are unidentified. Captions quoted are from labels on the slides, except that descriptions in brackets are supplied by the cataloguer.

Slide manufacturers include Chas. Beseler Co.,

The two original wooden storage boxes in which the slides were received are included. Slides shown in boxes 1-10 were originally stored in one wooden box, while those in boxes 11-20 were originally in the second wooden box.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Railroad travel
- Tourism
- Travel photography

Types of Materials:

- Lantern slides

Names:

- Nabisco, Inc.

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## Container Listing

Box 1, Item 1	3237. Weaving Homespun.
Box 1, Item 8	3291. Spinning, Cap à l'Aigle.
Box 1, Item 2	3286. Murray Village, Cap à l'Aigle side.
Box 1, Item 3	2469. In Thousand Islands.
Box 1, Item 4	3235. Bake Oven, Cap à l'Aigle.
Box 1, Item 5	3046. Ontario House of Parliament.
Box 1, Item 6	3531. Devil's Hole Island.
Box 1, Item 7	2772. Trinity Rock and Eternity Cape.
Box 1, Item 9	3530. Alexandria Bay. View of California, "Issued by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal." Hand-tinted.
Box 1, Item 10	11459. Geary, Kearny and Market Streets, San Francisco, Cal.
Box 1, Item 11	4120. Yosemite Falls, Yosemite Valley, Cal.
Box 1, Item 12	11531. Old Mexican Cart, Glenwood Mission Inn, Riverside, Cal.
Box 1, Item 13	7296. Looking south from Cave Rock, Lake Tahoe, Cal.
Box 1, Item 14	2847. Boulevard, Santa Barbara, Cal.
Box 1, Item 15	4107. Bridal Veil Falls, Yosemite Valley, Cal.
Box 1, Item 16	2764. Lake at Santa Ysabel, Hot Springs, Cal.
Box 1, Item 17	6523. Grand Sentinel, Kings River Canon, Cal.
Box 1, Item 18	13645. Market St. near Kearny, San Francisco.
Box 1, Item 19	2532. Italian Fishing Boats, San Francisco.
Box 1, Item 20	13683. Children on Beach near Cliff House.

- Box 1, Item 21            12996. Reconstructed San Francisco, Cal.
- Box 1, Item 22            220. Manoir Richelieu.
- Box 1, Item 23            4337. Kent House, Quebec.
- Box 1, Item 24            Terrapin Point and Horseshoe Falls / Showing the Canadian Shore Across the River. By Chas. Beseler Co. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 25            3027. South East, [sic] from Parliament Building, Toronto.
- Box 1, Item 26            2316. View from Devil's Oven.
- Box 1, Item 27            Mackinac Island on M.C.R.R. By Stereopticon & Film Exchange, Chicago. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 28            3366. Park Road, summer.
- Box 1, Item 29            2470. Split Rock Rapids.
- Box 1, Item 30            3311. General view from Canadian side.
- Box 1, Item 31            Harvesting wheat, Lexington, Neb. on Union Pacific [in image area.] Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 32            [Drawing of large building and bridge.] Beseler.
- Box 1, Item 33            3172. Place d'Armes Square and Notre Dame Church.
- Box 1, Item 34            2828. Dominion Square.
- Box 1, Item 35            2346. Montmorency Falls, Summer.
- Box 1, Item 36            Scene at Lodge Pole, Nebraska [written on black tape]. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 37            Fountain Square, Cincinnati [Ohio]. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 38            647. Trail Party, El Toros, M.C. From the Studio of Charlotte M. Pinkerton / 2151 Jackson Blv'd Chicago. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 39            1534--The Overland Limited Passing over G.S.L. cut-off. By J. E. Stimson / Artist / Cheyenne / Wyo. Lightly tinted.
- Box 1, Item 40            Niagara Gorge. By Chas. Beseler Co., New York.

- Box 1, Item 41 Rookwood Pottery & Mt. Adams Incline, Cincinnati. By L.M. Prince, Manufacturing Optician, 108 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, O. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 42 2914. Fraser Falls.
- Box 1, Item 43 3754. Montreal, from the Mountain.
- Box 1, Item 44 9. Murray Bay Street.
- Box 1, Item 45 2335. Little Champlain Street.
- Box 1, Item 46 Entrance to Kingsbury Place Palace Villa. By L. M. Prince. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 47 3244. Church of St. Anne de Beaupré.
- Box 1, Item 48 2331. St. Louis Gate.
- Box 1, Item 49 41. Murray Bay Beach [hand-written label].
- Box 1, Item 50 4326. Quebec from Parliament Building.
- Box 1, Item 51 4327. Citadel Quebec.
229. [Square slide showing steps leading to baroque interior with a painting.]
- Box 1, Item 53 3457. Dufferin Terrace and Town from Citadel.
- Box 1, Item 54 Michigan Central Famous Train / "The Wolverine". By Moore, Bond & Co., 108 Franklin Street, Chicago. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 55 Syracuse, New York Beseler. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 56 Niagara Falls from Mich. Cent. By Geo. W. Bond & Co., 95 Dearborn St., Chicago. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 57 [Copy of altered photograph? Small locomotive pulling coaches. Beseler
- Box 1, Item 58 Niagara River, Michigan Central [R.R.?] By Geo. W. Bond & Co., 95 Dearborn St., Chicago. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 59 University Circle, Cleveland, O. Beseler. Tinted.
- Box 1, Item 60 Chautauqua Lake. By Beseler. Tinted.

Box 1, Item 61            3213. Market Day, Jacques Cartier Square, Summer.

Box 2, Item 1            3333. Manoir Richelieu, Murray Bay.

Box 2, Item 2            M.C. Station Niles, Mich. By Geo. W. Bond. Tinted.

Box 2, Item 3            Rounding the Nose, Mohawk Valley. Beseler.

Box 2, Item 4            2382. Main Line of Union Pacific, near Watson's Ranch, Neb. By J. E. Stimson, Cheyenne, Wyo. Tinted.

Box 2, Item 5            Distant Signal, "Proceed" Position, Lane Cut-Off. Tinted.

Box 2, Item 6            Double Track Scene near Lawrence, Kans. on the Union Pacific . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 7            The Overland Limited at Lane Cut-off on Line, Union Pacific . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 7            The Overland Limited on Lane Cut-Off, / Obeying a "Stop" Signal. Lightly tinted.

Box 2, Item 8            Mechanical Interlocking Machine in office at Point of Rocks, Wyo., / for Operating Switches and Signals at the End of Double Track. Tinted.

Box 2, Item 9            Electric Switch Operating Mechanism, Council Bluffs, Interlocking Plant . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 10           Electric generator and switchboard at Council Bluffs, Interlocking Tower . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 11           Old Block House in Soldier's Home Park, Erie, Pennsylvania . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 12           Near Anthony, Nevada . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 13           Dwarf signal in Columbus, Nebraska Yards. Does Not Govern Movement of High Speed Tracks . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 14           Road bed of the Michigan Central . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 15           Electric block signal and track indicator . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 16           Bracket signal. This side does not Govern Side Track . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 17           Distant signals near B&M Crossing at Columbus, Nebraska . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 18           Home Signal, Archer, Wyoming . Tinted.



Box 2, Item 19            No. 9 at Gibbon, Nebraska, 2:03 pm . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 20            Signal indicates "Full Speed Ahead" . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 21            No. 8 at Gibbon, Nebraska, 3:40 pm . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 22            M.C.R.R. station at Ypsilanti, Michigan . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 23            M.C.R.R. station, Bay City, Michigan . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 24            M.C.R.R. station, Ann Arbor, Michigan . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 25            20th Century Limited.

Box 2, Item 26            A Modern Concrete Railroad Bridge . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 27            O.S.L. New Depot, Yellowstone, Montana . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 28            Untitled . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 29            Fulton Chain of Lakes, Adirondack Mountains . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 30            Electric Suburban Train . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 31            Union Station, Omaha, Nebraska . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 32            Untitled.

Box 2, Item 33            Michigan Central Station, Battle Creek, Michigan . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 34            Owl's Point, Thousand Islands . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 35            In the Adirondack Mountains . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 36            Untitled . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 37            U.P Station, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Box 2, Item 38            Bank of Montreal.

Box 2, Item 39            Racquette Lake, Adirondack Mountains . Tinted.

Box 2, Item 40            Monument Rock, Echo Canyon, Utah . Tinted.

- Box 2, Item 41            Star Lake, Adirondack Mountains . Tinted.
- Box 2, Item 42            State House, Columbus, Ohio . Tinted.
- Box 2, Item 43            Untitled . Tinted.
- Box 2, Item 44            An Open Camp in the Adirondack Mountains . Tinted.
- Box 2, Item 45            Untitled . Tinted.
- Box 2, Item 46            Lake Placid, Adirondack Mountains . Tinted.
- Box 2, Item 47            Overland Limited . Tinted.
- Box 3, Item 1            Gathering Water Lilies Among the Thousand Islands.
- Box 3, Item 2            Among the Thousand Islands. Color, by Charles Beseler Co.
- Box 3, Item 3            [Landscape with water, hand-colored.]
- Box 3, Item 4            [Landscape with ship in water in distance, black-and-white.] By S. M. Taylor, 56  
Bromfield St., Boston.
- Box 3, Item 5            In the Adirondacks Showing Lake Placid and Mirrow [sic: Mirror] Lake.
- Box 3, Item 6            Niagara Falls, M.C.R.R. By Geo. W. Bond & Co., 98 Dearborn St., Chicago,  
hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 7            2655 - Santa Cruz Big Tree Grove, Cal. Issued by Passenger Department,  
Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored. Broken and cracked.
- Box 3, Item 9            2638 - Beach Drive, Santa Cruz, Cal. Issued by Passenger Department,  
Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 8            6469. Indian School, Riverside, Cal. Issued by Passenger Department, Southern  
Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 10            10408 - Kaweah Peak, Across Kern River Canon, Ca1. Issued by Passenger  
Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 11            6624 - Mt. Brewer from Bryanthus Lake near the Kings River Canon, Cal. Issued  
by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-  
colored.

- Box 3, Item 12            1406 - Emerald Bay, Lake Tahoe, Cal. Issued by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 13            8100 - Skiing, Yosemite Valley, Cal. Issued by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored. Glass cracked.
- Box 3, Item 14            2616 - Nearing the Summit of Mt. Hamilton, Cal. Issued by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 15            6572 - King's River Canon from Copper Mine, Cal. Issued by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 16            2892 - Belfry Tower, Mission Santa Barbara, Cal. [With monk in foreground.] Issued by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 17            2802 - Fisherman's Rock, Port Harford, Cal. Issued by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 18            [Rural scene with road and fence, hand-colored.]
- Box 3, Item 19            [Column with race track?] Black-and-white, by S. M. Taylor, 56 Bromfield St., Boston.
- Box 3, Item 20            11084 - Volcanic Creek, Trail to Kern River Canon, California. Issued by Passenger Department, Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco, Cal., hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 21            [Mountain landscape, black-and-white.] By S. M. Taylor.
- Box 3, Item 22            Among the Thousand Islands. Hand-colored, "New York Central Lines" logo in lower right corner. By Chas. Beseler Co.
- Box 3, Item 23            Bemus Point, Lake Chautauqua [New York]. Hand-colored, "New York Central Lines" logo, lower right. By Chas. Beseler Co.
- Box 3, Item 24            Evening at Cedar Island, Thousand Island. Hand-colored, "New York Central Lines" logo, lower right. By Chas. Beseler Co.
- Box 3, Item 25            Among the Thousand Islands. Hand-colored, "New York Central Lines" logo, lower right. By Chas. Beseler Co.
- Box 3, Item 26            [Untitled farm view, black-and-white.]
- Box 3, Item 27            Interior View of the First Railroad YMCA, erected at West Detroit in 1878. Black-and-white.

- Box 3, Item 28 [City street view with trolleys and horse-drawn vehicles, black-and-white.]
- Box 3, Item 29 [Landscape with water, black-and-white.] By S. M. Taylor, Boston.
- Box 3, Item 30 [Landscape with large rocks and water, black-and-white.] By S. M. Taylor, Boston.
- Box 3, Item 31 [American steamship with tugboat.] Black-and-white by Chas. Beseler Co.
- Box 3, Item 32 Madison Avenue, Toledo, O. Hand-colored, by Chas. Beseler Co.
- Box 3, Item 33 [Village, black-and-white.] By S. M. Taylor, Boston.
- Box 3, Item 34 [City view from water, showing sailboats and a large classical building with a dome.] Black-and-white, by S. M. Taylor, Boston.
- Box 3, Item 35 [Landscape.] Black-and-white, by S. M. Taylor, Boston.
- Box 3, Item 36 [Trees, rocky shore, and water.] Black-and-white by S. M. Taylor, Boston.
- Box 3, Item 37 [Street view.] Black-and-white, by S. M. Taylor, Boston.
- Box 3, Item 38 Indiana State Capitol, Indianapolis. Hand-colored, by L. M. Prince, Manufacturing Optician, Cincinnati.
- Box 3, Item 39 Biscuit Baking Ovens / In Which are Baked Two Million Biscuits a Day. Hand-colored, by Charles Beseler Co.
- Box 3, Item 40 Biscuit Packing Tables / Where the Biscuits are Placed in Packages for Shipment. Hand-colored, by Chas. Beseler Co., New York.
- Box 3, Item 41 One of the Twenty Two Wash Rooms / Equipped with Shower and Tub Baths for the Use of Employees on Company's Time. Hand-colored, by Chas. Beseler Co., New York
- Box 3, Item 42 "The Home of Shredded Wheat" [sic] / The Finest, Cleanest Food Factory in the World. Hand-colored, Beseler.
- Box 3, Item 43 Girls' Dining Room / Where the Company Serves Free Dinners Daily. Hand-colored, Beseler.
- Box 3, Item 44 Two of the Big Shredders / Where the Cooked Wheat is Shredded and Formed. Hand-colored. Beseler.

- Box 3, Item 45            Shredded Wheat with Bananas / A Nourishing and Appetizing Combination for all Seasons of the Year. Hand-colored. Beseler.
- Box 3, Item 46            Shredded Wheat with Milk or Cream / A Satisfying Meal, Supplying all the Energy Needed for a Half Day's Work or Play. Hand-colored. Beseler.
- Box 3, Item 47            [Rocky, hilly landscape with water.] Black-and-white. By S. M. Taylor.
- Box 3, Item 48            [Rocky, hilly landscape with small boat in water.] Black-and-white. By S. M. Taylor.
- Box 3, Item 49            [Distant landscape.] Black-and-white. By S. M. Taylor.
- Box 3, Item 50            [Landscape with houses and large building, possibly a hospital or hotel.] Black-and-white, square format
- Box 3, Item 51            [Hills and water.] Black-and-white, square format.
- Box 3, Item 52            5185 - Old Sawmill near St. Helena, Cal. Hand-colored, Southern Pacific Co.
- Box 3, Item 53            4074 - Lower Hanging Rock, Glacier Point, Yosemite Valley, Cal. Hand-colored, Southern Pacific Co.
- Box 3, Item 54            8996 - Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, Cal. Hand-colored, Southern Pacific.
- Box 3, Item 55            9697 - Mt. Watkins, Yosemite Valley, Cal. [with horses and wagon]. Hand-colored, Southern Pacific. Cracked.
- Box 3, Item 56            13172 - Pool in Sunken Garden of a Santa Barbara Home, California. Hand-colored, glass cracked. Southern Pacific.
- Box 3, Item 57            7451 - Orchard, Santa Ysabel Hot Springs, Cal. Hand-colored, glass cracked. Southern Pacific.
- Box 3, Item 58            1959 - Coyote Falls, Kern River Canon, California. Hand-colored, glass cracked. Southern Pacific.
- Box 3, Item 59            Sketch of the Cripple Creek District. / "The Cripple Creek Trip" [sic]. Hand-colored. Made by L. C. McClure, Commercial and Railroad Photographer.
- Box 3, Item 60            Hog Feeding, Kansas, U.P. Hand-colored.
- Box 3, Item 61            St. Peter's Dome on / "The Cripple Creek Trip." Hand-colored. Made by L. C. McClure, Commercial and Railroad Photographer.

- Box 4, Item 1           View of the Plains--From the Cripple Creek Trip . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 2           The Sangre de Cristo Range from the Cripple Creek Trip . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 3           Faculty Club, University of California, Berkeley . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 4           The First Railroad YMCA erected at West Detroit in 1878 . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 5           Railroad Y.M.C.A. erected at West Detroit in 1900 . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 6           View from Trail to St. Peter's Dome on the Cripple Creek Trip . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 7           Steamer Rapids King, Lachine Rapid . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 8           Auditorium for Entertainments where Lectures and Concerts are Given  
Employees . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 9           Reception Room--Visitors Always Welcome: Guides Furnished Free . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 10          Bridges over the Ohio at Cincinnati . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 11          Untitled.
- Box 4, Item 12          Untitled.
- Box 4, Item 13          Untitled . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 14          Untitled.
- Box 4, Item 15          On the Beautiful Mohawk River . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 16          Untitled.
- Box 4, Item 17          Untitled.
- Box 4, Item 18          Trinity Rock, with Steamer.
- Box 4, Item 19          Chateau Frontenac Wharves and Steamers.
- Box 4, Item 20          Put-In-Bay . Tinted.
- Box 4, Item 21          [Quebec from Lovis ?](black-and-white)

Box 4, Item 22	Untitled.
Box 4, Item 23	Ohio River from Eden Park Cincinnati . Tinted.
Box 4, Item 24	Untitled.
Box 4, Item 25	[Illegible title].
Box 4, Item 26	St. Louis Riverfront and Eads Bridge . Tinted.
Box 4, Item 27	The Golf Links, Murray Bay.
Box 4, Item 28	Cincinnati . Tinted.
Box 4, Item 29	Untitled.
Box 4, Item 30	Untitled . Tinted.
Box 4, Item 31	Untitled.
Box 4, Item 32	Untitled.
Box 4, Item 33	Untitled.
Box 4, Item 34	Untitled.
Box 4, Item 35	Untitled . Tinted.
Box 5, Item Unknown	Original, wooden lantern slide boxes (2)