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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Archives Center Lantern Slide Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0686
Date: ca. 1890-1920.
Extent: 0.2 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Language: English
Summary: 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.

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.

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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.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

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.
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 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 57  [Copy of altered photograph? Small locomotive pulling coaches. Beseler


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  

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

Box 2, Item 4  

Box 2, Item 5  

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  
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 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 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 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 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  

Box 3, Item 36  

Box 3, Item 37  

Box 3, Item 38  

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  

Box 3, Item 41  

Box 3, Item 42  

Box 3, Item 43  

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 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 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 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)