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Guide to the Roland A.
McCrary Photograph Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Roland A. McCrady Photograph Collection
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0710
Date:	1906 1913
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Creator:	McCrady, Roland A., 1892- Forbes, Janice McCrady McCrady, Allen McCrady, James Hamilton, 1853-1929
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Allen McCrady and Janice McCrady Forbes (children of Roland McCrady), 2003.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Allen McCrady and Janice McCrady Forbes (children of Roland McCrady). The Panama Canal and Caribbean photographs were made by Roland McCrady, but the donors believe the photographs of San Francisco, found in the collection of their mother after her death in 1986, may have been made by Roland's father, James Hamilton McCrady. The hand-written captions on some of the photographs are not by either Roland McCrady or his wife.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2003.

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Biographical / Historical

Roland A. McCrady was born Oct. 10, 1892 in Rankin, Allegheny Co., Pennsylvania; graduated from University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1913. He used a graduation gift of \$500 from his father to travel on the *Prinz Joachim* to the Panama Canal, and apparently also photographed other Caribbean localities, including Jamaica and Costa Rica.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a photograph album containing photoprints of the construction of the Panama Canal during a trip to Latin America (1913), and photographs of other Caribbean localities where McCrady stopped while on his ship *Prinz Joachim*. Also 104 photoprints of San Francisco after the earthquake and fire, 1906. the San Francisco earthquake and fire photographs may have been made by McCrady's father, James Hamilton McCrady. Many of the photographs are annotated and dated.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into 3 series.

Series 1: San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, 1906

Series 2: Trip to Panama Canal and Costa Rica, 1913

Series 3: Panama Canal Construction Album, 1913

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Canals -- Panama
Disasters -- 1900-1910 -- California -- San Francisco
Earthquakes -- 1900-1910 -- California -- San Francisco

Geographic Names:

Caribbean Area
Costa Rica
Jamaica
Panama Canal (Panama)

San Francisco (Calif.) -- 1900-1910

Container Listing

Series 1: San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, 1906

Box 2, Folder 1-2

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Series 2: Trip to Panama Canal and Costa Rica, 1913

Box 2, Folder 3

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Series 3: Panama Canal Construction Album, 1913

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Panama Canal Construction , 1913 |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | Panama Canal Construction Album loose photographs, 1913 |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Miscellaneous, unidentified, 1913 |

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