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Guide to the Charles Edwards Wood Panama Canal Photograph Album

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Charles Edwards Wood Panama Canal Photograph Album
Date:	undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1114
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector) Wood, Charles E., Jr. (Donor) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology (Collector)
Creator:	Wood, Charles Edwards, 1876-1954 (Photographer)
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Charles Edwards Wood Panama Canal Photograph Album
Container:	Box 1

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated to the Museum's Division of Engineering and Industry (now called the Division of Work and Industry) in 1987 by Wood's son Charles E. Wood Jr.

Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in 2007.

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Wood was an electrical engineer who learned his trade entirely on the job. He had worked on railway electrification prior to his work on the Panama Canal.

Scope and Contents

An album of photographs taken during the construction of the Panama Canal. Subjects of the photographs include the earliest digging, tree removal, mosquito control, locks, equipment, Wood's family, a fire in Colon that occurred during the building of the Canal, and the first boats to use the Canal. Photographs include images of the Gatun Dam and locks, and the Atlantic side of the Isthmus.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Canal construction workers
- Canals -- Design and construction
- Dams -- Panama
- Locks and dams

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums
- Photographs -- 1900-1950

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry
- Wood, Charles E., Jr.

Places:

- Canal Zone
- Colon (Panama)
- Gatun Dam (Panama)

Gatun Locks, Canal Zone, Panama
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Panama Canal (Panama)