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## Robert E. Kennedy Photograph Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Robert E. Kennedy Photograph Collection
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1918-1932, undated
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1544
<b>Creator:</b>	Kennedy, Robert Eaker
<b>Source:</b>	Kennedy, Robert Evan, 1916-2008 (Donor)
<b>Extent:</b>	.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection documents Robert E. Kennedy's Western United States civil engineering projects.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by R. Evan Kennedy, 1990.

### Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in February 2022.

### Related Materials

Materials at the Archives Center, National Museum of American History

- Cummings Structural Concrete Company Records (NMAH.AC.0218)
- Clyde E. Learned Papers (NMAH.AC.0226)
- American Society of Civil Engineers Fellows Collection (NMAH.AC.0229)
- Robert F. Olds Collection (NMAH.AC.0231)
- Julian Hinds Collection (NMAH.AC.0287)
- Lloyd F. Rader Papers (NMAH.AC.0952)
- John A. Beemer Papers (NMAH.AC.0957)
- James Forgie Papers (NMAH.AC.0986)
- William J. Eney Collection (NMAH.AC.1062)
- Donald M. Burmister Papers (NMAH.AC.1068)
- Mechanical and Civil Engineering Stereograph Cards (NMAH.AC.1090)
- American Society of Civil Engineers Oral Histories (NMAH.AC.1521)
- Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering Bridges Reference Collection (NMAH.AC.1577)

## Processing Information

Collection processed by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, archivist, 2023. Finding aid encoded by Audrey Willius, intern, 2023.

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## Biographical / Historical

Robert Eaker Kennedy (July 28, 1886-April 24, 1966), a civil engineer, was born to Reverend Frederic Dickinson Kennedy (May 15, 1853-September 17, 1917) and Ida Jane Eaker (March 2, 1857-November 8, 1899) in Ludden, North Dakota. Kennedy received a degree from the Grand Island College in Nebraska in 1910. On August 28th that same year he married Amanda "Addie" Miranda Pritchard (September 3, 1881-June 6, 1947) in Big Horn, Wyoming. To the union two children were born a daughter Marguerite A. Kennedy (March 27, 1912-January 27, 2008) in West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and a son Robert Evan Kennedy (March 31, 1916- February 17, 2008) in Worland, Washakie County, Wyoming. In 1916, Kennedy graduated from Purdue University with a degree in civil engineering. After graduation he taught for a short time in Hyattville, Wyoming before working as a county surveyor for Washakie County, Wyoming. Kennedy's work moved the family to different cities in the state including Powell, Riverton, and Pavillion. In 1925 the family moved to Tucumcari, New Mexico and then to Bismarck, North Dakota where Kennedy worked as the North Dakota state engineer. The family moved once again for Kennedy's work to Denver, Colorado in 1935. Kennedy photographed much of his work in Wyoming, New Mexico, South and North Dakota documenting the conditions in which surveying was done, workers, natural landscapes, and machinery used for the work. Kennedy died in Denver, Colorado at the age of eighty.

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## Content Description

The collection documents primarily in black and white photographs Kennedy's Western United States civil engineering projects. These photographic prints were taken in Wyoming, New Mexico, South and North Dakota with a Kodak bellows camera. There are also negatives of some of the prints. Most of the images are undated.

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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:

Civil engineering  
Construction  
Surveying  
Water-supply

Types of Materials:

Correspondence  
Negatives  
Photographs

Names:

Kennedy, Robert Evan, 1916-2008

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## Container Listing

Box 1	Photographs, 1918-1932, undated
Box 1	Hanover Canals, 1927, undated
Box 1	Shell Creek, 1932
Box 1	Wyoming Oil Fields, 1918
Box 1	Contact Prints, 1920-1927, undated
Box 2	Big Horn Canal, undated
Box 2	Dams, Bridges, and Roads, undated
Box 2	Hanover Canals, undated
Box 2	New Mexico Work, 1925 August-1926 March
Box 2	Pavillion, Wyoming, undated
Box 2	Shell Creek, undated
Box 2	Shoshone Project, undated
Box 2	Wyoming Fields, undated