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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Creator: Warren, Edward Royal, 1860-1942
Title: Edward Royal Warren Negatives
Dates: 1896-1915
Quantity: 9.44 cu. ft. (1 document box) (38 3x5 boxes) (9 5x8 boxes)

Administrative Information

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Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 7313, Warren, Edward Royal, 1860-1942, Edward Royal Warren Negatives

Historical Note

Edward Royal Warren (1860-1942) was born in Waltham, Massachusetts and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (BS, 1881) and Colorado College (1883). Although originally trained as an engineer, spending his early professional career conducting surveys and assaying mining claims throughout Colorado, by 1902 he was a full-time naturalist, documenting the state's flora and fauna. It is his work as a naturalist and ornithologist that is represented in this collection, but the photographs also document ranch life in the American West c. 1890s: cowboys, cattle, ranch architecture, western towns, and Colorado landscapes, mostly in the vicinity of Crested Butte.

Warren used photography and detailed observations to document Colorado's plants and animals. In addition to papers published in "The Auk," "Bird Lore," and "Condor," he also produced two major works on Colorado wildlife, *Mammals of Colorado* (1910) and *The Beaver - Its Work and Its Ways*. In 1909, in recognition of his contributions to Colorado natural history, he was made honorary director of the Colorado College Museum.

Introduction

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Descriptive Entry

This collection is comprised of consecutively numbered glass plate negatives, film, and lantern slides of Colorado plants and animals (1882-1915), associated logbooks, and miscellaneous papers. The logbooks for plate numbers 1-2342, created between 1882 and 1905, provide the plate number, the date of exposure, and notations regarding subject matter, copyright, sales, and occasional scientific classifications for the subject. While there are no log books for plates created 1906-1915, most are numbered and/or grouped according to subject.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Animals
- Engineers
- Naturalists
- Ornithologists
- Plants

Types of Materials:
- Books
- Glass negatives
- Manuscripts
- Nitrate materials

Names:
- Colorado College
- Colorado College. Museum.
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Warren, Edward Royal, 1860-1942.
Container Listing

Box 1
Plate numbers 244-303 (Negatives 101-194, 196-243, 272, 278, 279, 285-286 removed to nitrate vault)

Box 2
Plate numbers 304-351

Box 3
Plate numbers 352-403 (359, 374 missing; 400 sold; 375-381, 376-382 removed to nitrate vault)

Box 4
Plate numbers 404-449

Box 5
Plate numbers 480-498

Box 6
Plate numbers 499-559

Box 7
Plate numbers 560-624 (561-570 & 2 unnumbered in Oversize)

Box 8
Plate numbers 625-738 (633-639 missing; 648 missing; 665-700 are removed to nitrate vault)

Box 9
Plate numbers 739-863 (740-742, 748-749, 764-772, 774-775, 779-800, 802-809, 811-813, 815-834, 838 are removed to nitrate vault; 776 & 841 are missing)

Box 10
Plate numbers 864-933 (890, 893-894, & 919 are missing)

Box 11
Plate numbers 934-979

Box 12
Plate numbers 980-1030

Box 13
Plate numbers 1031-1081
Box 14
Plate numbers 1082-1130
Box 15
Plate numbers 1131-1178
Box 16
Plate numbers 1179-1226
Box 17
Plate numbers 1227-1281
Box 18
Plate numbers 1282-1337
Box 19
Plate numbers 1338-1386
Box 20
Plate numbers 1387-1448
Box 21
Plate numbers 1447-1504
Box 22
Plate numbers 1505-1650
Box 23
Plate numbers 1651-1785
Box 24
Plate numbers 1786-1880
Box 25
Box 26
Box 27
Plate numbers 153-283 Series II - Flora; unnumbered Series III - Fauna (Birds: Blackbird)

Box 28
Unnumbered Negatives, Series III - Fauna (Birds: Blackbird-Robin)

Box 29
Unnumbered Negatives, Series III - Fauna (Birds: Robin-Wren)

Box 30
Series III: Fauna (Mammals: Porcupine-Sheep)

Box 31
Unnumbered Negatives, Series III - Fauna (Mammals: Mammal foot-Beaver)

Box 32
Unnumbered Negatives, Series III - Fauna (Mammals: Beaver) to Views

Box 33
Unnumbered Negatives, Views: Including Crested Butte, Tecalli, Rustler Gulch

Box 34
Unnumbered Negatives, Views: Including Rustler Gulch, Monument Valley Park, Crested Butte, Slate River, Garden of the Gods; Animals; Shipbuilding; Whale; Camp Scenes

Box 35
Unnumbered Negatives, Miscellaneous Views: Including Camp scenes, Claims; Birds

Box 36
Unnumbered Negatives, Miscellaneous Views; Mammal skulls; Whales

Box 37
Unnumbered Negatives: Whales and Whaling

Box 38
Unnumbered Negatives: Whaling; Birds; Strand’s baby; Sundries; Trains, snowplow, and Monument Valley Park

Box 39
Miscellaneous, including whaling
Box 40
  Plate numbers 195-1602

Box 41
  Plate numbers 271-570: Series III - Fauna

Box 42
  Plate numbers 1603-1768

Box 43
  Plate numbers 1769-1971

Box 44
  Plate numbers 1983-2305; 1-103

Box 45
  Plate numbers 104-240

Box 46
  Series III - Fauna (Birds: Western Meadowlark-Western Tanager)

Box 47
  Series III - Fauna (Mammals: Thomys Clusous-Neotoma Orolestes)

Box 48
  Negative Log, September 1896 to March 2, 1904 (numbers 1-2000)
  Negative Log, March 2, 1904 to May 15, 1905 (numbers 2001-2342)
  Xerox Copies of Old Negative Envelopes
  Miscellaneous Papers