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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., <i>osiaref@si.edu</i>
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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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
- Mammals of Colorado (Monograph). 1910.
- Naturalists
- Ornithologists
- Plants
- The Beaver: Its Work and Its Ways (Monograph). 1927.

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

Plate numbers 1881-1987 (1938b, 1939-1948, 1964-1969 removed to nitrate vault)

Box 26

Plate numbers 1990-2021/ 5-152 Series II - Flowers (26, 26A, 30; 56, 62, 68, 68A, 95-97A, 114, 121, 127A, 129, 129A, 148, 156, 212, 231 2029-2055, 2306-2307 removed to nitrate vault; 2058-2296: missing)

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