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Collection Overview

Repository: Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu
Title: Edward Royal Warren Negatives
Identifier: Record Unit 7313
Date: 1896-1915
Extent: 9.44 cu. ft. (1 document box) (38 3x5 boxes) (9 5x8 boxes)
Creator:: Warren, Edward Royal, 1860-1942
Language: English

Administrative Information

Prefered Citation
Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 7313, 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.

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:
- Botany
- Engineers
- Naturalists
- Ornithologists
- Ornithology

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

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

Geographic Names:
- Colorado

Preferred Titles:
- *Mammals of Colorado (Monograph : 1910)*
- *The Beaver: Its Work and Its Ways (Monograph : 1927)*
Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 48
Plate numbers 244-303 (Negatives 101-194, 196-243, 272, 278, 279, 285-286 removed to nitrate vault)

Box 2

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Plate numbers 304-351

Box 3

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

Box 4

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Plate numbers 404-449

Box 5

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Plate numbers 480-498

Box 6

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Plate numbers 499-559

Box 7

Box 7 of 48
Plate numbers 560-624 (561-570 & 2 unnumbered in Oversize)

Box 8

Box 8 of 48
Plate numbers 625-738 (633-639 missing; 648 missing; 665-700 are removed to nitrate vault)

Box 9

Box 9 of 48
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

Box 10 of 48  Plate numbers 864-933 (890, 893-894, & 919 are missing)

Box 11

Box 11 of 48  Plate numbers 934-979

Box 12

Box 12 of 48  Plate numbers 980-1030

Box 13

Box 13 of 48  Plate numbers 1031-1081

Box 14

Box 14 of 48  Plate numbers 1082-1130

Box 15

Box 15 of 48  Plate numbers 1131-1178

Box 16

Box 16 of 48  Plate numbers 1179-1226

Box 17

Box 17 of 48  Plate numbers 1227-1281

Box 18

Box 18 of 48  Plate numbers 1282-1337

Box 19

Box 19 of 48  Plate numbers 1338-1386

Box 20

Box 20 of 48  Plate numbers 1387-1448
Box 21

Box 21 of 48  Plate numbers 1447-1504

Box 22

Box 22 of 48  Plate numbers 1505-1650

Box 23

Box 23 of 48  Plate numbers 1651-1785

Box 24

Box 24 of 48  Plate numbers 1786-1880

Box 25


Box 26


Box 27

Box 27 of 48  Plate numbers 153-283 Series II - Flora; unnumbered Series III - Fauna (Birds: Blackbird)

Box 28

Box 28 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives, Series III - Fauna (Birds: Blackbird-Robin)

Box 29

Box 29 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives, Series III - Fauna (Birds: Robin-Wren)

Box 30

Box 30 of 48  Series III: Fauna (Mammals: Porcupine-Sheep)
Box 31

Box 31 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives, Series III - Fauna (Mammals: Mammal foot-Beaver)

Box 32

Box 32 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives, Series III - Fauna (Mammals: Beaver) to Views

Box 33

Box 33 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives, Views: Including Crested Butte, Tecalli, Rustler Gulch

Box 34

Box 34 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives, Views: Including Rustler Gulch, Monument Valley Park, Crested Butte, Slate River, Garden of the Gods; Animals; Shipbuilding; Whale; Camp Scenes

Box 35

Box 35 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives, Miscellaneous Views: Including Camp scenes, Claims; Birds

Box 36

Box 36 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives, Miscellaneous Views; Mammal skulls; Whales

Box 37

Box 37 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives: Whales and Whaling

Box 38

Box 38 of 48  Unnumbered Negatives: Whaling; Birds; Strand's baby; Sundries; Trains, snowplow, and Monument Valley Park

Box 39

Box 39 of 48  Miscellaneous, including whaling

Box 40
Box 40 of 48  Plate numbers 195-1602

Box 41

Box 41 of 48  Plate numbers 271-570: Series III - Fauna

Box 42

Box 42 of 48  Plate numbers 1603-1768

Box 43

Box 43 of 48  Plate numbers 1769-1971

Box 44

Box 44 of 48  Plate numbers 1983-2305; 1-103

Box 45

Box 45 of 48  Plate numbers 104-240

Box 46

Box 46 of 48  Series III - Fauna (Birds: Western Meadowlark-Western Tanager)

Box 47

Box 47 of 48  Series III - Fauna (Mammals: Thomys Clusous-Neotoma Orolestes)

Box 48

Box 48 of 48  Negative Log, September 1896 to March 2, 1904 (numbers 1-2000)

Box 48 of 48  Negative Log, March 2, 1904 to May 15, 1905 (numbers 2001-2342)

Box 48 of 48  Xerox Copies of Old Negative Envelopes

Box 48 of 48  Miscellaneous Papers