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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

Preferred Citation

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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.

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

Box 2 of 48 Plate numbers 304-351

Box 3

Box 3 of 48 Plate numbers 352-403 (359, 374 missing; 400 sold; 375-381, 376-382 removed to nitrate vault)

Box 4

Box 4 of 48 Plate numbers 404-449

Box 5

Box 5 of 48 Plate numbers 480-498

Box 6

Box 6 of 48 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 25 of 48 Plate numbers 1881-1987 (1938b, 1939-1948, 1964-1969 removed to nitrate vault)

Box 26

Box 26 of 48 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

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

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	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