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Descriptive Summary

Title: Emerson Shaw Photographic Slide Collection

Dates: 1939-1958

Collection number: MSS-2010-10-30

Creator: Shaw, Emerson.

Collection Size: 5 boxes(3 linear feet)

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The Emerson Shaw Photographic Slide Collection consists of over 1800 color slides and the photographer's index. The collection depicits people, places, and scenery around the Bay Area and the East Coast. The slides provide a rich visual representation of California and other U.S. cities, landmarks, and tourist destinations. The California slides include views of Capitola, Carmel, Carmel Mission, China Town, Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, Del Monte Lodge, Dorsey's Station, the Golden Gate Bridge, Half Dome, Lakes Tahoe, Donner, and Angora, aerial views of San Francisco and Oakland, Point Lobos, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Francisco Bay and Docks, Santa Cruz town and beach, Stanford University, Sutter's Fort, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), and Yosemite Park. Other cities represented include Annapolis, Maryland, Atlanta, Georgia, Baltimore, Maryland, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Bristol, Rhode Island, Chicago, Illinois, Coolidge Dam, Denver, Colorado, the Hudson River, the Grand Canyon, the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, Maine and the Maine Coast, Manhattan, Mount Vernon, New York City, Niagra Falls, the Painted Desert, Arizona, Quebec, Canada, the Smokey Mountains, the Statue of Liberty, Washington D.C., and West Point.

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Biographical History

Emerson Shaw was born in 1914 in Los Gatos. He graduated from Los Gatos High School in 1933 and in 1934 he entered San Jose State College. Following graduation in 1939 he joined the U.S. Navy, serving during the duration of World War II. Emerson Shaw married Jeanne Shaw, who is frequently featured in the collection. In 1945, he returned to the Bay Area and was hired by NACA Ames- National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which later was renamed NASA Ames Research Center in 1958. Shaw spent twenty-five years as an employee of NASA Ames, and in 1970 he retired. His hobbies included camping, fishing, travelling, and cars. During his retirement, he participated in the Los Gatos Historical Society and the Los Gatos Rotary from 1980-2000. Shaw died in 2003.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Arrangement

The Emerson Shaw Photographic Slide Collection is arranged into three series: I. California Slides, II. East Coast Slides, and III. Scenic Slides.The photographer's index are arranged by subject and by date.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Historic Buildings

National Parks and Reserves

History--California

Monuments & memorials

Tourism

Scenery

Boxes 1-2 — I **California Slides 1944-1950**

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Scope and Content Note

This series consists of color slides depicting California cities, landmarks, tourist destinations, scenery, and includes photographs of the Shaw family and their friends. Some of the California places of note include: Capitola, Carmel, Carmel Mission, China Town, Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, Del Monte Lodge, Dorsey's Station, the Golden Gate Bridge, Half Dome, Lakes Tahoe, Donner, and Angora, aerial views of San Francisco and Oakland, Point Lobos, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Francisco Bay and Docks, Santa Cruz town and beach, Stanford University, Sutter's Fort, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), and Yosemite Park. Shaw did not annotate the dates for all of the slides represented.

Arrangement

This series is aranged by date.

Box 1, Slide 1 — **Carmel Mission 1944**

Physical Description: 1 slide

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Box 1, Slide 7	**Point Lobos 1944** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 44	**Sutter's Fort n.d** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 76	**Weed, California 1944** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 78	**Shasta Dam n.d** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 94	**Yosemite Valley undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 115	**General Sherman Tree undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 130	**San Juan Capistrano undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 144	**Army Day 1940** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 7	**Point Lobos 1944** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 183	**Emerson's First Picture undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 7	**Point Lobos 1944** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 7	**Geisenhoff Ranch undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 204	**World's Fair undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 218	**Golden Gate Park undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 223	**Golden Gate Bridge undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 239	**Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill from "Russian Hill" undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 1, Slide 241	**Legion of Honor Art Gallery undated** **Physical Description:** 1 slide

Box 1, Slide 263 **San Francisco Aerial Views undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 1, Slide 283 **Napa Valley undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 1, Slide 300 **Sonoma Mission undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 1, Slide 308 **Western Pacific undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 336 **San Juan Town and Mission undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 410 **Desolation Valley undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 449 **Road Races 1951**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 519 **Hollywood Hills September 1951**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 533 **Mt. Waterman undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 336 **San Juan Town and Mission undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 562 **San Simeon undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 584 **Route 1 Half Moon undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 593 **Saratoga Summit 1948**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 684 **Fort Ross undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 689 **Trinity County undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 2, Slide 723 **Virginia City undated**
Physical Description: 1 slide

Boxes 3-4 II **East Coast Slides 1940-1945**

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Scope and Content Note

In 1939 and 1947 Emerson Shaw and his wife traveled to the East Coast. This series visually documents their travel and includes scenic views of the Southwest and Midwest, photographs of cities, monuments, parks, and other tourist destinations across the country. The highlights include : Atlanta, Georgia, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Bristol, Rhode Island, Chicago, Denver, Colorado, the Grand Canyon, Grand Lake, Colorado, the Hudson River, Illinois, Coolidge Dam, Jefferson Memorial, Lake Michigan, Lincoln Memorial, Maine and Maine Coast, Manhattan, New York, Mount Vernon, the National Art Gallery, Niagra Falls, Norris Dam, Tennessee, Rocky Mountain National Park, the Smokey Mountains, the Statue of Liberty, University of Chicago, Valley Forge, Washington DC, and West Point.

Arrangement

This series is aranged by date.

Box 3, Slide 2 **Chicago 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 8 **University of Chicago 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 20 **Bridges, Barges, and Boats 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 70 **Niagra Falls 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 74 **Statue of Liberty 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 96 **Hudson River 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 97 **West Point 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 105 **Norris Dam, Tennessee 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 120 **Painted Desert, Arizona 1939**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 141 **Superstition Mountain 5/24/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 142 **Coolidge Dam 5/25/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 146 **Baton Rouge, Louisiana 5/28/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 152 **New Orleans, Louisiana 5/28/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 3, Slide 162	**Atlanta, Georgia 6/1/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 3, Slide 171	**Warm Springs, Georgia 6/5/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 3, Slide 177	**Cherokee Indian Chief 6/9/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 3, Slide 180	**Smoky Mountains 6/9/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 3, Slide 182	**Lincoln Memorial 6/12/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 3, Slide 197	**Jefferson Memorial 6/15/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 3, Slide 204	**Mount Vernon 6/13/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 3, Slide 216	**Washington Monument 1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 3, Slide 232	**Valley Forge 6/20/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 242	**New London, Connecticut 6/22/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 256	**Maine 1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 263	**Lake Chocorua and Mt. Chocorua 6/25/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 270	**Scituate Harbor 7/2/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 282	**Bristol, Rhode Island 7/4/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 296	**New York City- Central Park 7/17/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 307	**Statue of Liberty and New York Skyline 7/18/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 317	**Niagra Falls 7/28/1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide
Box 4, Slide 322	**Boston 1947** **Physical Description:** 1 slide

Box 4, Slide 333 **Plymouth, Massachusetts 7/21/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 4, Slide 338 **Cranberry Bog 7/23/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 4, Slide 351 **Hudson River Looking North 7/26/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 4, Slide 361 **Niagra Falls 7/28/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 4, Slide 377 **Barberton, Ohio 7/30/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 4, Slide 401 **Chicago and Lake Michigan 8/3/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 4, Slide 425 **Rocky Mountain National Park 8/9/1947**

Physical Description: 1 slide

Box 5 III **Scenic Slides 1952-1957**

Physical Description: 1 box

Scope and Content Note

This series of slides consists of seasonal scenic views of California taken during Shaw family vacations. Many of the images depict family camping, fishing, and ski trips. Ski locations include the Lake Tahoe region and feature Squaw Valley. Scenic views include Angora Lake, where the Shaw Family had a summer cabin, Lake Tahoe, rivers, streams, lakes, forests, sunsets, Echo Summit, Rubicon Valley, Yosemite, and Lake Hellen.

Arrangement

This series is aranged by date.

Box 5, Slides 1-481 **Lake Tahoe and Lake Angora, seasonal scenic views 1952-1957**

Physical Description: 481 slides