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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 depicts 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.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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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 arranged 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 arranged 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 arranged by date.

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

Physical Description: 481 slides