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**Title:** Yosemite National Park Photographic Scrapbook Collection

**Identifier/Call Number:** MSS.2012.06.27

**Contributing Institution:** SJSU Special Collections & Archives

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description:** 0.5 Linear feet, One Box

**Date (inclusive):** 1936-1949

**Abstract:** The Yosemite National Park Photographic Scrapbook Collection documents the park from 1936-1949. It is comprised of 61 photographs that depict the geology, wildlife, and human culture of the park in that era. Many of the photographs are geological points of interest such as Half Dome, Vernal Falls, Nevada Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, Cathedral Spires, Glacier Point, Badger Pass, Mirror Lake, El Capitan and the Merced River. Most of the photographs have captions and brief identifying hand written descriptions. The creator is unknown but was likely a visitor to the park and took the photographs as a hobby, not as a professional photographer. This collection of photographs demonstrates the increasing interest in maintaining the integrity of the natural beauty of the United States during the 1930s and 1940s. The collection is arranged into a single series; Series I: Photographic Scrapbook Collection, 1936-1949.

**Physical Location:** Special Collections, Vault 3, Shelf 02-04-06; For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

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#### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

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#### **Processing Information**

Collection processed by Maegan Sloggett; Finding Aid created in Archivist Toolkit; Reviewed by Danelle Moon

#### **Custodial History note**

The donor and creator of this collection is unknown.

#### **Scope and Content**

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#### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into a single series and is organized by the original pagination of the scrapbook; Series I: Yosemite National Park Photographic Scrapbook Collection, 1936-1949.

#### **Separated Materials**

The original photographs have been removed and rehoused in protective enclosures and folders according to the original order of the scrapbook. The interior pages include hand written captions and acid free photocopies have been placed in their original position so that researchers can easily see where the original photographs were placed in the physical volume.

#### **Existence and Location of Originals note**

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**Existence and Location of Copies note**

Photocopies of the original photographs are represented in the original scrapbook.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

National Parks and Reserves

Natural Landmarks--History

Photograph albums.

Scrapbooks--California.

Yosemite National Park (Calif.)

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**Series 1: Photographic Scrapbook 1936-1949**

**Language of Material:** English

**Physical Description**

1 Box, 7x 11 scrapbook, 60 4x5 black and white photographs. The physical scrapbook is a souvenir leather bound book held together by leather ties and snap closures. It is titled "Snapshots of Yosemite National Park" and has the embossed image of a grizzly bear on the cover. The leather cover is in good condition, but the individual scrapbook pages are torn near the punch holes and on the edges of the paper. The original photographs were set-in using photo corners and are not secure. The original photographs have been removed and rehoused in protective enclosures and folders according to the original order of the scrapbook. The interior pages include hand written captions and acid free photocopies have been placed in their original position so that researchers can easily see where the original photographs were placed in the physical volume.

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**Page 1, image 1: "El Capitan" Folder 1 1936**

**Page 2, image 2: "Yosemite Falls" Folder 2 1946**

**Page 3, image 1:"Nevada Falls from Glacier Point"; Page 3, image 2:"Nevada Falls from Glacier Point" Folder 3 1936**

**Page 4, image 2: "Wawona Point" Folder 4 1948**

**Page 5, image 1: "Wawona Tree Mariposa Grove"---"Ski House at Badger Pass" Folder 5 1946**

**Page 6, image 1: "Badger Pass" 1946; Page 6, image 2: "Taken from Degnan's store at Old Village" Folder 6 1946**

**Page 7, images 1: "Yosemite National Park" 1936; Page 7, images 2: "Yosemite National Park" Folder 7 1936**

**Page 8, image 2: "Merced River" Folder 8 1947**

**Page 9, image 2: "View Near Wawona Tunnel" Folder 9 1936**

**Empty Folder 10**

**Page 11, image 1: "A Meadow View" ; Page 11, image 2: "A Meadow View" Folder 11 1936**

**Page 12, image 2: "Church in Old Village" Folder 12 1946-1946**

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**Page 13, image 1: "Cathedral Spire"; Page 13, image 2: "Cathedral Spire"** Folder 13  
**1936**  
**Empty** Folder 14  
**Page 15, image 1: "Bridal Veil Fall"; Page 15, image 2: "Bridal Veil Fall"** Folder 15  
**1936**  
**Page 16, image 2: "Church in Old Village"** Folder 16  
**Empty** Folder 17  
**Empty** Folder 18  
**Page 19, image 1: "Mirror Lake"** Folder 19 **1936**  
**Page 20, image 1: "Deer in front of Yosemite"** Folder 20 **1947**  
**Empty** Folder 21  
**Page 22, image 1: "Toboggan slide near Camp Curry"; Page 22, image 2: "Ice Skating at Camp Curry"** Folder 22 **1947**  
**Page 23, image 1: "Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls"; Page 23, image 2: "Yosemite Falls"** Folder 23  
**Page 24, image 1: "Snow Scene from Bridge near Yosemite Lodge"; Page 24, image 2: "Half Dome from Sentinel Bridge"** Folder 24 **1947**  
**Page 25, image 1; "Nevada and Vernal Falls from road to Glacier Point"; Page 25, image 2: "View of Half Dome from road"** Folder 25 **1936**  
**Page 26, image 1; "Ice Skating at Camp Curry"; Page 26, image 2: "Ice Skating at Camp Curry"** Folder 26 **1947**  
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**Page 31, image 1: "What a Grizzly"; Page 31, image 2: "Grizzly Giant"** Folder 31 **1936**  
**Page 32, image 2: "The Ahawahnee"; Page 32, image 2: "Yosemite Falls"** Folder 32 **1947-1948**  
**Page 33, image 1: "Cascade Falls"; Page 33, image 2: "Yosemite Falls"** Folder 33 **1937**  
**Page 34, image 1: "Yosemite Falls view from my room at the Ahawahnee" ; Page 34, image 2: "The Ahawahnee"** Folder 34 **1948**  
**Page 35, image 1: "Sentinel Dome"** Folder 35  
**Page 36, image 1: "Half Dome from Glacier Point"** Folder 36 **1948**  
**Empty** Folder 37  
**Page 38, image 2: "El Capitan"** Folder 38 **1948**  
**Page 39, image 1: "Cathedral Rocks"; Page 39, image 2: "Washington Column and North Dome"** Folder 39 **1937**  
**Page 40, image 1: "Reflection Pool at the Ahawahnee"; Page 40, image 2: "Half Dome from the Ahawahnee"** Folder 40 **1940-1948**  
**Empty** Folder 41  
**Page 42, image 1: "Squirrel on the grounds at the Ahawahnee"; Page 42, image 2: "The first road into Yosemite Valley"** Folder 42 **1948**  
**Empty** Folder 43  
**Page 44, image 2: "Yosemite Falls from Glacier Point"** Folder 44 **1948**  
**Empty** Folder 45  
**Page 46, image 1: "Grizzly Giant in Mariposa Grove with big trees"; Page 46, image 2: "Giant bridge on the Ahawahnee grounds"** Folder 46 **1948**  
**Page 47, image 2: "Arch Rock Ranger Station"** Folder 47 **1937**  
**Page 48, image 1: "Ribbon Falls"** Folder 48 **1947**  
**Page 49, image 1: "Arch rock on El Portal"** Folder 49 **1937**  
**Empty** Folder 50  
**Page 51, image 2: "El Portal gateway to Yosemite"** Folder 51 **1937**