

Phillip C. Blair photograph collection, circa 1860-1960

Overview of the Collection

Collector	Blair, Philip, 1896-
Title	Phillip C. Blair photograph collection
Dates	circa 1860-1960 (inclusive) 1860 1969
Quantity	360 items : Black and white photographs, ambrotypes, daguerreotypes, and cabinet cards
Collection Number	P0120
Summary	The Phillip C. Blair photograph collection contains portraits of various members of the Blair family; photographs of sites in Salt Lake City and other areas of Utah, as well as a photograph album of George D. Parkinson's LDS mission to New York City in 1904.
Repository	University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections. Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library University of Utah 295 South 1500 East Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0860 Telephone: 801-581-8863 special@library.utah.edu
Access Restrictions	Twenty-four hour advanced notice encouraged. Materials must be used on-site. Access to parts of this collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

The Phillip C. Blair Collection spans a period of four generations commencing with Brigham Young and his wife Mary Ann Angell Young. The corresponding Manuscripts collection (Ms 120) contains the earliest known personal correspondence of Brigham and Mary Ann Young. Long letters reflect the social, political, religious, and economic developments of Utah as well as Young's personal devotion and feelings for his wife and family.

Brigham and Mary Ann Young's daughter, Luna, married George W. Thatcher of Logan, Utah. Thatcher became a prominent and successful businessman in Logan where he was elected Mayor, President of the Brigham Young College Board in Logan, and appointed a member of the Utah Commission. The Thatcher's owned and operated the Thatcher Opera House, Thatcher Bank, and Thatcher Milling and Elevator Company all located in Logan, Utah.

Nellie May, the daughter of George and Luna Thatcher, married George Elias Blair, son of Seth Millington and Sarah Jane Foster of Logan, Utah. George Blair loved the theater and poetry and was a great patron of the Salt Lake Theater. The Blair's had five children: Virginia, Millington, Phillip, Kathryn,

and George. Virginia Blair loved the arts like her father and moved to Hollywood with the dream of becoming a star; though she held a number of small parts, Virginia's dream never came to fruition. For more detailed information see Phillip C. Blair Papers (Ms 120).

Content Description

The Phillip C. Blair Collection consists mainly of four generations of family portraits ranging from Virginia Blair to Brigham and Mary Ann Young. In addition to portraits, the Blair collection also contains early photographs of Richmond, Logan, and Salt Lake City, Utah, where members of the Blair, Thatcher and Young families lived. George Parkinson compiled the remaining photographs in the collection while serving an L.D.S. (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) mission to New York.

Because of the extensive time range of the Blair collection, a wide range of photographic types is represented. The images range from beautiful ambrotypes, daguerreotypes and tintypes to more modern black and white photographs. Because of the age and condition of many of these images, the ambrotypes, daguerreotypes and tintypes are all stored in the Special Collections safe and can be viewed only with the express permission of the Multimedia Archivist.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is arranged topically.

Processing Note

Processed by Della L. Dye, Dorothy Rasmussen, and Mary Ann Curtis in 2002.

Separated Materials

Manuscript materials were transferred to the Philip C. Blair papers (MS 0120).

Detailed Description of the Collection

Family, Locations in Utah, New York

Container(s)		Description
Box	Folder	
1	1	George E. Blair 1-5: George E. Blair
1	2	Nellie Blair 6: Nellie and George W. Blair, 1872 7: Nellie and Nettie Blair 8-13: Nellie Blair
1	3	George Blair Jr. 14-16: George Blair Jr., son of George E. and Nellie Blair
1	4	Kathryn Blair 1-20: Kathryn Blair
1	5	Millington Blair 1-23: Millington Blair
1	6	Phillip Blair 1-26: Phillip Blair
1	7	Virginia Blair 1-34: Virginia Blair
1	8-9	Blair Children 35: Virginia, Phillip and Millington Blair 36: Virginia and Millington Blair 37: Virginia, Phillip and Millington Blair 38-39: Nellie Blair and children 40: Phillip and Millington Blair 41-42: Virginia, Phillip, Millington, and Kathryn Blair 43: Nellie, George and Connie Blair
1	10	George W. Thatcher 1-47: George W. Thatcher
1	11-14	Portraits 48: Seth Millington Blair

Container(s)	Description
	49: Luna A. Thatcher Farell 50: Wendell Hammond, May 1913 51: Joyce 52-53: Constance Nobley 54-56: Dick Sloan 57: Gladys Spencer 58: Mary and Ted Spicker 59-60: Constance Thatcher 61: Guy Thatcher 62: Alena Kitchen Thatcher 63: Winfield Washington Thomas 64: Genie West 65: Alfales Burgess Young 66-67: Brigham Young 68: Emmaline Free Young 69: Catherine Spencer Young and Florence Ellen Young 70-71: John W. Young 72: Zanny Young and Luna Young Thatcher 73-78: Luna Young Thatcher
1 15-16	Logan, Utah 79-83: Moses Thatcher Home 84: Union Roller Mill run by Hezekiah Thatcher and sons. The Brigham Young Academy can be seen in the background 85: Thatcher Milling and Elevator Company, 1940 86: Logan Temple, Circa 1890 87: George Thatcher Home 88: Logan, Utah
1 17-18	Richmond, Utah 89-90: Richmond, Utah parade, circa 1900 91: B.L. Peart Blacksmith Shop, 1910 92: Joseph L. Peart 93: B. L. Peart Blacksmith Shop, 1910 94: Home located in Richmond, Utah
1 19	Salt Lake City, Utah 95: Salt Lake City looking southwest, 1895 96: Salt Lake City from Prospector Hill, 1892. Photograph by Charles R. Savage 97: Gardo House 98: Beehive House and Eagle Gate, 1890

Miscellaneous, album, duplicates

Box2

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
2		
Box	Folder	
2	20-21	
	Miscellaneous Scenery	
	99b: Brigham Young homes and offices	
	99-103: Unidentified scenery	
	104: Power plant-Logan Canyon	
	105: Unidentified scenery	
	106: Bear River, Circa 1890	
	107: Flagstaff Tree, Brighton Utah, 1890	
	108: Mary's Lake, Brighton, Utah, 1896	
2	22	
	Miscellaneous	
	109-12: Corianton	
	113: Brigham Young's home in St. George, Utah	
	114: Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill	
2	23	
	Miscellaneous	
	115: Brave Ensign Worth Bagley	
	116: Lieutenant Richard P. Hobson	
	117: Wagon train crossing the Platte River	
	118: Millington	
	119: George Blair seated, 1899	
	120: H. W. Cannon Institute art class, 1920	
2	24	1904
	Photograph Album From George D. Parkinson's Mission to New York City	
	121: George Parkinson	
	122: Morningside Park	
	123: Lou Dillon on a New York Speedway	
	124: Elevated Railroad	
	125: "Washday at No.46 Lewis Ave, Brooklyn"	
	126: Hawthorne Hall	
	127: "Elder's street corner"	
	128: Washing dishes	
	129: Laundry	
	130: Barbershop	
	131-132: Washday	
	133: Laundry	
	134: Cleaning up on washday	
	135: Backyard on washday	
	136: U.S. Treasury Building on Wall Street	
	137: Grant's Tomb	
	138: Columbia College Library	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	139: Sailor's and soldier's monument on Riverside Drive 140: North end of Hill Cumorah 141: Room in which the prophet, Joseph Smith, saw the angel Moroni 142: Old Smith farmhouse 143: The "Mormon Hill" farmhouse 144: Prophet Joseph Smith's old home 145: Northeast end of Hill Cumorah 146: Lane leading to the barnyard on the old Smith farm 147: Grove in which Joseph Smith received his first vision 148: Baptismal Party, New Jersey 149: Baptism of Sister Rohlffing 150: Elders in New York 151: Cornelius Vanderbilt Home 152: Mormon Elder's quarters 153: The Tombs and the "Bridge of Sighs" 154: Brooklyn Bridge from a ferry boat 155: St. Patrick's Day Parade 156: Riverside Drive and Hudson River 157: Battery Park 158: Panorama of Brooklyn 159: Yacht and New York skyline 160: Interior of Madison Square Gardens 161: Manhattan Beach 162: Clermont Roadhouse, Riverside Drive 163: East River Bridge 164: Ocean Freighter 165: Street scene on the bowery 166: Columbia College 167: Upper Broadway 168: Coney Island 169: Niagara Falls 170: Louisa May Alcott Home, Concord, Massachusetts 171: Sleepy Hollow Cemetery including the gravesites of Emerson and Hawthorne 172: "Old Manse" 173: Hawthorne's Home, Concord, Massachusetts	
2	25	Unidentified 176-192: Unidentified
2	26	Duplicates (8 x 10) from album 1: Nellie Thatcher Blair and Child 2: Mary Ann Angell Young 3a-b: Brigham Young

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	4: Elder George D. Parkinson 5: "Washday at No.46 Lewis Ave, Brooklyn" 6: Washing dishes 7: Laundry 8: Barbershop 9: Washday 10 Washday 11: Laundry 12: Cleaning up on washday 13: Backyard on washday 14: Grant's Tomb 15: Room in which the prophet, Joseph Smith, saw the angel Moroni 16-17: Old Smith farmhouse 18: The "Mormon Hill" farmhouse 19: Prophet Joseph Smith's old home 20: Northeast end of Hill Cumorah 21: Lane leading to the barnyard on the old Smith farm 22: Baptismal Party, New Jersey 23: Baptism of Sister Rohlfig	

Negatives

- 1: Brigham Young
- 2: Mary Ann Angell Young

Materials in Safe

- 1: Brigham Young, ambrotype and duplicate prints
- 2: Mary Ann Angell Young, ambrotype and duplicate prints
- 3: Luna Young Thatcher as a young girl, daguerreotype
- 4: Luna Young Thatcher, miniature tintype
- 5: Luna Young Thatcher, tintype
- 6: Luna Young Thatcher, print
- 7: Luna and Alice Young, ambrotype
- 8: Brigham Young, Jr. as a small boy, daguerreotype
- 9: Brigham Young, Jr., ambrotype
- 10-12: Nellie Thatcher Blair, tintypes
- 13-14: Unidentified tintypes

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Container(s)	Description
Box	Folder
3	1 George Thatcher

Container(s)	Description
	1-2: Portraits of George Thatcher
3	2
	General
	1-7: Portraits actors and actresses
	8: "The old white house, built by President Young" Salt Lake City, Utah
	9: "Beehive House and Historian's Office" Salt Lake City, Utah
	10: "George Blair seated" in a library

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Mormon Church--Missions--New York (State)--New York

Personal Names :

Blair family--Photographs

Geographical Names :

New York (N.Y.)--Photographs

Salt Lake City (Utah)--Photographs

Utah--Photographs

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Portrait photographs--1860-1960

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