Gerald Hoard Photograph Collection, circa 1890-1915

Overview of the Collection

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<th>Creator</th>
<th>Hoard, Gerald L., Jr., 1931-</th>
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<td>Dates</td>
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<td>Quantity</td>
<td>0.10 cubic feet, including 14 photographs, (2 boxes)</td>
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Summary

The Gerald Hoard Photograph Collection consists of glass plate negatives of Oregon Agricultural College scenes contemporary to the late-19th and early-20th century. Gerald Lester Hoard Jr. was born in Portland, Oregon on October 1, 1931 and attended Oregon State College between 1954 to 1955, where he studied engineering. The images clearly predate Hoard’s time as a student at Oregon State College, having been taken in the 1900s or earlier. Images from this collection have been digitized and are available in Oregon Digital.

Repository

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Languages

English

Biographical Note

Gerald Lester Hoard Jr. was born on October 1, 1931 to Gerald Lester Hoard Sr. and Arley M. Stroud Hoard in Portland, Oregon. Between 1940 and 1948, Hoard resided at the Children’s Farm Home just outside of Corvallis, Oregon. Originally founded in 1925 to provide homes and a primary school education for “orphaned or neglected children,” the Farm Home closed in the 1980s, only to be renovated and re-opened in the 2010s as a “residential mental health facility” for children ages 5 to 18 years old.

When he was 16, Hoard moved to Vancouver, Washington to live with his father and attend Shumway Junior High School, Vancouver’s first junior high school. In 1949, Hoard left school, working briefly for a farmer in Harrisburg, Oregon – R.E. Bierly – before enlisting in the Air Force. During his time in the Air Force, he completed his GED, and received training as a “powerman.” Trained in the principles of
producing and distributing electrical power, Air Force powermen typically maintained the battery carts used to start planes, and the generator sets for supplying power during maintenance. In 1953, shortly before his honorable discharge from the service, Hoard was stationed at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming.

Hoard returned to Oregon that same year, where he found work in a Harrisburg lumber mill. By 1954, the year he applied to study engineering at Oregon State College (OSC), he had married Susan Anderson, and was living with his father-in-law, Sidney Anderson, a farmer in Harrisburg. Hoard attended OSC between 1954 and 1955.

### Content Description

The Gerald Hoard Photograph Collection consists of eight, 8x10 inch glass plate negatives, some of which contain multiple images on a single plate, and a single print image. Some of the negatives have been produced as photographic prints in the Emile Pernot Photographs (P 230). The images clearly predate Hoard's time as a student at Oregon State College in the 1950s, having been taken in the 1900s or earlier. Depicted are interior and exterior shots of campus buildings; stills of scientific apparatus and labs; and portraits of unidentified individuals.

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### Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

Gerald Hoard Photograph Collection (P 068), Oregon State University Special Collections and Archives Research Center, Corvallis, Oregon.

### Administrative Information

#### Arrangement

The Gerald Hoard Photograph Collection is comprised of one series: 1. Photographs, circa 1890-1915. The photographs are arranged in the order assigned during the collection's preliminary processing.

#### Acquisition Information

This collection was received by the former University Archives in the 1960s or 1970s. The name "Gerald Hoard" was assigned to the collection when it was received by the University Archives, which implies that Hoard was the owner and donor of the materials. It is not know how Hoard acquired the images.

#### Processing Note

A preliminary container list was created for this collection on or before December 3, 2015. This finding aid has been updated to reflect current arrangement and description best practices, and include more contextual information for the collection.
Related Materials

The OSU Special Collections and Archives Researcher Center holdings contain numerous collections documenting the student experience at Oregon Agricultural College in the late 1800s and early 1900s, including Emile Pernot Photographs (P 230), the Agnes Gregson Collection (MSS Gregson), the Frank E. Hall Collection (MSS Hall), the Leroy G. Mattley Papers (MSS Mattley), and the Walter R. Baker Photographs (P 018).

Additional collections relating to the study and teaching of Botany, Chemistry, and Home Economics include, the Beulah Gilkey Collection (MSS GilkeyB), the Botany and Plant Pathology Department Records (RG 054), the Herbarium Photographs (P 093), the William Evans Lawrence Papers (MSS Lawrence), the Chemistry Department Records (RG 098), the College of Home Economics and Education Records (RG 141), the College of Home Economics Photograph Collection (P 044), the Alice L. Edwards Papers (MSS EdwardsAlice), and the Ava Milam Clark Papers (MSS ClarkAvaM).

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Photographs, circa 1890-1915

The Gerald Hoard Photograph Collection consists of eight, 8x10 inch glass plate negatives, two of which contain four images on a single plate; and a single print image. Depicted in these images are interior and exterior shots of campus buildings; stills of scientific apparatus and labs; and portraits of unidentified individuals. Of note in this collection are several images of Professor George Coote, professor of floriculture and gardening, and eventual founder of the Horticulture Department at Oregon Agricultural College (images 6 and 12). Also of interest are a series of images of Chemistry and Botany laboratory spaces and equipment (images 1-2, and 4), and female students at work in a Home Economics lab (image 3). Images 1 through 4, and 5 through 8 are two, single plate negatives; they may have been intended for printing mounted cabinet cards.

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P068:07: Unidentified campus building

P068:08: A military formation southeast of Benton Hall

P068:09: A power plant adjacent to a water tower

P068:10: A foundry in the first Mechanical Hall

P068:11: The second Mechanical Hall [Kearney Hall]  
A print of this glass negative is available as P068:15.

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P068:12: George Coote posing in front of the first campus greenhouse  
This image is a larger version of image number P068:06 in this collection. A photographic print of this image appears in the Emile Pernot Photographs (P 230).

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P068:13: Formal group portrait of 7 women and 3 men posing with a large flower arrangement

P068:14: Formal portrait of an unidentified woman

P068:15: The second Mechanical Hall [Kearney Hall]  
The original glass negative of this image is available as P068:11.

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Botany--Study and teaching (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.
Chemistry--Study and teaching (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.
Home economics students--Oregon--Corvallis.
Home economics--Study and teaching (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.

Personal Names:
Coote, George, 1842-1908.

Corporate Names:
Oregon Agricultural College

Form or Genre Terms:
Glass plate negatives.
Photographic prints.

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