

John Rollwagen collection of Photochrom photographs, 1898-1906

Overview of the Collection

Compiler	Rollwagen, John
Title	John Rollwagen collection of Photochrom photographs
Dates	1898-1906 (inclusive) 1898 1906
Quantity	65 Photocrom prints (1 box)
Collection Number	PH1440
Summary	Photocrom photographs of scenes in the United States and Canada made by the Detroit Publishing Company
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	The entire collection can be viewed on the Libraries Digital Collections website. Permission of the Visual Materials Curator is required to view original photographs. Contact Special Collections for more information. Photocrom lithograph process
Languages	English

Historical Background

The Photochrom (also known as Photochrome) is a color photo lithograph created from a black and white photographic negative. The process is a photographic variant of chromolithography, the broader term for color lithography. The color is achieved through using multiple lithograph stones, one per color in the printing process. A separate stone would be made for each color to be used which required at least a minimum of four stones (for the three primary colors and black) for the image. The image was printed on high-quality paper which resembled the smooth photographic printing paper of the day. The image was then finished off with a varnish to add depth and richness to the appearance of the photograph.

The process was developed in Switzerland and brought to the United States by the Detroit Publishing Company in 1897. The Detroit Photographic Company was started by publisher William A. Livingstone and photographer Edwin H. Husher in the late 19th century but did not go by that name until 1905 after which it quickly changed the name to the Detroit Publishing Company. The Detroit Publishing Co. enjoyed a period of enormous success as a world-wide publisher of photographic prints and

postcards, but its sales began to decline during World War I, and with the introduction of new and cheaper printing methods it was forced to go into receivership in 1924 and by 1932 the company's assets were liquidated.

Content Description

Photochrom photographs from the The Detroit Publishing Company showing scenes from the United States and Canada.

Use of the Collection

Alternative Forms Available

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Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Preservation Note

Photocrom lithograph process

Acquisition Information

Donor: John Rollwagen, December 8, 2015.

Processing Note

Processed by Wesley Nelson, April 2016

Detailed Description of the Collection

The Detroit Publishing Company Photochrom Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	United States	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
California			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/1	1	View of Glacier Point and South Dome in Yosemite Valley, California (53018) [view]	1898
1/1	2	View of Silver Apron waterfall in Yosemite Valley, California (53019) [view]	1898
1/1	3	Exterior of Mission Dolores in San Francisco, California (53020) [view]	1898
1/1	4	Close-up of California poppies (53089) [view]	1899
1/1	5	Farnsworth's Loop on Santa Catalina Island, California (53077) [view]	1899
1/2	6	Exterior of the Hotel Metropole on Santa Catalina Island, California (53094) [view]	1901
1/2	7	Lick Observatory on the summit of Mt. Hamilton, California (53006) [view]	1902
Colorado			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/2	8	View of the Sangre de Christo Mountains from Poncha Pass, Colorado (53130) [view]	1898
1/2	9	View from the ruins of Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado (53118) [view]	1898
1/2	10	View of Lake San Cristoval in Hinsdale County, Colorado (53105) [view]	1898
1/3	11	View of 700-ft. granite spire known as Currecanti Needle on the Gunnison River, Colorado (53100) [view]	ca.1898-1905
1/3	12	Ute Jose Romero and his family, Colorado (53409) [view]	1899

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1/3	13	Southern Ute Pee Viggi and squaw, Colorado (53411) [view]	1899
1/3	14-15	View of Mount of the Holy Cross in the northern Sawatch Range of the Rocky Mountains, Colorado (53136 & 53119B) [view]	1900
1/4	16	View of Long's Peak from Mont Alto, Colorado (53153) [view]	1901
1/4	17	View of Silverton with Sultan Mountain in the background, Colorado (53151) [view]	1901
1/4	18	View of railroad tracks in Royal Gorge, Colorado (53103) [view]	1901
1/4	19	View of Toltec Gorge, Colorado (53158) [view]	1906

Florida

Box/ Folder	Item	Description	Dates
1/5	20	Exterior view of the Royal Ponciana Hotel near the Lake Worth Lagoon in Palm Beach, Florida (53220) [view]	1898
1/5	21	View of man walking along paved path near water in Palm Beach, Florida (53221) [view]	1898
1/5	22	View of old causeway lined with palm trees near Ormond, Florida (53223) [view]	1898
1/5	23	U.S.S. "Texas" off the Florida coast (53230) [view]	1898
1/5	24	Looking across the Miami River at the Royal Palm Hotel, Miami, Florida (53510) [view]	1900

Massachusetts

Box/ Folder	Item	Description	Dates
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Container(s)		Description	Dates
1/6	25	Exterior view of the Main Building at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts (53606) [view]	1900
1/6	26	Exterior of the Main Building at Wellesley College, Massachusetts (53693) [view]	1901
New York			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/6	27	View of American Falls from the Canadian shore, Niagara Falls, New York (53249) [view]	1898
1/6	28	View of bridge spanning Whirlpool Rabids in the Niagara River Gorge near Niagara Falls, New York (53253) [view]	1898
1/6	29	View of the Bronx River in Bronx Park, New York (53645) [view]	1901
1/6	30	Looking across the St. Lawrence River at Heart Island in the Thousand Islands region of New York (53671) [view]	1901
Pennsylvania			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/7	31-32	Exterior view of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (53723 & 53724) [view]	1900
1/7	33	Exterior view of the Main Building at Girard College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (53727) [view]	1901
Utah			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/7	34	Exterior of the Lion House, family residence of Brigham Young, Salt Lake City, Utah (53419) [view]	1899

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1/7	35	Looking down a tree-lined avenue at Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah (53601) [view]	1900
Wisconsin			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/8	36	Exterior view of the Court House in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (53680) [view]	1900
1/8	37	View of Juneau Park and Lake Michigan in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (53682) [view]	1901
Wyoming			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/8	38	View of Lake D'Amalia and the Wind River Mountains, Wyoming (53269) [view]	1898
1/8	39	View of Old Faithful Geyser, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53304) [view]	1898
1/8	40	View of Summit Basin in Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53310) [view]	1898
1/9	41	View of the Pulpit Terraces in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53317) [view]	1898
1/9	42	View of the Fountain Paint Pot in Lower Geyser Basin, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53311) [view]	1898
1/9	43	View of Castle Geyser in Upper Geyser Basin, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53313) [view]	1898
1/9	44	View of bluffs overlooking Green River, Wyoming (53205) [view]	1898
1/9	45	View of the Fountain Paint Pot in Lower Geyser Basin, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53327) [view]	1902

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1/10	46	View of Sapphire Pool with forest and rolling hills in background, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53333) [view]	1902
1/10	47	View of the Liberty Cap mineral deposit with buildings in background, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53344) [view]	1902
1/10	48	View of two people standing atop Jupiter Terrace in Yellowstone Park, Wyoming (53323) [view]	1902
1/10	49	Eruption of Riverside Geyser on the Firehole River in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming (53345) [view]	1905

Other States

Box/ Folder	Item	Description	Dates
1/11	50	View of Shoshone Falls on the Snake River near Twin Falls, Idaho (53268) [view]	1898
1/11	51	Exterior view of the Detroit Museum of Art, Michigan (53212) [view]	1898
1/11	52	View of Lake Tahoe and Cave Rock, Nevada (53000) [view]	1898
1/11	53	Jose Jesus and his wife, New Mexico (53414) [view]	1899
1/11	54	View of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Cleveland, Ohio (53717) [view]	1900
1/12	55	View of Mount Hood from Lost Lake, Oregon (53541) [view]	1900
1/12	56	Farmers with horse-drawn threshers in field harvesting wheat, South Dakota (53284) [view]	1898
1/12	57	Exterior of the Custis-Lee Mansion in Arlington, Virginia (53713) [view]	1900
1/12	58	View of Jackson Monument with the White House in background, Washington, D.C. (53247) [view]	1898

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Canada			
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1/12	59	Footpath overgrown with trees in Niagara Glen on the Canadian side of Niagara River Gorge, Ontario, Canada (53256) [view]	1898
1/13	60	Exterior view of the Redpath Library and Museum at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada (53649) [view]	1901
1/13	61	View of the Reservoir in Mount Royal Park, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (53651) [view]	1901
1/13	62	Exterior of the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in Quebec, Canada (53657) [view]	1901
1/13	63	Looking across the St. Lawrence River at the Citadelle-de-Quebec in Quebec City, Canada (53663) [view]	1901
1/13	64	On the St. Lawrence River near the city of Rivière-du-Loup in Quebec, Canada (53665) [view]	1901
1/13	65	Exterior view of Parliament Buildings in Toronto, Ontario, Canada (53669) [view]	1901

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Visual Materials Collections (University of Washington)

Geographical Names :

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Canada--Photographs

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Florida--Photographs

Massachusetts--Photographs

New York (State)--Photographs

Pennsylvania--Photographs

United States--Photographs

Utah--Photographs

Wisconsin--Photographs

Wyoming--Photographs

Form or Genre Terms :

Chromolithography

Color lithographs

Other Creators :

Corporate Names :

Detroit Publishing Co., lithographer
(creator)

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