

David H. Christensen photograph collection, circa 1876-1969

Overview of the Collection

Title	David H. Christensen photograph collection
Dates	circa 1876-1969 (inclusive) 1871 1969
Quantity	204 photoprints
Collection Number	P0369
Summary	The David H. Christensen photograph collection contains individual and family portraits, photographs of family and friends and photographs documenting some of David Christensen's activities as an educator.
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Languages	English

Historical Note

Chronology of David H. Christensen

- 1869 Born in Payson, Utah, where he attended Presbyterian Mission School for five years
- 1890 Graduated from the normal course at the University of Deseret. He later earned a B.A. Degree at the University of Utah.
- 1890-1897 Became principal of Payson schools
- 1893-1897 Appointed Superintendent of Utah County schools to fill an unexpired term. He was subsequently elected to two successive terms.
- 1894 Married Katherine Dean, a teacher and principal, in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Temple
- 1896 Appointed to the first State Board of Education by Governor Wells
- 1898-1899 Assigned President of the L.D.S. Berlin Conference Mission in Berlin, Germany
- 1899 Transferred to the Frankfurt Conference
- 1900 Studied for three quarters at the University of Goettingen, Germany
- 1901 Returned to the United States
- 1901-1916 Superintendent of Salt Lake City Schools
- 1910-1939 Salt Lake City Library Board
- 1911 Silver Service Committee, Battleship Utah
- 1917-1951 Member, University of Utah Board of Regents.

1913 Founded the Christensen Construction Co.
1934 Katherine Dean Christensen died
1939 Member, Interstate Water Commission
1948 Honorary Doctorate in Education from the University of Utah
1956 Died in Salt Lake City

Content Description

These photographs were copied from the originals in the possession of Christensen's daughter Kathleen Hall, of Salt Lake City, courtesy Dr. Fred Buchanan of the Education Department. Folder one contains family photographs which include Christensen's father, wife, and children. Folder two contains photographs relating to his life as an educator and administrator. For biographical information, see the chronology.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is arranged topically.

Processing Note

Processed by Peter F. Schmid in 1991.

Separated Materials

Manuscript materials were transferred to the David H. Christensen papers (MS 0627)

Detailed Description of the Collection

David H. Christensen, family, and scrapbook

Container(s)	Description	
Box	Folder	
1	1	<p>David H. Christensen Photographs</p> <p>Photograph number 1: David H. Christensen, Berlin, May 1898</p> <p>Photograph number 1a: David H. Christensen's father at his shearing camp, 12 Mile Canyon, 1876 (see 1:5:2)</p> <p>Photograph number 2: David H. Christensen later in life, date unknown</p> <p>Photograph number 3: David H. Christensen, middle aged</p> <p>Photograph number 4: David H. Christensen, probably shortly before he died</p> <p>Photograph number 4a: David H. Christensen with a group of missionaries in Berlin, 1899</p> <p>Photograph number 5: David H. Christensen, portrait taken when superintendent of Salt Lake City Schools.</p> <p>Photograph number 5a: David H. Christensen with a group of missionaries in Germany, 1898</p> <p>Photograph number (See 1:3:3; 1:3:9)</p> <p>Photograph number 6: At one of his birthday parties</p> <p>Photograph number 6a: Aileen, Dean, Mother, Lucile, Maree, David H. Christensen, 1905 in front of the Salt Lake City and County Building (See 1:2:6)</p> <p>Photograph number 7: Portrait taken around time of Mission, 1898-1899</p> <p>Photograph number 8: Portrait, date unknown, (probably when in 60s)</p> <p>Photograph number 9: Portrait, March 1919</p> <p>Photograph number 10: David H. Christensen at age 10</p>
1	2	<p>Family Photographs</p> <p>Photograph number 1: Maree.</p> <p>Photograph number 2: Portrait, Christensen's mother, Catherine Dean Christensen.</p> <p>Photograph number 2a: Office of the Salt Lake Superintendent, 1906 (1:4:6)</p> <p>Photograph number 3: Dean K. Christensen, Kindergarten, Emerson School.</p> <p>Photograph number 3a: David H. Christensen, Superintendent of Salt Lake City Schools, and principals, 1910 (See 1:4:9)</p> <p>Photograph number 4: Hensen Heislet, Wallace, Delbert, Aunt Mary Heislet, D.H.C.'s sister.</p> <p>Photograph number 5: Christensen family in buckboard, 1914. Includes Maree, Mother KDC, Rhea, Lucile, Dean, David H. Christensen, David, Aileen, Stanley.</p> <p>Photograph number 6: Christensen family in horse drawn carriage, 1905. Aileen, Dean, Mother, Lucile, Maree, David H. Christensen. (See 1:1:6a)</p> <p>Photograph number 6a: David H. Christensen left; George Eaton, Principal East High (?); George Child, Superintendent 1920-1932(?). (1:4:10)</p> <p>Photograph number 7-10: Unidentified family snapshots.</p> <p>Photograph number 11: Anne Poulson Christensen, June 1916. 75 years old. Mother of D.H.</p> <p>Photograph number 12: Amelia Lacey Dean. (photocopy)</p>

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	Photograph number 13: Anne Poulson Dean, 1900.
1 3	<p>LDS (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) Missionary Groups, Academic Groups</p> <p>Photograph number 1: Receiving Doctorate Degree, June, 1947, Sterling W. Sill on right</p> <p>Photograph number 2: Payson School, D.H. Christensen class.</p> <p>Photograph number 3: Missionaries, Berlin, 1899.(See 1:1:5a; 1:3:9)</p> <p>Photograph number 4: Missionaries, Germany, circa 1899. (See 1:3:10)</p> <p>Photograph number 5: June 4, 1898, Germany (?) [Photo has KDC above one of the women.]</p> <p>Photograph number 6: Payson School reunion.</p> <p>Photograph number 7-8: LDS Missionaries, Germany, circa 1898.</p> <p>Photograph number 9: Christensen as president of the Berlin L.D.S. missionary conference (including Prussia) with other missionaries, Berlin, 1899. Included are Emma Lucy Gates, Emily Ramsey Morris, Arnold Schultess, Lucy B. Young, Katie Dean Christensen, Aileen Dean Christensen, and J. Collie Robinson. (See 1:1:5a; 1:3:3)</p> <p>Photograph number 10: Missionaries, Germany, circa 1899. (See 1:3:4)</p>
1 4	<p>Christensen as an Educator</p> <p>Photograph number 1: Christensen with pupils in front of school in Payson, Utah, 1887 or 1888.</p> <p>Photograph number 2: Booker T. Washington, Mrs. Washington(?), and Aileen and Dean K. Christensen at the Tuskegee Institute, February 1911. Photo by D.H. Christensen.</p> <p>Photograph number 3: Salt Lake City Schoolboard, circa 1920(?).</p> <p>Photograph number 4: School house where D.H. Christensen taught during 1890s, Payson, Utah.</p> <p>Photograph number 5: University of Deseret students, 1890.</p> <p>Photograph number 6: Christensen, Salt Lake City Superintendent of Schools, in his office in 1906. (See 1:2:2a)</p> <p>Photograph number 7: Homestead 1911</p> <p>Photograph number 8: Portrait of two young girls</p> <p>Photograph number 9: Christensen with group of school principals, 1910. (See 1:2:3a)</p> <p>Photograph number 10: Christensen, George Eaton, and George Child (Superintendent). (See 1:2:6a)</p>
1 5	<p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>Photograph number 1: July 11, 1915</p> <p>Photograph number 2: David H. Christensen's father and other workers at his sheep-shearing camp, 12 Mile Canyon, circa 1876. (See 1:1:1a)</p>
1 6	<p>Scrapbook</p> <p>166 photographs of family and friends. Some are identified and dated on accompanying photocopy.</p>

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Photograph number 1: Christensen Living Room, Picture of Catherine Dean Christensen on table.
Photograph number 2: Dean K. Christensen, Rhea Christensen on ponies
Photograph number 3: Stanley at Edison St., 1915
Photograph number 4: Stanley, 1915
Photograph number 5: Dean K. Christensen, 1918
Photograph number 6: Catherine Dean Christensen, David H. Christensen at 1515 Edison St.
Photograph number 7: Family on the porch, 1918
Photograph number 8: Maree Christensen, 1918
Photograph number 9: Stanley with calf, Edison St.
Photograph number 10: Maree Christensen
Photograph number 11: Rhea Christensen with others
Photograph number 12: Two unidentified girls
Photograph number 13: Christensen family, 1918, at Edison St.
Photograph number 14: Mary C. Heislet, David H. Christensen's sister
Photograph number 15: Catherine with a child and the dog 'Roxie'
Photograph number 16: Two unidentified girls
Photograph number 17: View from family home toward the Catholic Church, 1932
Photograph number 18: David H. Christensen
Photograph number 19: Jacob Savell, Aileen Christensen Savell, Gene Hall, Cathleen Hall, 1932
Photograph number 20-22: Rhea Christensen ?, 1916
Photograph number 23: Maree, Stanley, Lucille, David H, David Jr, Catherine, Cathleen, Dean K. Christensen
Photograph number 24: David H. Christensen holding grandchild, Lucille, Catherine, Rhea, 1930
Photograph number 25: Dining Room 723 South 1100 East Salt Lake City, Utah, 1920
Photograph number 26: Entrance Hall, circa 1920
Photograph number 27: Living Room, 1934
Photograph number 28: Parlor
Photograph number 29: Aileene Savell, David H. Christensen, Stanley, Catherine, David H. Jr, Genevieve C., Helen S. C., Dean K., Kathleen C. Hall, Eugene Hall
Photograph number 30: Genie with ARoxie@ the dog
Photograph number 31: Unidentified
Photograph number 32: 'Roxie'
Photograph number 33: Christensen Family, 1931
Photograph number 34: Washington Monument, Washington D.C.
Photograph number 35: Statue in Washington D.C., 1932
Photograph number 36: Lincoln Memorial
Photograph number 37: Mohawh River, New York State Barge Canal, August 1932
Photograph number 38: Mt. Vernon, Home of George Washington, Alexandria, Virginia
Photograph number 39: Lexington, Nebraska
Photograph number 40: Harvard

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Photograph number 41: Family on a porch
Photograph number 42-43: Washington D.C., July 1932
Photograph number 44: Washington D.C., Capitol Building
Photograph number 45: White House, Washington D.C.
Photograph number 46: 'The Minute Man'
Photograph number 47: David in front of Harvard Law School
Photograph number 48: Concord Massachusetts
Photograph number 49: Bunker Hill Monument, Boston Mass., August 1932
Photograph number 50: Library, Harvard Law School, August 1932; David H., Gen, Dave, Mrs. Christensen, D.N.C., Ruth
Photograph number 51: 'Taken from Concord Bridge'
Photograph number 52: Boston Navy Yard
Photograph number 53: A young man next to a cannon
Photograph number 54: Concord Bridge
Photograph number 55: Harvard Law School, Gen, David, Ruth
Photograph number 56: Concord, Massachusetts
Photograph number 57: 'The Minute Man,' Lexington, Massachusetts
Photograph number 58: Joseph Smith Home, Palmyra, New York
Photograph number 59-60: The Hill Cumorah
Photograph number 63: The Sacred Grove
Photograph number 64: Hill Cumorah
Photograph number 65: Niagara Falls
Photograph number 66-68: In Gloversville, New York
Photograph number 69: Niagara Falls
Photograph number 70: On board Maid O' The Mist
Photograph number 71-72: Niagara Falls
Photograph number 73: Billboard
Photograph number 74-77: Palmyra, New York
Photograph number 78-79: Davenport, Iowa, Mississippi River
Photograph number 80: Paul Jr., Paul Sr, Lucile, Aileen, Katheryn, Washington D. C.
Photograph number 81-85: Manti, Utah
Photograph number 86-89: Payson Class Reunion and classrooms
Photograph number 90-91: School Room in Manti, Utah
Photograph number 92-93: Payson Class Reunion, 1930
Photograph number 94: Dave, Aileen, Jake
Photograph number 95: 'Roxie'
Photograph number 96: Unidentified baby
Photograph number 97: Jacob Savell, Saginaw, Michigan
Photograph number 98: David H. Christensen Jr., Jacob S., 1932
Photograph number 99: Aileen Christensen Savell, Saginaw Michigan, 1932
Photograph number 102: David H. Christensen, Aileen and Jacob Savell in Saginaw, Michagan
Photograph number 103: Christensen Family
Photograph number 104: Maree Christensen, 1928 Ford Model A
Photograph number 105: Unidentified baby with 'Roxie' the dog
Photograph number 106: E. Hall, David H. Jr., Kathleen Hall, Stanley Christensen in Detroit
Photograph number 107: David H. Jr., Rhea and V.M. Sevy., circa 1930

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Photograph number 108: David H. Christensen., Catherine
Photograph number 109: Lucile Harding and Paul L. Harding
Photograph number 110: Unidentified baby
Photograph number 111: Unidentified
Photograph number 112: David H. Christensen with other family members
Photograph number 113: Picnic
Photograph number 114: Paul Harding Jr with a younger unnamed brother
Photograph number 115: Paul Harding with kids
Photograph number 116: Paul Harding Jr.
Photograph number 117: Paul Harding with family around Christmas tree.
Photograph number 118: Stan C. Lucile Harding, Paul Harding
Photograph number 119-124: Harding Children
Photograph number 125: Cathering Christensen and David H. Christensen Jr.
Photograph number 126: Rhea Christensen Sevy, V.M. Sevy
Photograph number 127: Kathleen Hall, Eugene Hall
Photograph number 128: Wedding of Kathleen and Eugene Hall, 1927-
Rhea, ?, Kathleen, Eugene, ?
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Photograph number 132: V.M. And Rhea Christensen Sevy
Photograph number 133: Unidentified woman with a baby
Photograph number 134: Unidentified baby sitting on a chair
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Photograph number 137: David H. Christensen and a grandchild
Photograph number 138: Stanley Christensen, 1935
Photograph number 139: David H. Christensen Jr. holding a baby, 1938
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Those of Yesterday, Surprise D. H. Christensen on Fortieth Anniversary of
Entering Education Work in State of Utah.'
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Photograph number 146: David H. Christensen with grandchildren
Photograph number 147: Stanley W. Christensen and Catherine Dean
Christensen
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Christensen, Aileen and Lucile Christensen
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with grandchildren, 1932
Photograph number 150: Catherine D. Christensen holding a grandchild
Photograph number 151: David H. Christensen Jr., Kathleen and Eugene
Hall, 1934
Photograph number 152: Aileen C. and Jacob Savell, 1934
Photograph number 153-154: David H. Christensen with grandchildren
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	<p>Photograph number 156: Lucile Harding, David H. Christensen, Kathleen Hall, Rhea Sevy</p> <p>Photograph number 157: David H. Christensen with grandchildren</p> <p>Photograph number 158: David H. Christensen, Stanley, Aileen Savell, Jacob Savell, David H. Jr., Dean K., Lucile Harding</p> <p>Photograph number 159: Herman Julius Christensen, Manti, circa 1890</p> <p>Photograph number 160: Old Payson School with portraits of David H. and Catherine D. Christensen on either side</p> <p>Photograph number 161: David, B.L. Harvard University, 1934</p> <p>Photograph number 162: David A.B., University of Utah</p> <p>Photograph number 163: Dean-B.S. University of Utah, Rhea-A. B. University of Utah 1929</p> <p>Photograph number 164: Northwestern Univesrity, Dean, D.D.S.</p> <p>Photograph number 165: Dean K. Christensen</p> <p>Photograph number 166: Helen S. Christensen</p>

Names and Subjects

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