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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Selected mammoth plate photographic prints from the Keith McHenry Pond collection

Date (inclusive): [1859-circa 1880]

Collection Number: BANC PIC 1952.021--ffALB

Creator: Watkins, Carleton E. Keith, William

Extent: 45 photographic prints : albumen.15 digital objects

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Abstract: Mammoth plate California landscape views formerly belonging to artist William Keith. The majority of views are by photographer Carleton E. Watkins.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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Related Material
Keith-McHenry-Pond family pictorial collection (BANC PIC 1952.002-.011)
Keith-McHenry-Pond family papers, 1841-1961 (BANC MSS C-B 595)
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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog
California--Pictorial works
Oregon--Pictorial works
Yosemite National Park (Calif.)--Pictorial works
Albumen prints
Landscapes (Representations)--California
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Acquisition Information
Gift of E.K. Pond, as part of the Keith-McHenry-Pond collection.

Provenance
Photographs may have once been part of the scrapbooks of artist William Keith.

Accruals
No additions are expected.

Processing Information
Processed by Bancroft Library staff.

Scope and Content of Collection
Mammoth plate California landscape views formerly belonging to artist William Keith. The majority of views are by photographer Carleton E. Watkins, an associate of Keith’s, with several views by Thomas Houseworth also present. Yosemite scenes predominate. All images were poorly drymounted at an unknown time in the 20th century, and image quality is faded and very poor. It is possible that these photoprints were kept by Keith in his scrapbooks and were never mounted in Keith’s lifetime, therefore opening the possibility that the poor condition is not simply the result of bad mounting, but of decades of use in an unmounted state. Their poor physical condition reduces research interest considerably, but the images remain an important document of Keith’s collecting of California landscape photography. Furthermore, some of the images are exceptionally rare and may not exist in other research collections.

Note
Photographs are in very poor condition, on 20th century mounts.

Additional Notes on Collection:
Titles supplied, based on captions on known copies elsewhere, or as descriptions by cataloger.
[San Francisco panorama, plate 1: Alcatraz from Russian Hill] [1864]
BANC PIC 1952.021:01 ark:/28722/bk0003d573c
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Unidentified Road: "Gas works and valley, W.C. Ralston's" (title from the similar stereograph.)] [187-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:02 ark:/28722/bk0003d574x
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Camp in Yosemite Valley: possibly the Colfax party, 1865] [between 1861 and 1866]
BANC PIC 1952.021:03 ark:/28722/bk0003d575g
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 46.
Additional Note
A view of the same camp appears in Watkin's stereograph titled "In Camp", numbered 1045.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Clarks' Station--distant view] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:04 ark:/28722/bk0003d5761
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 105.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Snow's Hotel?, Yosemite] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:05 ark:/28722/bk0003d577k
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
[Bridge to Hutchings' Hotel.] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:06
Creator/Collector: Houseworth, Thomas
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[The Sentinel Rock, and old hotel (Hutchings' Hotel?)] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:07
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 65.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[First View of the Yosemite Valley--from Mariposa Trail] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:08
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 4.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[The Yosemite Valley from the Best General View.] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:09
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 2.
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Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 41.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Yosemite Falls 2477 feet] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:14
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 53.
Additional Note
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Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Half Dome 4967 feet, Outline] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:15
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
The Bancroft Library holds multiple copies of this photograph. An effort was made to make an image of at least one copy available online. Bancroft duplicate(s) or near variant(s) may be found under: BANC PIC 1905.17143:42; 1973.057:21
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 61.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
[The North Dome--from river at foot] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:16
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 63.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Mount Starr King and Glacier Point] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:17
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 69.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[North Dome, Royal Arches, Washington Column] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:18
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 79.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
[The Half Dome--near view from valley] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:19

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 82.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[River, Rocks, and Woodland Scenery] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:20

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 86.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Cascade between the Vernal and Nevada Falls, 700 feet, Yosemite] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:21

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 91.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
[The Yosemite Falls from Sentinel Dome] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:22
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 93.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[The Domes from Sentinel Dome, and panorama of Valley] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:23
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 94.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[The Domes from Sentinel Dome] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:24
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 95.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Amabilis] [Fir tree] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:25 ark:/28722/bk0003d5807
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 115.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
[Half Dome, with North Dome and Royal Arches at left] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:26 ark:/28722/bk0003d581s
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[North Dome and Half Dome] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:27 ark:/28722/bk0003d582b
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Merced River with fallen log] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:28 ark:/28722/bk0003d583w
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
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Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[El Capitan, Reflected] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:29 ark:/28722/bk0003d584f
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
[Sentinel Rock. Houseworth no. 70] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:30

Creator/Collector: Houseworth, Thomas
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Photographs.

[Sentinel Rock from Union Point. Houseworth no. 69] [186-?] BANC PIC 1952.021:31

Creator/Collector: Houseworth, Thomas
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Indexing Terms
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Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Merced River, bank with small stones, Yosemite Valley. Houseworth no. 26] [1867] BANC PIC 1952.021:32

Creator/Collector: Houseworth, Thomas
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
[Mt. Shasta?] [1867 or 1870?] BANC PIC 1952.021:33
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Upper Agua Frio--Looking South East. Mariposa estate & environs] [1859]
BANC PIC 1952.021:34
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Willamette Falls and Oregon City, Oregon] [1867] BANC PIC 1952.021:35
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Castle Rock, Columbia River, Oregon] [1867] BANC PIC 1952.021:36
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Provenance
From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
Additional Note
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Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
[Islands in the Columbia River, from the Upper Cascades] [1867] BANC PIC 1952.021:37
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
  Provenance
  From the collection of artist William Keith. Gift of Elizabeth Keith Pond.
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Mammoth plates
  Photographs.

[Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls, reflected] [between 1861 and 1881] BANC PIC 1952.021:38
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate size.
  Additional Note
  Very poor print condition, on later mount.

[Yosemite Falls from Sentinel Done, 1866] [between 1861 and 1881] BANC PIC 1952.021:39
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate size.

[Merced River, with rowboat and cabin in trees to left. Possibly by Houseworth.] [between 1861 and 1881] BANC PIC 1952.021:40
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Additional Note
  Very poor print condition, on later mount.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate size.

[El Capitan, reflected] [between 1861 and 1881] BANC PIC 1952.021:41
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Additional Note
  Very poor print condition, on later mount.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate size.

[Bridal Veil Fall, with meadow in foreground] [between 1861 and 1881] BANC PIC 1952.021:42
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Additional Note
  Very poor print condition, on later mount.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate size.
[North Dome, Royal Arches, and Washington Column/Tower] [between 1861 and 1881]
BANC PIC 1952.021:43
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Additional Note
  Very poor print condition, on later mount.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate size.

[Crystal Springs Valley: reservoir and dam, with road and Watkins' travelling wagon art right] [circa 1875]
BANC PIC 1952.021:44
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
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  Very poor print condition, on later mount.

[Crystal Springs Valley: estate in the San Mateo area] [circa 1875]
BANC PIC 1952.021:45
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
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