Finding Aid to Mammoth Plate Photographs of Yosemite Valley, between 1861 and 1881

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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Mammoth plate photographs of Yosemite Valley
Date (inclusive): between 1861 and 1881
Collection Number: BANC PIC 1959.066--C
Creator: Watkins, Carleton E. Farquhar, Francis Peloubet
Extent: 27 photographic prints : albumen ; images 40 x 54 cm. or smaller, mounts 48 x 61 cm. 13 digital objects
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Abstract: Yosemite views, with one image of the Columbia River, Oregon.
Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English
Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

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Digital reproductions of selected images (those created by Carleton E. Watkins) are available.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog
Yosemite National Park (Calif.)--Pictorial works
Albumen prints
Landscapes (Representations)--California
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Acquisition Information
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.

Scope and Content of Collection
Yosemite views, with one image of the Columbia River, Oregon. Photographs are mostly mammoth-plate sized, with several in the smaller imperial plate dimensions. Although formerly assembled in a single mammoth album, views appear to be from negatives taken in the 1860s on up to Watkins’ “New Series” of the 1878-1881 period.

Note
Some bear printed labels from Watkins’ New Series, others captioned in ms.

Cap of Liberty, 3100 Ft. and Nevada Fall, 700 Ft., Yosemite [printed 1878 or later]
BANC PIC 1959.066:01  ark:/28722/bk0003d4038
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 858.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

The Upper Valley, from Eagle Point Trail, Yosemite [printed 1878 or later]
BANC PIC 1959.066:02  ark:/28722/bk0003d404t
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 853.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
Yosemite Falls, from Glacier Point [printed 1878 or later] BANC PIC 1959.066:03

ark:/28722/bk0003d405c

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 845
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[The Sentinel? reflected in river with snag in foreground.] [between 1865 and 1881]
BANC PIC 1959.066:04a

Additional Note
Smaller than mammoth plate: 33.7 x 24.0 cm.
Additional Note
Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Photographs.

[Cathedral Rock, river in foreground, with spires at left.] [between 1865 and 1881]
BANC PIC 1959.066:04b

Additional Note
Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
Additional Note
Smaller than mammoth plate: 23.0 x 32.0 cm.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Photographs.

[Cathedral Rock reflected in river, with tree leaning in from right] [between 1865 and 1881] BANC PIC 1959.066:05a

Additional Note
Portrait orientation.
Additional Note
Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
Additional Note
Smaller than mammoth plate: 34.5 x 24.2 cm.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Photographs.
[Yosemite Falls viewed between two oak (?) trees.] [between 1865 and 1881]
BANC PIC 1959.066:05b
  Additional Note
  Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate: 33.2 x 24.2 cm
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Photographs.

[El Capitan at right, river and meadow in foreground.] [between 1865 and 1881]
BANC PIC 1959.066:06a
  Additional Note
  Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate: 24.5 x 35.4 cm.
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Photographs.

[River with wooded banks, with the Sentinel[?] or Cathedral Spires[?] in background.] [between 1865 and 1881] BANC PIC 1959.066:06b
  Additional Note
  Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate: 30.5 x 20.2 cm.
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Photographs.

[River view, Yosemite.] [between 1865 and 1881] BANC PIC 1959.066:06c
  Additional Note
  Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate: 29.9 x 20.2 cm.
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Photographs.

[Three Brothers.] [between 1865 and 1881] BANC PIC 1959.066:07a
  Additional Note
  Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate: 20.1 x 30.4 cm.
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Photographs.
[Nevada Falls.] [between 1865 and 1881] BANC PIC 1959.066:07b
  Additional Note
  Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate: 30.4 x 20.3 cm.
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Photographs.

[El Capitan.] [between 1865 and 1881] BANC PIC 1959.066:07c
  Additional Note
  Very poor condition. Severe water damage to print.
  Additional Note
  Smaller than mammoth plate: 30.2 x 19.9 cm.
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Photographs.

Pinus Ponderosa [Ponderosa (the Yellow Pine), height about 250 feet] [between 1865 and 1880?] BANC PIC 1959.066:08
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
  Provenance
  Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
  Additional Note
  Watkins' number: 48.
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Mammoth plates
  Photographs.

Sequoia "Grizzly Giant" Mariposa. 110 ft. round at base, 93[?] ft. at 20[?] feet from ground. [Section of the Grizzly Giant] [ca. 1865-1866?] BANC PIC 1959.066:09
  Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
  Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
  Provenance
  Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
  Additional Note
  Watkins' number: 113.
  Additional Note
  Similar to Watkins' stereographs numbered 94 and 1174.
  Additional Note
  Title in ms. on mount. Taber later issued the same view, titled "Section of the Grizzly Giant".
  Indexing Terms
  Albumen prints
  Mammoth plates
  Photographs.
The Vernal Falls, 350 Ft. [186-] BANC PIC 1959.066:10

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 87.
Additional Note
For another Bancroft Library copy of this photograph, see: BANC PIC 1905.17143:51; 19xx.198.1:9; 19xx.198.4:15; 1973.057:24; 19xx.198.5:08 [ex red box 8). Related view published by Taber: 1885.001:08
Additional Note
This copy severely water damaged. For another copy in Bancroft Library collections, see BANC PIC 1905.17143:51, for which a digital surrogate is available.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Three Brothers, 3900 feet [The Three Brothers--Reflected or Three Brothers 4480 ft. Yosemite] [1865-1866] BANC PIC 1959.066:11 ark:/28722/bk0003d4081

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 28.
Additional Note
Title from ms. caption on mount. Later issued by Taber with title "The Three Brothers--Reflected"
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
### Bridal Veil, 940 ft. [Bridal Veil Falls--Front View] BANC PIC 1959.066:12

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.

Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.

Additional Note
Title from ms. caption on mount.

Additional Note
For another Bancroft Library copy of this photograph, see: BANC PIC 19xx.199.1:06; 1952.021.011. Related view published by Taber: 1885.001:11

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 16

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

### [Nevada Falls, 700 Ft] [between 1865 and 1880] BANC PIC 1959.066:13

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.

Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 92.

Additional Note
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Additional Note
Re-mounted with no original caption preserved. "Vernal Fall" transcribed onto new mount, apparently in error

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
La Capitaine, 3300 feet [El Capitan] BANC PIC 1959.066:14
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Title from ms. caption on mount.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Taber number: 677. Tentative attribution to Watkins.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 75.

Cathedral Rock--full front view BANC PIC 1959.066:16
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 21.
Looking Down the Valley from Union Point. [At left:] Sentinel Rock, 4125[?] feet.  
[1878-1881] BANC PIC 1959.066:17  ark:/28722/bk0003d4127

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 843.
Additional Note
Title from another copy, formerly in the Gordon Bennett collection: "View Down the Valley from Union Point. Yosemite."
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[The Yosemite Falls--reflected] [between 1861 and 1878] BANC PIC 1959.066:18  ark:/28722/bk0003d413s

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 52.
Additional Note
Title based on caption as later issued by Taber. Ms. caption on Bancroft copy lists elevations of section of the falls, and a date.
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 1973.057:27
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Cathedral Spires--full front view [between 1861 and 1881] BANC PIC 1959.066:19

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen.
Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 22.
Additional Note
For another Bancroft Library copy of this photograph, see: BANC PIC 19xx.198.4:05; 19xx.198.2:7; 19xx.199.1:2; 19xx.198.6:05
Map of the Yosemite Valley [1865] BANC PIC 1959.066:20

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E. Gardiner, James T. (James Terry) King, Clarence

Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen.

Scope and Content Note
Albumen photographic copy, by C.E. Watkins, of a manuscript map of Yosemite drawn by Clarence King and James Gardiner.

Custodial History
Part of an album given by Mr. And Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.

Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Maps
Photographs.

Cape Horn, Columbia River [Oregon] [1867?] BANC PIC 1959.066:21

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen.

Provenance
Part of an album given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Farquhar.

Physical Condition
Remounted.

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 420.

Indexing Terms
Oregon--Pictorial works
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.