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Collection Summary

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Date: 1872
Collection Number: BANC PIC 1962.019--ffALB
Photographer: Muybridge, Eadweard
Extent: 47 albumen photoprints, 17 x 21 1/2" mounted to 24 1/2 x 29"45 digital objects
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Abstract: Mammoth plate views of Sierra Nevada scenery, primarily of the Yosemite Valley. Includes one view of the Mariposa giant sequoia grove.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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Bradley & Rulofson
Giant sequoia--Photographs
Wilderness areas--California--Photographs
Mariposa Grove (Calif.)--Pictorial works
Sierra Nevada (Calif. and Nev.)--Pictorial works
Yosemite National Park (Calif.)--Pictorial works
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates

Acquisition Information
The Valley of the Yosemite pictorial collection was acquired by The Bancroft Library in 1962. Its provenance is unknown.

Biography
Born Edward James Muggeride in Kingston-upon-Thames, England, April 9, 1830, Muybridge came to the U.S. in the early 1850s and opened a bookstore in San Francisco in 1855. After being seriously injured in a fall from a stagecoach, he returned to England, where he turned to photography. He came back to San Francisco in the late 1860s and did photographic work for the U.S Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Muybridge achieved great fame through his photographic studies of animal and human locomotion published in such works as Animal Locomotion (11 vols., 1887) and The Human Figure in Motion (1901). His studies began in 1872 when he was hired by railroad magnate Leland Stanford to prove that all four hooves of a horse left the ground during a trot. In the course of these studies he invented devices to trip the shutters of a series of cameras in order to record animals in motion. He later developed a viewer called the zoopraxiscope, which allowed runs of motion photographs to be seen as if moving. These projects are now considered the forerunners of modern motion pictures.

Aside from his motion studies, Muybridge was known for the wide variety of photographs he took of scenes in California and western North America. These included stereo views of Alaska, Canada, California cities, Mexico and Central America. He gained notoriety in 1874 when he murdered his wife's lover and was acquitted of the crime in a much publicized trial. After a period of exile he returned to San Francisco in 1876, and in the following two years he produced three massive panoramas of the City taked from Nob Hill.


Scope and Content
This collection is an imcomplete set (45 of 51) of mammoth plate albumen prints taken by Muybridge in 1872 and published by Bradley & Rulofson at 429 Montgomery Street, San Francisco during subsequent years. The collection includes duplicate prints of numbers 9 and 51, bringing the total number of prints to 47. Thirty-nine of the scenes are of the Yosemite Valley, five are of the Sierra Nevada mountains and one is of the Mariposa Grove of mammoth trees. The set is made up of prints from various editions; therefore some prints lack the photographer's number or have a variant caption typeface. Captions for the lacking prints are supplied by Bradley & Rulofson's Catalogue of Photographic Views Illustrating the Yosemite, Mammoth Trees, Geyser Springs, and other Remarkable and Interesting Scenery of the Far West (1873). The Bancroft Library's prints are numbered according to the photographer's number in this catalog. Therefore there are gaps in the library's numbering of the prints.

Valley of the Yosemite, from Moonlight Rock. No. 1. BANC PIC 1962.019:01--ffALB
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Valley of the Yosemite, Early Morning, from Moonlight Rock. No. 2.
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Valley of the Yosemite, from the Mariposa Trail. No. 3. BANC PIC 1962.019:[lacking]

Valley of the Yosemite, from Rocky Ford. No. 4. BANC PIC 1962.019:[lacking]

Tutokanula. Valley of the Yosemite. (The Great Chief) "El Capitain." 3500 Feet High. No. 5 BANC PIC 1962.019:05--ffALB ark:/13030/tf2s20107d

Pohona. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 6. BANC PIC 1962.019:06--ffALB ark:/13030/tf2b69p133

Cathedral Rocks. Valley of the Yosemite. 2600 Feet High. No. 7.
BANC PIC 1962.019:07--ffALB ark:/13030/tf311nb69h

Cathedral Spires. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 8. BANC PIC 1962.019:08--ffALB ark:/13030/tf49p4hp

Tutokanula. Valley of the Yosemite. The Great Chief "El Capitain." 3500 Feet High. No. 9. (2 copies) BANC PIC 1962.019:09--ffALB ark:/13030/tf8h4nb962

Tutokanula. (The Great Chief) "El Capitain." 3300 Feet High. No. 10. BANC PIC 1962.019:[lacking]


Cathedral Rocks. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 15. BANC PIC 1962.019:15--ffALB ark:/13030/tf67nb92z

Sylvan Bar. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 16. BANC PIC 1962.019:16--ffALB ark:/13030/tf6n39p5l1

Valley of the Yosemite. From Sandy Flat. No. 17. BANC PIC 1962.019:17--ffALB ark:/13030/tf6c60114n

Valley of the Yosemite. From Sand Run. No. 18. [Plate supplied from another edition; variant mounting.] BANC PIC 1962.019:18--ffALB ark:/13030/tf6r9p57z

Discovery Rocks. Valley of the Yosemite. [No. 19] [Plate supplied from an earlier edition. Photographer's no. is absent.] BANC PIC 1962.019--ffALB ark:/13030/tf52901046

The Domes. Valley of the Yosemite. [No. 20] [Plate supplied from an earlier edition. Photographer's no. is absent.] BANC PIC 1962.019:20--ffALB ark:/13030/tf6b9p2t2

Valley of the Yosemite. Confluence of the Merced and Yosemite Creek. No. 21. BANC PIC 1962.019:21--ffALB ark:/13030/tf8v19p6jc

Valley of the Yosemite. From Mosquito Camp. No. 22. BANC PIC 1962.019:22--ffALB ark:/13030/tf4w101264

Falls of the Yosemite. (Great Grizzly Bear). 2600 Feet Fall. No. 23. BANC PIC 1962.019:23--ffALB ark:/13030/tf650112k


The Old Plute. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 26. BANC PIC 1962.019:26--ffALB ark:/13030/tf287008xw

Glacier Rock. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 27. BANC PIC 1962.019:27--ffALB ark:/13030/tf509nb6q3

Pi-Wi-Ack. Valley of the Yosemite. (Shower of Stars) "Vernal Fall," 400 Feet Fall. No. 28. BANC PIC 1962.019:28--ffALB ark:/13030/tf58010hj

Pi-Wi-Ack. (Shower of Stars) "Vernal Fall," 400 Feet Fall. No. 29. BANC PIC 1962.019:[lacking]
Wild Cat Fall. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 30. BANC PIC 1962.019:30--ffALB
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Yowiye Falls. Valley of the Yosemite. (Nevada Fall). 600 Feet Fall. No. 32.
BANC PIC 1962.019:32--ffALB ark:/13030/tf7c6012cc

Valley of the Yosemite, from Union Point. No. 33. BANC PIC 1962.019:33--ffALB
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Falls of the Yosemite. From Union Point. No. 34. [Plate supplied from another edition. Variant typography.] BANC PIC 1962.019:34--ffALB ark:/13030/tf4n39p3th

Tenaya Canyon. Valley of the Yosemite. From Union Point. No. 35.
BANC PIC 1962.019:35--ffALB ark:/13030/tf1s2007vb

Falls of the Yosemite. From Glacier Rock. (Great Grizzly Bear). 2000 Feet Fall. No. 36.
BANC PIC 1962.019:36--ffALB ark:/13030/tf9g50147j

BANC PIC 1962.019:37--ffALB ark:/13030/tf7w10131z

The High Sierra, from Glacier Rock. No. 38. BANC PIC 1962.019:38--ffALB ark:/13030/tf7w10131z

Valley of the Yosemite, from Panorama Rock. No. 39 BANC PIC 1962.019:39--ffALB

Cloud's Rest. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 40. BANC PIC 1962.019:40--ffALB
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BANC PIC 1962.019:41--ffALB ark:/13030/tf8v19p6kw

Helmet Dome and Little Grizzly Fall. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 42.
BANC PIC 1962.019:42--ffALB ark:/13030/tf0199p162

BANC PIC 1962.019:43--ffALB ark:/13030/tf209nb5ch

Yosemite Creek. Summit of Falls at Low Water. No. 44. BANC PIC 1962.019:44--ffALB
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Yosemite Cliff. At Summit of Falls. No. 45. BANC PIC 1962.019:45--ffALB
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Lake Tenaya. Sierra Nevada Mountains. No. 46. BANC PIC 1962.019:46--ffALB
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Ancient Glacier Channel. Lake Tenaya. Sierra Nevada Mountains. No. 47.
BANC PIC 1962.019:47--ffALB ark:/13030/tf658011c8

Mount Hoffman, Sierra Nevada Mountains. From Lake Tenaya. No. 48.
BANC PIC 1962.019:48--ffALB ark:/13030/tf8k4013sp

Temple Peaks, Sierra Nevada Mountains. No. 49. BANC PIC 1962.019:49--ffALB
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Monastery Peaks, Sierra Nevada Mountains. No. 50. BANC PIC 1962.019:50--ffALB
ark:/13030/tf2f59p305

Wm. H. Seward. 85 Feet in Circumference. Mariposa Grove of Mammoth Trees. No. 51. [Includes view of Galen Clark's cabin, built adjacent.] (2 copies)
BANC PIC 1962.019:51--ffALB ark:/13030/tf058007jf