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### **Collection Summary**

**Collection Title:** Valley of the Yosemite, Sierra Nevada Mountains, and Mariposa Grove of Mammoth Trees by Eadweard Muybridge

**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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### Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog  
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 Muggerridge 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 taken from Nob Hill.

Based on Harris, David. *Eadweard Muybridge and the Photographic Panorama of San Francisco, 1850-1880*.



(Montreal:Canadian Centre for Architecture,c1993) ; and Hart, James D. *A Companion to California*.(New York :Oxford University Press,1978), p. 292-293.

### Scope and Content

This collection is an incomplete 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.

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**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/tf3t1nb69h>
- Cathedral Spires. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 8.** BANC PIC 1962.019:08--ffALB  <ark:/13030/tf4j49p4hp>
- 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/tf8h4nb9b2>
- Tutokanula. (The Great Chief) "El Capitain." 3300 Feet High. No. 10.**  
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- Tutokanula. Valley of the Yosemite. (The Great Chief) "El Capitain." Reflected in the Merced. No. 11.** BANC PIC 1962.019:11--ffALB  <ark:/13030/tf6r29p56f>
- The Pompoms. Valley of the Yosemite. (The Jumping Frogs), "Three Brothers." 4300 Feet High. No. 12. [Original plate substituted from another copy of the same edition.]**  
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- The Pompoms. Valley of the Yosemite. The Jumping Frogs Reflected. No. 13.**  
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- Loya. Valley of the Yosemite. (The Sentinel) 3570 Feet High. No. 14.**  
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- Cottonwood Bend. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 15.** BANC PIC 1962.019:15--ffALB  <ark:/13030/tf867nb92z>
- Sylvan Bar. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 16.** BANC PIC 1962.019:16--ffALB  <ark:/13030/tf6n39p5p1>
- Valley of the Yosemite. From Sandy Flat. No. 17.** BANC PIC 1962.019:17--ffALB  <ark:/13030/tf5c60114n>
- Valley of the Yosemite. From Sand Run. No. 18. [Plate supplied from another edition; variant mounting.]** BANC PIC 1962.019:18--ffALB  <ark:/13030/tf6r29p57z>
- Discovery Rocks. Valley of the Yosemite. [No. 19] [Plate supplied from an earlier edition. Photographer's no. is absent.]** BANC PIC 1962.019:19--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/tf4b69p2t2>
- Valley of the Yosemite. Confluence of the Merced and Yosemite Creek No. 21.**  
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- 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.**  
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- Tokoya and Hunto. Valley of the Yosemite. (The Basket). (The Watching Eye). 3568 Feet High. No. 24.** BANC PIC 1962.019:24--ffALB  <ark:/13030/tf738nb8ms>
- Mirror Lake. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 25.** BANC PIC 1962.019:25--ffALB  <ark:/13030/tf2779p2c2>
- The Old Piute. 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.**  
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- Pi-Wi-Ack. (Shower of Stars) "Vernal Fall," 400 Feet Fall. No. 29.**  
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- Wild Cat Fall. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 30.** BANC PIC 1962.019:30--ffALB   
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- Cap of Liberty. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 31.** BANC PIC 1962.019:31--ffALB   
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- Yowiye Falls. Valley of the Yosemite. (Nevada Fall). 600 Feet Fall. No. 32.**  
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- 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   
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- Tenaya Canyon. Valley of the Yosemite. From Union Point. No. 35.**  
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- Falls of the Yosemite. From Glacier Rock. (Great Grizzly Bear). 2000 Feet Fall. No. 36.**  
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- The Domes. Valley of the Yosemite. From Glacier Rock. No. 37.**  
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- The High Sierra, from Glacier Rock. No. 38.** BANC PIC 1962.019:38--ffALB   
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- Valley of the Yosemite, from Panorama Rock. No. 39** BANC PIC 1962.019:[lacking]
- Cloud's Rest. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 40.** BANC PIC 1962.019:40--ffALB   
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- Glacier Channels. Valley of the Yosemite. From Panorama Rock. No. 41.**  
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- Helmet Dome and Little Grizzly Fall. Valley of the Yosemite. No. 42.**  
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- Tisayac. Valley of the Yosemite. (Guardian Spirit). "Half Dome" 4750 Feet High. No. 43.**  
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- 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.**  
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- Mount Hoffman, Sierra Nevada Mountains. From Lake Tenaya. No. 48.**  
BANC PIC 1962.019:48--ffALB   
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- 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   
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- 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)  
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