Collection Summary

**Collection Title:** Yosemite views from the Sierra Club collection

**Date (inclusive):** circa 1861-1866

**Date (bulk):** 1861

**Collection Number:** BANC PIC 1973.057--ffALB VAULT

**Creator:** Watkins, Carleton E.

**Sierra Club**

**Extent:** 33 photographic prints : albumen.7 digital objects

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**Abstract:** Yosemite views in the mammoth plate format, chiefly taken by Carleton E. Watkins during his 1861 trip to the valley.

**Languages Represented:** Collection materials are in English

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Digital reproductions of select images 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
- Giant sequoia--California--Photographs
- Yosemite National Park (Calif.)--Pictorial works
- Albumen prints
- Landscapes (Representations)--California
- Mammoth plates
- Photographs.

**Acquisition Information**
Received from the Sierra Club in 1972.

**Accruals**
No additions are expected.

**Processing Information**
Processed by Bancroft Library staff.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
Yosemite views in the mammoth plate format, chiefly taken by Carleton E. Watkins during his 1861 trip to the valley. Several images are of uncertain date, and one (item 31) was issued by I.W. Taber sometime after 1877. This image is not from a known Watkins negative and may be by another photographer. Includes one view of the Mariposa grove of giant sequoia trees, near Yosemite Valley.

**Additional Notes on Collection:**
The prints in this collection have various physical characteristics, suggesting they were compiled by the Sierra Club from several sources. Many are the "dome-topped" prints with rounded upper corners that characterize Watkins' early views, suggesting a date of 1861. However, some images that may date to 1865-1866 have trimmed corners in the present collection, perhaps done to create a uniform set even though comprised of images from various dates. (For example, see item 26.) These dome-topped prints are mostly signed by Watkins and dated 1865, which is presumably a date of printing. Other mounts in this collection are completely different and appear to be later, bearing printed captions. (See item 28, for example.) The earlier prints are on mounts with ms. annotations in several hands, some of which appear to be 19th century, but none of which is recognizable as primary annotation by the photographer or his staff. Many bear noted elevations of features which have been scored out and corrected.
Mirror Lake - Mount Watkins, 4275 ft. Yosemite [between 1861 and 1866?]
BANC PIC 1973.057:01
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:46; 19xx.199.2:15; 1885.001:5
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 72.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Sentinal Rock, 3086 ft. Yosemite [between 1861 and 1866?] BANC PIC 1973.057:02
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:49
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 43.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Liberty Cap, 3112 ft. Yosemite, Nevada Fall [between 1861 and 1866?]
BANC PIC 1973.057:03
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:48; 19xx.199.1:8
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 89.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Additional Note
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Additional Note
Watkins' number: 11.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Looking toward Cathedral Rocks. View of the Valley, Merced River [between 1861 and 1866?] BANC PIC 1973.057:05
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:40; 1952.021:013
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 41.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Cathedral Rocks, 2678 ft. (front view) Yo semite [between 1861 and 1866?] BANC PIC 1973.057:06
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:39
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 20.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
Outline view of Half Dome, 4892 ft., Mount Watkins on left [between 1861 and 1866?]
BANC PIC 1973.057:07
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:43
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 83.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Grizzly Giant, Mariposa Grove, 33 ft. diam. [With Galen Clark posed at base, holding rifle.] [between 1861 and 1866?]
BANC PIC 1973.057:08
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:50
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 111.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Pom-pom-pa-sus, The Three Brothers, 3900 ft. Yo semite [between 1861 and 1866?]
BANC PIC 1973.057:09
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:58
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 27.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:44; 19xx.198.2:4
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 47.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1885.001:9; 1905.17143:41
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 84.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:68; 1952.021:021
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 91.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
Three Brothers, 3900 ft. Yo semite [between 1861 and 1866?] BANC PIC 1973.057:13

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

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 1905.17143:64

Watkins' number: 34.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Pohono, Bridal Veil Fall, 620 ft. Yo semite [between 1861 and 1866?]
BANC PIC 1973.057:14

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

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 1905.17143:63

Watkins' number: 15.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.


Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 17.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
**North Dome, 3571 ft. Yosemite. Royal Arches below [between 1861 and 1866?]**
BANC PIC 1973.057:16

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen

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 1905.17143:37; 19xx.199.2:4; 1952.021:018

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 79.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

**Nevada Fall, 574 ft. Yosemite [between 1861 and 1866?]** BANC PIC 1973.057:17

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen

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 1905.17143:65; 19xx.198.2:5

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 90.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

**Sentinal (front view), 3086 ft. Yosemite [between 1861 and 1866?]** BANC PIC 1973.057:18

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen

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 1905.17143:70; 19xx.198.2:3

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 44.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
**El Capitan, 3604 ft. Yo semite [with dead tree at left. See 1973.057:004] [between 1861 and 1866?]**

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

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 1905.17143:61

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 8.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

**Yo semite Fall... [with Merced River in foreground] [between 1861 and 1866?]**

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

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 1905.17143:69

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 49.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

**Half Dome, 4892 ft. Yo semite [between 1861 and 1866?]**

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

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; 1952.021:015

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 61.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
Sentinal Rock up the Valley, 3086 ft. [between 1861 and 1866?] BANC PIC 1973.057:22
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:60
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 32.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Grizzly Giant [Mariposa Grove], 204 ft. [between 1861 and 1866?] BANC PIC 1973.057:23
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
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 1905.17143:47; 19xx.199.2:7
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 112.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Additional Note
For another Bancroft Library copy of this photograph, see: BANC PIC 1905.17143:51; 19xx.198.1:9; 19xx.198.4:15; 1959.066:10; 19xx.198.5:08. Related view published by Taber: 1885.001:08.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 87.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

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 19xx.198.4:2; 1952.021:010

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 10.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Three Brothers, North Dome, Sentinel [Rock], Yosemite Valley, California, 1865 [1865-1866?] BANC PIC 1973.057:26

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

Additional Note
Although dome-topped, suggesting a date of 1861, this image has been dated to 1865-1866 (cf. Palmquist / Fraenkel. Carleton E. Watkins photographs 1861-1874, plate 12). The cropped corners differ somewhat than typical early prints, and copies with square corners are known to exist.

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 19xx.198.6:09

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 18.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Yosemite Falls. 2630 feet high. [between 1861 and 1866?] BANC PIC 1973.057:27

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

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 1959.066:18

Additional Note
Watkins' number: 52.

Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.
**The Domes. From the Sentinel Dome.-- Yosemite 1865-1866, printed 1870-1890?**

BANC PIC 1973.057:28

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

Additional Note

Caption printed on mount.

Additional Note

Left plate of a 3-part panorama from Sentinel Dome.

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 1952.021:024

Additional Note

Watkins' number: 95.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints

Mammoth plates

Photographs.

**North Dome, Royal Arches, and Washington Column.-- Yosemite [between 1861 and 1881]**

BANC PIC 1973.057:29

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

Additional Note

Caption printed on mount.

Additional Note

Watkins' number: 80.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints

Mammoth plates

Photographs.

**The Bridal Veil Falls, 900 feet. Yosemite, Cal. / Taber Photo., San Francisco [1865-1866?, printed between 1877 and 1890?]**

BANC PIC 1973.057:30

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E. Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West)

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

Additional Note

Caption printed in negative by I.W. Taber.

Additional Note

Taber number 14.

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 19xx.198.6:04

Additional Note

Watkins' number: 14.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints

Mammoth plates

Photographs.
**Glacier Point and Half Dome from trail. Yosemite Valley, Cal. / Taber Photo., San Francisco [186-?, printed between 1877 and 1890?]** BANC PIC 1973.057:31

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Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E. Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West)

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

Additional Note

Caption printed in negative by I.W. Taber.

Additional Note

Taber number 1019.

Additional Note

Attribution to Watkins is in doubt.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints

Mammoth plates

Photographs.

**Washington Column, 2200 feet, Mirror View. Yosemite, Cal. / Taber Photo, San Francisco [1865-1866, printed between 1877 and 1890?]** BANC PIC 1973.057:32

*ark:/28722/bk0003d5s46*

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E. Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West)

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

Additional Note

Caption printed in negative by I.W. Taber.

Additional Note

Taber number 81.

Additional Note

Watkins' number: 81.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints

Mammoth plates

Photographs.

**92: The Nevada Fall, 605 feet. Yosemite, Cal./ Taber Photo., San Francisco [between 1861 and 1866, printed later]** BANC PIC 1973.057:33

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E. Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West)

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen

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 19xx.198.1:10; 1959.066:13; 19xx.198.5:09

Additional Note

Watkins' number: 92.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints

Mammoth plates

Photographs.