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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Miscellaneous mammoth plate photographs by Carleton E. Watkins
Date (inclusive): 1859-circa 1890
Collection Number: Various
Creator: Watkins, Carleton E.
Extent: 16 photographic prints : albumen10 digital objects (16 images)
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Abstract: A miscellaneous grouping of mammoth plate photographic prints by or attributed to Carleton E. Watkins. Chiefly California landscape views.

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:
- California--Pictorial works
- Albumen prints
- Mammoth plates
- Photographs.

**Provenance**
Assembled by Library from multiple sources.

**Accruals**
No additions are expected.

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

**Scope and Content of Collection**
A miscellaneous grouping of mammoth plate photographic prints by or attributed to Carleton E. Watkins and acquired by The Bancroft Library from various sources at various dates. Chiefly California landscape views. Each is housed and cataloged separately under its own accession number, and their descriptions have been grouped together here as a matter of convenience.

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**Photographic panorama of San Francisco from California and Powell Streets [between 1871 and 1874]** BANC PIC 1980.008--ffALB
- **Creator/Collector:** Watkins, Carleton E.
- **Physical Description:** 4 photographic prints (forming 1 panorama) : albumen.
- **Scope and Content Note**
  Panorama of San Francisco, California, taken from Nob Hill (west of Powell St., between California and Sacramento Streets) and encompassing approximately 180 degrees, from Alcatraz and North Beach to the north, across downtown to the east, and over the South of Market area to the southeast. A date of 1872-1873 is suggested by the presence of earlier buildings on the later site of the Palace Hotel, and by the spire on the First Methodist Episcopal Church which was completed in 1871.

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**[Photograph of San Francisco from California and Powell Streets, showing Alcatraz, North Beach, and the slopes of Russian and Telegraph Hills.] [circa 1873]**
BANC PIC 1980.008:01--ffALB VAULT [ark:/28722/bk0003d3j0d]
- **Creator/Collector:** Watkins, Carleton E.
- **Physical Description:** 1 photographic print : albumen
- **Additional Note**
  Watkins' number: 626-629.
- **Indexing Terms**
  Albumen prints
  Mammoth plates
  Photographs.
[Panorama of San Francisco from California and Powell Streets, showing Telegraph Hill at left] [circa 1873] BANC PIC 1980.008:02--ff ALB VAULT ark:/28722/bk0003d3j1z
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 626-629.
Additional Note
Smaller prints were made from detail areas of the same negative. See BANC PIC 1983.115:11--B. (http://ark.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/tf6x0nb88j/)
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Panorama of San Francisco from California and Powell Streets, showing Goat Island] [circa 1873] BANC PIC 1980.008:03--ff ALB VAULT ark:/28722/bk0003d3j2h
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 626-629.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Panorama of San Francisco from California and Powell Streets showing Rincon Hill in distance] [circa 1873] BANC PIC 1980.008:04--ff ALB VAULT ark:/28722/bk0003d3j32
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 626-629.
Additional Note
Smaller prints were made from detail areas of the same negative. See BANC PIC 1983.115:12--B. (http://ark.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/tf6n39p579/)
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[U.S. Centennial train, Southern Pacific Railroad, at Belmont, California] [1876?] BANC PIC 1976.012--D ark:/28722/bk0003d3j4m
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen ; 54 x 38 cm.
Scope and Content Note
Southern Pacific Railroad, 16 car special, U.S. Centennial train on July 4, 1876. Photo depicts decorated locomotive and train at station; various persons on train and platform.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.


Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen ; 54 x 39 cm.
Scope and Content Note
Docks on shore of lake, with numerous buildings presumed to be sawmills and lumberyard facilities.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 1020.
Additional Note
Edges of mount obscured by early matting. No captions visible.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Cathedral Stump House through the Sentinels, Calaveras Grove [1878?] BANC PIC 2001.057--C ark:/28722/bk0003d3j6q

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print :albumen ; 55 x 41 cm.
Scope and Content Note
Exterior view of house built on giant sequoia stump, viewed between two sequoias known as The Sentinels. The woman seated at the base of one tree is believed to be Sallie Dutcher, a companion of photographer C.E. Watkins.
Additional Note
Compare to Watkins' stereograph numbers 3500-3508, apparently made on the same trip.
Additional Note
Watkins' number: 987.
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Various
Photographs of the Darius O. Mills residence circa 1880 BANC PIC 1984.059--D
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 3 photographic prints : albumen ; on mounts 70 x 56 cm.
Scope and Content Note
Interiors (including decor and furniture) and the conservatory at the Darius O. Mills residence, presumably in Millbrae, Calif.

[Darius Ogden Mills residence interior: conservatory] [circa 1880]
BANC PIC 1984.059:01  ark:/28722/bk0003d3j78
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Darius Ogden Mills residence interior: parlor and hall] [circa 1880]
BANC PIC 1984.059:02  ark:/28722/bk0003d3j8t
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.
Marks and Inscriptions: Mount bears pencil annotation, apparently in the hand of C. E. Watkins: "This is to show you what the view will be if I can keep the plate from drying."
Physical Condition
Print spotted and uneven, resulting from drying of the wet collodion during the long exposure time required for this interior view. See annotation on mount.
Additional Note
Similar to Watkins' stereograph number 1963 (New Series)
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Darius Ogden Mills residence interior: upstairs gallery] [circa 1880]
BANC PIC 1984.059:03  ark:/28722/bk0003d3j9c
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen
Indexing Terms
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[View of Alcatraz from Green & Taylor Streets] [between 1857 and 1860?] BANC PIC 19xx.041:15--B  ark:/28722/bk0003d3k0x
Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.
Physical Description: 1 photographic print: salted paper? ; image 31 x 41 cm.
Scope and Content Note
Photographs of the Darius O. Mills residence circa 1880 BANC PIC 1984.059--D

Alcatraz at center, Meigg's Wharf at right, with ship on bay. Numerous residences in foreground (in the North Beach area, and lower slope of Russian Hill.) Angel Island and Tiburon visible on horizon.

Additional Note

Smaller than Watkins' later mammoth plate prints, and similar in size to his 1859 Mariposa Estate views.

Additional Note

Attribution and location in pencil on verso. Also dated in pencil: 1857 [or 1867?]. Salted paper medium, dimensions, and comparison to similar Watkins view of Washerwoman's Lagoon and the Golden Gate suggest a date of ca. 1857-1859.

Indexing Terms

Mammoth plates
Photographs.
Salted paper prints

[Mammoth tree grove with the Mother of the Forest tree] [187-?] BANC PIC 1970.054--D 🔗 ark:/28722/bk0003d3k1g

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen ; image 55 x 40 cm.

Scope and Content Note

Giant sequoia grove, including the Mother of the Forest tree at the Calaveras Grove. Scaffolding is attached to the central tree and its bark has been removed.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

[Group portrait of eleven unidentified men] [between 1870 and 1890?] BANC PIC 1985.040--D 🔗 ark:/28722/bk0003d3k21

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print: albumen ; image 41 x 57 cm. on mount 56 x 71 cm.

Marks and Inscriptions: Watkins blind stamp, lower right.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints
Group portraits
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Various
San Francisco views from the Francis Farquhar collection. circa 1859-circa 1862
BANC PIC 1964.072--C

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E. Farquhar, Francis Peloubet

Physical Description: 2 photographic prints : albumen

Scope and Content Note

Two early C.E. Watkins photographs of San Francisco. One is the view west from Russian Hill, the other from Telegraph Hill.

Indexing Terms

San Francisco (Calif.)--Pictorial works

[The Golden Gate, San Francisco: view west from Russian Hill, over Washerwoman's Lagoon] [between 1859 and 1862?] BANC PIC 1964.072:01 ark:/28722/bk0003d3k3k

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.

Additional Note

Smaller than Watkins' later mammoth plate prints, and similar in size to his 1859 Mariposa Estate views.

Indexing Terms

San Francisco (Calif.)--Pictorial works
Albumen prints
Mammoth plates
Photographs.

Bay View San Francisco: [view west from Telegraph Hill toward Russian Hill and Black Point, over North Beach.] [between 1859 and 1862?] BANC PIC 1964.072:02 ark:/28722/bk0003d3k44

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E.

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen.

Additional Note

Smaller than Watkins' later mammoth plate prints, and similar in size to his 1859 Mariposa Estate views.

Indexing Terms

San Francisco (Calif.)--Pictorial works
Albumen prints
Photographs.

Mt. Ophir Mill [Mariposa estate and environs] [1859] BANC PIC 19xx.194:33--ff ALB VAULT ark:/28722/bk0003d3k5p

Creator/Collector: Watkins, Carleton E. Farquhar, Francis Peloubet

Physical Description: 1 photographic print : albumen ; image approximately 31 x 42 cm., on mount approximately 46 x 54 cm.

Provenance

This item added to the Bancroft Library's collection of Mariposa Estate views from the collection of Francis P. Farquhar.

Indexing Terms

Albumen prints
Photographs.