Edward Stuhl Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Edward Stuhl Papers
Dates: 1901-1981
Collection Number: MSS 150
Extent: Items: 31 boxes Linear Feet: 14.4
Repository: California State University, Chico
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Abstract: Diaries and journals of Edward Stuhl. Also includes correspondences, clippings, photographs, maps, water color paintings. Most of material relates to mountain climbing in California, Oregon, Washington, and Mexico. Four boxes contain material about Mount Shasta.
Language of Material: English

Access
Collection is open for research without restriction.

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Lare Tanner, gift 1988

Biography/Administrative History
Edward Stuhl was born in January 21, 1887 in Hungary. When he was a year old he and his family moved to Graz, Austria. In 1903, he began to work in his father's stained glass studio and attended classes at the Academy of Art in Graz graduating in 1906. He continued to work for his father and attended classes at the Munich Academy of Art. In 1909, he and Rosa Thaller migrated to the United States and were married in Chicago where he worked at a stained glass studio. A few years later, they moved to California and began working at a series of outdoor jobs - custodian of a hunting club, caretaker of estates, ranching. From 1937- 1953 he was caretaker of Rock Creek Camp, a hunting and fishing lodge on the Smith River. In 1953 the Stuhls moved to Mount Shasta City and became the custodians of the Sierra Club's Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp. Ed Stuhl became known as the local authority on the mountain's flora geology, history, and lore. He lived at the foot of Mount Shasta for the last thirty years of his life. He died there February 15, 1984. In Austria Edward Stuhl had hiked and climbed mountains. In 1912, he climbed his first California peak. He went on, in the next seventy years, to climb every mountain peak in California, Oregon and Washington. During these climbs he kept a daily record of the events, sights, trails, weather, and the people he met. He used photography to record each climb and painted the wildflowers he saw. Stuhl had a strong attachment to Mount Shasta. He climbed it successfully twenty-two times.

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection consists of Edward Stuhl’s correspondence, diaries, records of his mountain climbs, photographs and wildflower paintings. The personal diaries (the earliest written in German) tell of his family and life in Austria. Later diaries are about his perception of life and his avocation. Correspondence is, for the most part, with people he met through his interest in botany or mountaineering. It includes correspondence with William Bridger Cooke, the first to catalog the flora of Mount Shasta. The records of all of his climbs on the west coast of North America and Mexico. Photographs and maps detail each climb as well as the written notes about what he saw and felt. The collection also includes the 367 watercolor paintings of California wildflowers - 204 of them from Mount Shasta. Others are from the South Coast, the Sierra Nevada, and the Smith River areas. A separate database allows for searching by common and scientific name.

Indexing Terms
Mountaineering.
Mountains -- California.
Mountains -- Oregon.
Mountains -- Washington.
White Mountains (Calif. and Nev.)
Thompson Peak (Calif.)
Eddy, Mount (Calif.)
Preston Peak (Calif.)
Linn, Mount (Calif.)
Whitney, Mount (Calif.)
Lola, Mount (Calif.)
Rose, Mount (Calif.)
Devils Postpile National Monument (Calif.)
Walker Pass. San Jacinto Peak (Calif.)
San Gorgonio Mountain (Calif.)
Castle Crags (Calif.)
Sierra Nevada (Calif. and Nev.)
Tamalpais, Mount (Calif.)
Saint Helena, Mount (Calif.)
Sutter Buttes (Calif.)
El Camino Real (Calif.)
Shasta, Mount (Calif. : Mountain)
Klamath Mountains (Calif. and Or.)
Lassen Peak (Calif.)

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