Charles Bloom Slide Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Charles Bloom Slide Collection
Dates: 1952-1989
Collection Number: Charles Bloom Slide Collection
Creator/Collector:
Extent: 3 cubic feet (18 slide boxes)
Repository: Humboldt State University Library
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Abstract: Charles Bloom was a librarian at Humboldt State University from 1952 until 1983 when he retired. The Charles Bloom Slide Collection consists of photographic slides he took while in northwestern California or traveling. His role as Faculty Advisor for the Boot and Blister Club, as well as an interest in conservation and the natural resources, led him to make extensive photo-documentation of his trips.
Language of Material: English
Access
The collection is open for use by appointment.
Publication Rights
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Acquisition Information
The collection was gifted to the Library when Bloom died in 1998.
Biography/Administrative History
Charles ("Charlie") Bloom was an avid outdoorsman and an excellent photographer. He enjoyed fly-fishing and gardening. After receiving MA and MLS degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, "Charlie" came to Humboldt State College in 1952 as a reference librarian, providing knowledgeable assistance in English and music. With the growth of the curriculum into the natural resources, he gained expertise in these fields and the other sciences and guided and assisted many of the growing number of students. He retired from the Library in 1983.
Scope and Content of Collection
The slide collection documents northwestern California from 1952 to 1989. Slide content reflects Bloom’s interest in the natural resources; the majority consists of landscapes and local plant life, particularly flowers. Because of the extent of the time frame, Bloom frequently re-shot areas that he had previously visited. Humboldt State University retained the slide boxes that contain images pertaining to northwestern California. Bloom dated and titled each slide, usually in reference to the geographical location of the image. Bloom labeled the slide boxes according to general content. Slide boxes are housed in 18 3x5 index card boxes and arranged chronologically.
Indexing Terms
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