Overview of the Collection

Title: Charles Victor Hall Lantern Slide Collection of California Views

Dates (inclusive): approximately 1875

Collection Number: photCL 521

Creator: Hall, Charles Victor, 1854-1933

Extent: 166 lantern slides and 3 copy negatives in 4 boxes: slides 8 x 8 cm. (3.25 x 3.25 in.)

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Abstract: These lantern slides depict urban, agricultural, and nature scenes of California in the 1870s. The slides acted as a visual accompaniment to real estate developer Charles Victor Hall’s traveling lecture promoting California’s resources and benefits, aimed to encourage New Englanders and Europeans to relocate to California. This collection is significant in its images of Native Americans in California, mainly in the Yosemite area, and views of prospecting and mining.

Language: English.

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Provenance
Gift of Mrs. Charles V. Hall on January 24, 1935.

Biographical Note
Charles Victor Hall (1854-1933) was born in 1854 in San Francisco, California, but grew up in Los Angeles. He was a precocious student, giving the valedictory at Los Angeles Grammar School on November 25, 1869. As a young man, he wrote poems and articles for local newspapers. From 1876 to 1880, he edited and published his own Hall’s Land Journal, promoting the agriculture and resources of Southern California. Around this time, Hall created a lantern slide lecture about California and its climate, agriculture, trade, and industry; he traveled to the Eastern United States and Europe with the aim that his lecture would persuade people to immigrate to California, bringing with them their families and businesses. Hall later worked as a real estate agent in Los Angeles before trying his hand in the oil industry. After successfully drilling a number of oil wells at Olinda Ranch in Brea, California, Hall retired to his ranch at Buena, California in 1912 and passed away in 1933.

Note on sources: typescript dictation of Charles Victor Hall from Miscellaneous California Dictations, ca. 1887-1889, at the Bancroft Library, U.C. Berkeley (BANC MSS CD 810:171); and Hall’s Scrapbooks at the Huntington Library (see Related Materials).

Scope and Content of Collection
This collection of 166 lantern slides depicting urban, agricultural, and nature scenes of California in the 1870s were created by real estate developer Charles Victor Hall as a visual accompaniment to his traveling lecture promoting California’s resources and benefits. The lecture aimed to encourage New Englanders and Europeans to relocate to California. The majority of the lantern slides depict scenes from northern California, including Yosemite National Park and San Francisco. Some southern California views are also shown, including San Diego and Los Angeles County. Other slides of interest are views of the California ranches of F.P.F. Temple, Ellwood Cooper, F.D. Bacon, Maria Sepulveda, L.J. Rose Jr. (and family), and H.H. Moore. Portraits of General John C. Fremont and actress Maude Granger are also featured in the collection.
This collection is significant in its images of Native Americans in California, mainly in the Yosemite area; see slides (56), (60), (64), (66), (67), (68), and (74). Many of the images were possibly photographed by Bradley & Rulofson, as stated in newspaper clippings from 1874-75, found in Hall’s scrapbooks. In addition, Hall said that he purchased his “views and instruments” from Houseworth & Co. (The Morning Call, Sept. 23, 1874, p. 14). The images were most likely taken by several different photographers, including Carleton Watkins and Eadweard Muybridge.

In addition to the lantern slides, three copy negatives depicting the logging industry are also included (Items 219-221). There is also a printing plate portrait of Charles Victor Hall (item 222), and a few photographs: portraits of Charles Victor Hall and his wife Josephine Dalton, and views of his residence in Los Angeles (Items 223 - 227).

Arrangement

Items arranged numerically according to the original slide numbers assigned by Charles Victor Hall.

- Scrapbooks of Charles Victor Hall, 1862-1877 (RB 214359). These two volumes hold newspaper clippings announcing Hall’s lectures in specific areas as well as a caption list for his lantern slides.
- California, the ideal Italy of the world. An outline mirror of the state for health, happiness and delightful homes (RB 214360). Hall’s pamphlet accompaniment to the California lecture, which was made specifically for those who could not attend his lecture in person.
- The wonders of California : Charles V. Hall’s illustrated lecture on California, with 500 superb views. California scenery illustrated by illuminated photographs ... (RB 283299). An advertising broadside from The Grangers’ Guide.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library’s Online Catalog.

Bank of California -- Photographs.
California State Capitol (Sacramento, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Cliff House (San Francisco, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Geysers—California -- Photographs.
Hotels -- Photographs.
Indians of North America—California -- Photographs.
Logging -- Photographs.
Mercantile Library Association (San Francisco, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Mills Seminary -- Photographs.
Mineral industries -- Photographs.
Mission San Gabriel Arcangel (San Gabriel, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Miwok Indians -- Photographs.
Orchards -- Photographs.
Paiute Indians -- Photographs.
Prospecting -- Photographs.
Quartz mines and mining -- Photographs.
Ranches -- Photographs.
Rock formations—California -- Photographs.
San Buenaventura Mission -- Photographs.
San Diego Mission -- Photographs.
Santa Barbara Mission -- Photographs.
Sweatbaths -- Photographs.
Telegraph Hill (San Francisco, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Trees -- Photographs.
Union Pacific Railroad Company -- Photographs.
Vineyards -- Photographs.
Wineries -- Photographs.
Woodward’s Gardens (San Francisco, Calif.) -- Photographs.
Bierstadt, Albert, 1830-1902 -- Photographs.
Frémont, John Charles, 1813-1890 -- Photographs.
Granger, Maude, 1850 or 51-1928 -- Photographs.
Hall, Charles Victor, 1852-1933 -- Photographs.
Temple, Francis Pliny F., 1821-1880 -- Photographs.
Rose, L. J. (Leonard John), 1827-1899 -- Photographs.
Alcatraz Island (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Bridalveil Fall (Calif.) -- Photographs.
California State Prison at San Quentin -- Photographs.
Calistoga (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Cathedral Spires (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Donner Lake (Calif.) -- Photographs.
El Capitan (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Farallon Islands (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Glacier Point (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Half Dome (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Mariposa County (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Sacramento (Calif.) -- Photographs.
San Diego (Calif.) -- Photographs.
San Francisco (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Santa Rosa Island (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Sierra Nevada (Calif. and Nev.) -- Photographs.
Tamalpais, Mount (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Truckee River (Calif. and Nev.) -- Photographs.
Wasatch Range (Utah and Idaho) -- Photographs.
Yerba Buena Island (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Yosemite Falls (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Yosemite National Park (Calif.) -- Photographs.
Lantern slides.
Photographs.
Printing plate.

**Container List**

**Note**
Slides are numbered with the original numbers assigned by Charles Victor Hall, so there are some gaps in the list. Item titles primarily transcribed from handwritten labels on the plates; titles supplied by cataloger are indicated by brackets.

**Box 1**

**Lantern slides 1-65**

- Falls of the Yosemite
- Summit Tuloowack Falls, Yosemite
- Cliff House, San Francisco
- Sunset, Mount Tamalpais, Marin Co.
- Trestle constructed by Union Pacific between Promontory and Blue Creek, Utah
- First quartz mill, 1851. Amador City
- Tutokanula from Moonlight Rock, Yosemite Valley
- Century Plant, Los Angeles
- Forest Giant, Mariposa Grove, Mariposa Co.
- Merchant’s Exchange, California St., San Francisco
- California Street, East from Webb Street, San Francisco
Box 1, Item 17  Clara Harris
Box 1, Item 19  Tunnel No. 15, looking west, C.P.R.R., Calif.
Box 1, Item 20  Seal Rocks from Cliff House, San Francisco
Box 1, Item 21  Steamer “El Capitan,” San Francisco Bay
Box 1, Item 22  Mercantile Library, Interior, San Francisco
Box 1, Item 23  Military post at Goat Island, San Francisco
Box 1, Item 25  Prospecting party
Box 1, Item 26  Woodward’s Gardens, San Francisco [View of stuffed tiger]
Box 1, Item 27  Gardens, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco Bay
Box 1, Item 29  Midday rest [same group as prospectors party]
Box 1, Item 30  Sacramento Capitol
Box 1, Item 31  Mission of San Diego
Box 1, Item 32  Woodward’s Gardens, San Francisco [View of camels]
Box 1, Item 33  Yachting on San Francisco Bay
Box 1, Item 34  Birds at Woodward's Gardens, San Francisco
Box 1, Item 35  Mills Seminary, Seminary Park, Alameda Co.
Box 1, Item 36  Gardens. Alcatraz Island, San Francisco
Box 1, Item 38  Bacchus by Halernpre [Statue of Bacchus]
Box 1, Item 39  Woodward’s Gardens, San Francisco
Box 1, Item 41  Fording Pluto Creek, Sonoma Co.
Box 1, Item 42  Pluto Creek Bridge, Sonoma Co.
Box 1, Item 45  The Murr Bridge, Farralones Island
Box 1, Item 46  Cactus on Mexican territory
Box 1, Item 47  Lumber Hill, Rocky Glen, Truckee River [Men at lumber mill]
Box 1, Item 49  Calistoga Springs. Wheat field, Napa Co.
Box 1, Item 51  Falls of the Yosemite
Box 1, Item 53  Bridal Veil Falls, Yosemite Valley
Box 1, Item 54  “Bridal Veil,” Yosemite Valley
Box 1, Item 55  Reflection of the Domes in the Merced, Yosemite Valley
Box 1, Item 56  Morning concert on the Merced River, Yosemite Valley [Indian gathering]
Box 1, Item 57  Contemplation Rock, Glacier Pt., Yosemite
Box 1, Item 58  Hunto (Washington Column) Yosemite
Box 1, Item 59  The Domes, Yosemite Valley
Box 1, Item 60  Medicine Man asleep, Yosemite [Indian man sleeping]
Box 1, Item 61  The Sentinel, Yosemite Valley [Sentinel Dome]
Box 1, Item 62  “Bridal Veil,” Yosemite Valley
Box 1, Item 63  Bath House [Indian sweat house or sweatbath] in the Yosemite
Box 1, Item 64  Log of Piute Bucks [Paiute Indian men]
Box 1, Item 65  Conejo Ranch, Ventura Co.
Box 2  Lantern slides 66-130
Box 2, Item 66  Indian group, Yosemite Valley [Duplicate of #56]
Box 2, Item 67  Bierstadt’s studio, Yosemite [Albert Bierstadt painting outdoors with Indians]
Box 2, Item 68  Indian encampment, Merced, Yosemite
Box 2, Item 69  Half Dome from Glacier Point, Yosemite
Box 2, Item 70  El Capitan, Yosemite
Box 2, Item 71  Bridal Veil Falls, Yosemite
Box 2, Item 72  Cathedral Spires, Yosemite
Box 2, Item 73  Matillija Baths, Ventura Co.
Box 2, Item 74  Work in the Yosemite [Indian men sleeping]
Box 2, Item 75  F.P.F. Temple’s house, Viejo, Los Angeles Co.
Box 2, Item 76  Santa Barbara Mission [Interior view]
Box 2, Item 77  El Choro Falls, San Luis Obispo Co.
Box 2, Item 78  Elwood Cooper’s Ranch, Santa Barbara Co.
Box 2, Item 79  Lemon tree, Camulos Ranch, Ventura Co.
Box 2, Item 80  Grapevine, Santa Barbara Co. (Montecito)
Box 2, Item 81  San Luis Obispo, looking north
Box 2, Item 82  Elwood Cooper’s Ranch at Santa Barbara Co.
Box 2, Item 83  Elwood Cooper’s Ranch, Santa Barbara Co.
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Box 2, Item 84  Devil’s Tea Kettle, Geyser Springs, Sonoma Co. [cartoon devil drawn on photo]
Box 2, Item 85  Group at the Geysers, Sonoma Co.
Box 2, Item 89  General John C. Fremont [portrait]
Box 2, Item 92  Yosemite summit
Box 2, Item 93  Tisayack (Half Dome), Yosemite
Box 2, Item 95  Tisayack (Half Dome), Yosemite
Box 2, Item 96  Keystone State Quartz Mill, Amador City
Box 2, Item 97  Cascade Avenue, Yosemite
Box 2, Item 98  The Third Fall, Yosemite
Box 2, Item 99  F.D. Bacon’s Ranch, San Gabriel
Box 2, Item 100  Will Tell’s seaside retreat, Los Angeles Co.
Box 2, Item 101  Ventura Mission
Box 2, Item 102  Anaheim—Dreyfus’ Vineyard
Box 2, Item 103  Mongolian Flat, 1849—Celestial Diggings [Miner with rocker in stream]
Box 2, Item 105  Woodward’s Gardens, San Francisco
Box 2, Item 106  [Chinese man] panning out [panning for gold]
Box 2, Item 107  Woodward’s Gardens, San Francisco [Bears]
Box 2, Item 108  Barrett [Broken slide]
Box 2, Item 109  [View of big tree] [Broken]
Box 2, Item 111  Quartz crushing mill, Amador City (?)
Box 2, Item 113  Thrashing, Steele Ranch, San Luis Obispo Co.
Box 2, Item 115  Bank of California, San Francisco
Box 2, Item 117  San Pedro Point, Los Angeles Co.
Box 2, Item 118  Dreyfus Vineyard, Anaheim
Box 2, Item 120  Child’s orange grove, Los Angeles
Box 2, Item 121  Trinity Church, Jewish Synagogue, San Francisco
Box 2, Item 123  Orange branch, Child's Ranch, Los Angeles [Branch laden with oranges]
Box 2, Item 124  Horton House, San Diego [Interior view of restaurant]
Box 2, Item 126  Workman's vineyard, Los Angeles Co.
Box 2, Item 128  Los Angeles [View of city]
Box 2, Item 129  San Gabriel Mission
Box 2, Item 130  Guardian of the Temple, Chinese Joss House, San Francisco

Box 3

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Box 3, Item 132  Wadsworth on Truckee River (?)
Box 3, Item 138  Trout fishing on Pluton Creek, Sonoma Co.
Box 3, Item 139  Nevada Falls, Yosemite
Box 3, Item 142  Humboldt Palisades, C.P.R.R.—Looking west [Man standing by river and rocks. Photograph taken from railway?]
Box 3, Item 143  Humboldt Palisades, C.P.R.R.—Looking west [View of railroad tracks]
Box 3, Item 144  Humboldt Palisades, C.P.R.R.—Looking west [View of railroad tracks running by cliffs]
Box 3, Item 145  Map of California and Nevada
Box 3, Item 146  Reflection of the Domes in Merced River, Yosemite
Box 3, Item 149  Prospecting party [Same group of men as in (25) and (29)]
Box 3, Item 150  Petrified oyster shells, San Antonio Creek, Ventura Co.
Box 3, Item 151  Rose’s orange avenue, San Gabriel [Photo of L. J. Rose Jr. and family]
Box 3, Item 153  Wasatch Mts., Utah
Box 3, Item 154  Los Angeles High School, 1873, where County Court House now stands—from Broadway Hill?
Box 3, Item 155  Woodward’s Gardens, San Francisco [Chinese tumblers]
Box 3, Item 156  Maria Sepulveda’s Ranch, Wilmington
Box 3, Item 157  Santa Barbara Mission
Box 3, Item 159  Matilija Canyon, Ventura Co.
Box 3, Item 160  Santa Barbara harbor from the Mesa [Mexican or Indian family in foreground]
Box 3, Item 161  San Buena Ventura [town]
Box 3, Item 162  Santa Rosa Island, H.H. Moore’s Ranch
Box 3, Item 163  San Quentin Prison
Box 3, Item 164  Sycamore trees, Santa Barbara Co.

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| Box 3, Item 166 | Bancroft’s Block, Market St., San Francisco |
| Box 3, Item 167 | The Old Rocker [Miner working in ditch with machine] |
| Box 3, Item 168 | Montgomery St., San Francisco (north from California St.) |
| Box 3, Item 169 | Ordnance Yard, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco Bay |
| Box 3, Item 170 | Bear River Crossing, C.P.R.R. |
| Box 3, Item 171 | Elwood Cooper’s ranch house, Santa Barbara Co. |
| Box 3, Item 172 | San Francisco [cannon at Fort Point] |
| Box 3, Item 174 | Utah Central R.R. Weber River near Ogden, Utah—Wasatch Mts. |
| Box 3, Item 175 | Telegraph Hill, San Francisco |
| Box 3, Item 176 | San Francisco—Grand Hotel at Market, Montgomery and 2nd Sts. |
| Box 3, Item 177 | San Diego—looking west [H.T. Payne panorama? Creek] |
| Box 3, Item 178 | San Diego—looking southwest [H.T. Payne panorama? Creek] |
| Box 3, Item 180 | California St., San Francisco |
| Box 3, Item 181 | Looking toward the geysers from the hotel (Calistoga, Ca.) |
| Box 3, Item 182 | U.S. Coast Survey Brig. Puget Sound |
| Box 3, Item 183 | Devil’s Tea Kettle, the Geysers, Sonoma Co. |
| Box 3, Item 184 | Gardens of Calistoga Springs Hotel, Napa Co. |
| Box 3, Item 186 | Santa Rosa Island [prickly pear cacti] |
| Box 3, Item 187 | Devil’s Peak from Palisade Lake, Sierra Nevada Mts. |
| Box 3, Item 188 | Boundary Monument, San Diego |
| Box 3, Item 189 | Studies of trees |
| Box 3, Item 190 | [Chinese man and man in bowler hat] panning out [panning for gold] |
| Box 3, Item 191 | Mission gardens, San Diego |
| Box 3, Item 192 | North Beach and Goat Island, San Francisco Bay |
| Box 3, Item 194 | Maude Granger [Stage actress] |
| Box 3, Item 195 | On the trail to Piwyack, Yosemite |
| Box 3, Item 196 | Palisade Lake, Sierra Nevada Mts. |
| Box 3, Item 197 | Lake Donner, Sierra Nevada Mts. |
| Box 4 | Lantern slides 203-218; copy negatives 219-221; and prints 222-227 |
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| Box 4, Item 204 | Buena Vista Vineyard, Sonoma Co. |
| Box 4, Item 205 | Buena Vista Vineyard, Sonoma Co. |
| Box 4, Item 206 | Buena Vista Vineyard, Sonoma Co. |
| Box 4, Item 207 | Buena Vista Vineyard, Sonoma Co. |
| Box 4, Item 208 | Gardens, Calistoga Springs Hotel |
| Box 4, Item 209 | Hydraulic mining, Chinese claim, Yreka |
| Box 4, Item 210 | Seal Rocks, San Francisco [Badly scratched] |
| Box 4, Item 211 | Woodward’s Gardens, San Francisco [Badly scratched] |
| Box 4, Item 212 | Yosemite Falls |
| Box 4, Item 214 | Vernal Falls of the Yosemite Valley (Piwyack Cave) |
| Box 4, Item 215 | A Yosemite tourist |
| Box 4, Item 216 | Summit of Piwyack (Vernal Falls), Yosemite |
| Box 4, Item 217 | Falls of the Yosemite |
| Box 4, Item 218 | Piwyack (Vernal Falls), Yosemite |
| Box 4, Item 219 | [Men with logs on train] |
| | Copy negative; original not in collection. |
| Box 4, Item 220 | [Men with logs on train] |
| | Copy negative; original not in collection. |
| Box 4, Item 221 | [Men accompanying logs pulled by oxen] |
| | Copy negative; original not in collection. |
| Box 4, Item 222 | (metal printing plate) Portrait of Charles Victor Hall |
| Box 4, Item 223 | (photographic print) Portrait of Charles Victor Hall |
| Box 4, Item 224 | (photographic print) Portrait of Josephine Dalton Hall |
| Box 4, Item 225-227 | (photographic prints) Residence of C.V. Hall (Hall appears in one photograph) |