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Summary

Title: John Lyman photograph album,
Date: circa 1900-1939
Collection No: P05-004
Creator: Lyman, John R.
Extent: 1 item.
Repository: San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (Calif.)
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Abstract: This collection consists of a photographic album containing 276 mounted photographs of vessels on the west coast of the United States of America.

Physical Location: Historic Documents Department

Language: In English.

Indexing Terms
The following are indexing terms related to the description of this collection.
Alaska Packers Association
Photography of ships
Alameda (Calif.)
Coast Guard Island (Alameda County, California)
Port of San Francisco (Calif.)
Oakland (Calif.). Port of Oakland
Long Beach (Calif.). Port
Alameda (Calif.)
Photograph albums
**Access Information**

**Access**
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**Processing/Project Information**

**Processing and Cataloging**
Processed by Charles Miller and completed 2/25/2005.

ANCS+ Catalog No. SAFR 20642.
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**Administrative Information**

**History**

**Biography**
John R. Lyman was born on October 28, 1915 in Berkeley, CA. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry from University of California-Berkeley in 1936, an M.S. in Oceanography from Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla, CA. in 1951, and a Doctorate in Oceanography from Scripps Institute in 1958.
Lyman worked for Union Oil for several years and then entered Scripps Institute for graduate studies and as assistant oceanographer. He was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Naval Reserve in April 1941, and during World War II served at the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, VA. He was a member of the Navy's Ordnance Technical Mission to Japan in 1945-46, and a member of the Oceanographic Team of Joint Task Force One at the 1946 Bikini atomic tests. Lieutenant Commander Lyman separated from active duty in late 1946.
After the war, Lyman joined the Navy Hydrographic Office, Suitland, MD. In 1961, he transferred to the National Science Foundation in 1961, and then to the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Department of the Interior in 1964. He retired from the Federal service in 1966 and was employed as a consultant by UNESCO and the Naval Research Laboratory. In 1968 he joined the Consolidated Universities of North Carolina, holding joint professorships at UNC-Chapel Hill and NCSU-Raleigh. He retired from the University in 1973, the same year he also retired from the Naval Reserve with the rank of captain, after 32 years of service. He died on November 17, 1977 in Chapel Hill, NC.
John Lyman was a research associate of the San Francisco Maritime Museum since its inception in 1951, and the leading authority on Pacific Coast maritime history. Lyman laid the foundation for Pacific Coast maritime history with his thumbnail sketches of the careers of Pacific Coast vessels, published in the Marine Digest during World War II. As an oceanographer, he traveled the world buying books in his free time. At his death, his library was appraised as the best private collection on Pacific maritime history in the world. The John Lyman Reading Room at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park was named in his honor.

**Custodial History**

Accession No. SAFR-1 was transferred to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park from Golden Gate National Recreation Area which acquired the collection from the San Francisco Maritime Museum when it became a unit of the National Park Service. The item was donated to the San Francisco Maritime Museum by the estate of John Lyman.
Acquisition
Accession number SAFR-00001.

Administrative Information

Scope and Content
This collection consists of a photographic album containing 276 mounted photographs of vessels on the west coast of the United States of America.

The album has photographs on the right page, with notes on ship names, dates and locations on the left. On the last page, there is an index alphabetized by ship name and corresponding photo number. 57 of the 276 photos in the album are of the Alaska Packers Association fleet. The location and frequency of the photographs is as follows: Alameda (113), followed by San Francisco (45), Oakland (42), Government Island (25), and Long Beach (8).

Arrangement
The following photographic prints were found loose in the album, and do not correspond to any photo missing from a album page: STAR OF LAPLAND (foreground), HISPANIOLA (right), April 5, 1934. Left to Right: STARS OF SHETLAND, ZEALAND, FINLAND, HOLLAND and LAPLAND, April 1934.

Album Inventory
1. STAR OF ENGLAND, Alameda, May 2, 1931.
2. STAR OF ALASKA, same [missing]
3. STAR OF FRANCE (LAPLAND in back), same
4. STAR OF HOLLAND, same
5. STAR OF FRANCE and fleet, same
6. MARY DOLLAR, same
7. and 8. STAR OF ENGLAND, Alameda, June 6, 1931.
9. STAR OF ALASKA, same
10. STAR OF ENGLAND, same
11. STAR OF SHETLAND, same
12. STAR OF ENGLAND, same
13. STAR OF LAPLAND, same
14. STAR OF FRANCE, same
15. STAR OF ENGLAND, mainmast, same
16. STAR OF LAPLAND, foremast, same
17. and 18. STAR OF LAPLAND, same
19. STAR OF FRANCE, same
20. STAR OF LAPLAND, same
21. STAR OF ZEALAND and ENGLAND between HOLLAND and FINLAND, same.
22. STAR OF ENGLAND, same
23. STAR OF FRANCE, same
24. and 25. Sausalito, ca. 1900.
26. USS INDEPENDENCE, Mare Island, ca. 1900.
27. MONTEREY, Oakland, April 2, 1932.
29. STAR OF LAPLAND, Alameda, June 6, 1931.
30. and 31. CAROLINE, Hunter's Point, April 1937.
32. and 33. STAR OF LAPLAND, Alameda, August 11, 1931.
34. STAR OF LAPLAND before STAR OF FRANCE, same
35. STAR OF LAPLAND before STAR OF ALASKA, same
36. STAR OF FRANCE, same
37. starboard main shrouds, STAR OF LAPLAND, same
38. STAR OF LAPLAND bow and STAR OF ALASKA, same
39. STAR OF FRANCE, same
40. STAR OF HOLLAND, same
41. STAR OF LAPLAND (left) and SHETLAND, same
42. ANNIE M. REID, same
43. STAR OF FINLAND, same
44. and 45. ANNIE M. REID, same
46. and 47. MONTEREY, AURORA, WILLIAM H. SMITH, Oakland, August 11, 1931.  
48. and 49. MARY DOLLAR, Alameda, August 11, 1931.  
50. through 52. GOLDEN STATE and METHA NELSON as "Dog Star" and "Falcon",  
   Long Beach, December 16, 1939.  
53. VELERO III, Terminal Island, December 31, 1939.  
54. LOTTIE CARSON, Newport, December 16, 1939.  
55. MOLOKAI, Long Beach, December 31, 1939.  
56. LOTTIE CARSON, Newport, December 16, 1939.  
58. MINNIE A. CAINE, Malibu, December 31, 1939.  
59. SANTA CLARA, same  
62. and 63. MINNIE A. CAINE, Malibu, December 31, 1939.  
64. Foremast, BEAR, Oakland, February 21, 1932.  
65. MINNIE A. CAINE, Malibu, December 31, 1939.  
66. NORTHLAND, Oakland, February 21, 1932.  
67. MINNIE A. CAINE, Malibu, December 31, 1939.  
68. GOLDEN GATE, DUNSYRE, JAMES ROLPH, SIMLA (sunk), Oakland, February  
   21, 1932.  
69. through 75. BEAR, same  
76. through 83. BEAR, Oakland, April 9, 1932.  
84. ANNIE M. REID, Alameda, April 9, 1932.  
85. MARY DOLLAR, Alameda, March 19, 1932.  
86. MONTEREY, AURORA, WILLIAM H. SMITH, Oakland, March 19, 1932.  
87. ANNIE M. REID, Alameda, March 19, 1932.  
88. and 89. ANNIE M. REID, Alameda, April 9, 1932.  
90. Foremast, BEAR, Oakland, April 9, 1932.  
91. JOHN ENA, Alameda, March 19, 1932.  
92. KING #1, same  
93. NOYO, Oakland, June 10, 1932.  
94. CHARLES H. CRAAM, Alameda, June 7, 1932.  
95. and 96. MARY DOLLAR, Alameda, March 19, 1932.  
97. JOHN ENA, Alameda, March 19, 1932.  
98. ANNIE M. REID, Alameda, April 9, 1932.  
100. NOYO, Oakland, June 10, 1932.  
101. SEA WOLF and CHARLES H. CRAMP, Alameda, June 7, 1932.  
102. through 104. ANNIE M. REID, Alameda, March 19, 1932.  
105. SEA WOLF, Alameda, June 7, 1932.  
106. UNIMAK, San Francisco, June 8, 1932.  
110. SANTA CLARA, Wilmington, July 2, 1937.  
111. SAN DIEGO and OLYMPIC, same  
112. LOTTIE BENNETT, Alameda, March 19, 1932.  
114. METHA NELSON and LOTTIE BENNETT, same  
115. LOTTIE BENNETT, Alameda, March 19, 1932.  
117. BERTIE M. HANLON, San Francisco, June 8, 1932.  
118. and 119. MONTEREY, Oakland, August 4, 1932.  
120. STAR OF INDIA, San Diego, September 1937.  
121. LILY and NANUK, Long Beach, Labor Day, 1937.  
122. through 126. MARY DOLLAR, Alameda, August 13, 1933.  
127. through 130. MONTEREY, Oakland, August 4, 1932.  
131. KATE G. PEDERSON, Alameda, August 4, 1932.
132. through 134. MARY DOLLAR, Alameda, August 13, 1933.
135. through 137. LOTTIE CARSON, ETHEL M. STERLING and OCEANIA VANCE, San Pedro, December 31, 1932.
138. INDIANA, WILLIAM H. HARRIMAN, OLYMPIC and CARMA, same
139. and 140. GRATIA, Point Vicente, December 31, 1932.
141. through 143. NANUK, Alameda, March 26, 1934.
144. IRISBANK, same
145. and 146. STARS OF SHETLAND, ZEALAND, FINLAND, HOLLAND and LAPLAND, same
147. LOTTIE CARSON and ETHEL M. STERLING, San Pedro, December 31, 1932.
148. NANUK and STAR OF LAPLAND, Alameda, April 5, 1934.
149. NANUK, same
150. and 151. CHICKASAW CITY, Alameda, March 26, 1934.
152. STAR OF PERU, figurehead, Alameda, April 5, 1934. [missing]
153. NANUK and APA fleet, same
154. KANAK, same
155. NANUK, same
156. LOTTIE CARSON and ETHEL M. STERLING, San Pedro, December 31, 1932.
157. through 163. STAR OF SHETLAND, Alameda, April 5, 1934.
164. APA fleet, same
165. and 166. DELAROF, same
167. STAR OF LAPLAND, same
168. spanker gaff, STAR OF SHETLAND, same
169. NANUK, same
170. and 171. APA fleet, same
172. STAR OF SHETLAND, same
173. STAR OF LAPLAND, same
174. NANUK, same
175. SAMAR, Wilmington, December 31, 1932.
176. CONSTITUTION, Oakland, April 25, 1933.
177. through 179. Masts, CONSTITUTION, Oakland, April 25, 1933.
180. ALICE, San Pedro, December 31, 1932. [missing]
181. NEWARK, same
182. through 186. CONSTITUTION, Oakland, April 25, 1933.
187. through 189. STAR OF INDIA, San Diego, Summer 1935.
190. and 191. CONSTITUTION, Oakland, April 25, 1933.
193. MAUNAWELI, same
195. BARBARA C., same
197. ALAMEDA, same
198. LENA LUCKENBACH, same
199. HEFFRON, same
200. CAZADERO, same
201. LANSING, same
202. Purse seiners, same
203. RAPPAHANNOCK, same
204. TATSURA MARU, same
205. DUNSYRE and FORESTER, Government Island, February 27, 1932.
206. FORESTER, same
207. HEFFRON, San Francisco, January 28, 1934.
208. TILLAMOOK, same
209. GOLDEN STATE, same
210. HARRY LUCKENBACH, same
212. GOLDEN STATE, San Francisco, January 28, 1934.
213. GOLDEN STATE, San Francisco, January 4, 1934.
216. Crab boat, same
217. LOTTIE BENNETT, Alameda, February 27, 1932.
220. and 221. Crab boats, San Francisco, January 4, 1934
222. through 224. GOLDEN STATE, San Francisco, January 28, 1934.
225. CHIAPAS, same
226. GOLDEN STATE, same
228. LOTTIE BENNETT, same
230. and 231. COMMERCE, Government Island, May 13, 1933.
232. through 235. JOHN ENA, Alameda, May 8, 1933.
236. through 239. ABRAHAM RYDBERG, San Francisco Heads, January 25, 1930.
242. through 244. FORESTER, Government Island, February 27, 1932. [244. missing]
245. LOTTIE BENNETT, Alameda, February 27, 1932. [missing]
246. APA fleet, Alameda, May 8, 1933.
247. JAMES ROLPH, Government Island, February 27, 1932.
249. JOHN ENA, same
250. BERING, same
251. LOTTIE BENNETT, Alameda, February 27, 1932.
255. VANGUARD, Oakland, June 10, 1932.
256. MONTEREY, Oakland, April 2, 1932.
257. RUTH, Government Island, April 2, 1932.
258. GOLDEN GATE, same
259. SAMAR, COMMERCE and DUNSYRE, same
260. GOLDEN GARE, same
261. JAMES ROLPH, Government Island, February 27, 1932.
262. LOTTIE BENNETT, same
263. GOLDEN SHORE, Government Island, May 13, 1933.
264. GOLDEN GATE, Government Island, February 27, 1932.
265. RUTH, Government Island, May 13, 1933.
266. COMMERCE, same
268. SIMLA, same
269. GOLDEN GATE, same
270. MONTEREY and AURORA, Oakland, April 2, 1932.
271. RUTH, Government Island, April 2, 1932.
272. GALILEE, Sausalito, June 13, 1937.
273. ECHO and COMMERCE, same
274. GALILEE, same
275. STAR OF INDIA, San Diego, July 1937 [missing]
276. LOTTIE CARSON, Long Beach, July 2, 1937.