Phila and George Caldwell Print and Slide Collection about Kenya and Antarctica, 1971, 1987

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Phila and George Caldwell Print and Slide Collection about Kenya and Antarctica,
Date (inclusive): 1971, 1987
Collection number: 313
Creator: Caldwell, Mrs. Phila M. 1917-2008
Extent: 2 boxes (1 linear ft.)
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Abstract: Photographs and slides taken by Phila and George Caldwell on a Los Angeles Natural History Museum collecting expedition to Kenya in 1971, and on a Society Expedition cruise to the Antarctic in 1987.
Physical location: Biomedical Library History and Special Collections for the Sciences cage manuscripts
Language of Material: Collection materials in English

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Acquisition Information
The materials were a gift of Mrs. Phila M. Caldwell to the History and Special Collections Division, University of California, Los Angeles, in August, 2001.

Biography
Phila and George Caldwell were well-known philanthropists who supported cultural, educational, and family-support institutions in Southern California. These world travelers were trustees of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles and sometimes accompanied Museum staff on collection expeditions. The Caldwells owned the Milbank House in Santa Monica, Calif., a remarkably well preserved Craftsman style home built in 1911 by Phila Caldwell's grandfather, Isaac Milbank. Through Mrs. Caldwell's initiative the house was designated a Santa Monica Landmark.
Phila McFie Caldwell was born in Los Angeles and attended Marlborough School and UCLA. She and George Caldwell were married during World War II. George Caldwell died in 1990 and Phila died in 2008, at age 91.

Scope and Content
The Kenya material consists of 43 color snap shots (33 3x5" and 10 3x4" prints), four 35mm color slides, and a six-page letter to friends sent from the field.
The Antarctica material includes 240 colored 35mm slides, a one-page printed itinerary and a printed notebook titled "Project Antarctica" provided by the company running the cruise.
The collection is organized into the following series:
Series 1. Field Work : Kenya, circa 1971
Series 2. Ecotourism : Antarctica, between 1987 and 1990

Related Material
The bird specimens collected on this expedition are held in the Ornithology collection of the Los Angeles Natural History Museum.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Series 1. **Field Work : Kenya circa 1971**

**Box 1**

**Los Angeles Natural History Museum Collection Expedition. June-July 1971**

Physical Description: 3x5" and 3x4" photographs, 35mm slides, typed pages

Scope and Content Note

Photographs and slides taken mainly in Kenya, showing safari members and landscapes. Included are: George and Phila Caldwell and Ken Stager (collecting for the museum); Monty and Barbara Brown (safari managers); Dr. Bill and Mrs. Smith (tourists?); African assistants and servants. A six-page typed letter from Phila Caldwell, dated June 1-July 5, 1971, describes some of the events and people encountered during this time.

Note

Two maps and additional information about Kenya, downloaded from the Internet, have been added by the collection processors.

Series 2. **Ecotourism : Antarctica between 1987 and 1990**

**Box 2**

"**Project Antarctica**: tourist cruise of southern Chile, the Antarctic Peninsula, and islands. between 1987 and 1990"

Physical Description: 35 mm slides, printed notebook

Scope and Content Note

240 slides of people, fauna, and landscapes taken on the cruise. Cruise itinerary, and a 180-page notebook of text, illustrations and maps provided by Society Expedition Cruises, the cruise company, summarizing history, politics, and scientific research pertaining to Antarctica.

Note

the date of the Antarctic expedition is not certain: a photocopied one-page announcement of the voyage lists sailing dates for 1987 through 1989; the expedition notebook bears the date Feb. 10-24, 1990. Mr. Caldwell died sometimes during 1990.