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## **Illustrations for Pioneer days in Kern County by Arthur S. Crites, between 1950 and 1951?**

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Illustrations for Pioneer days in Kern County by Arthur S. Crites

**Date (inclusive):** between 1950 and 1951?

### Note

Probable range of dates suggested by publication date of book in which photographs appeared as illustrations.

**Collection number:** 94/5

**Creator:** Crites, Arthur S., 1879-1957.

**Physical Description:** 46 photographic prints : b&w ; 22 x 28 cm or smaller + 4 maps + 50 leaves (typescript ; 28 cm) Photographs are unbound, although the three holes punched along left margins suggest that they were once held in a 3-ring looseleaf notebook. Versos of photographs contain editor's proof numbering and notes in black crayon, and inkstamp of "Cal Williams Photo Service" [of Bakersfield?].

Spec. Coll. copy: Photographs are stacked in a modern beige cloth clamshell box, with box title "Illustrations for Pioneer days in Kern County." Laid in with photographs are [50] typescript leaves containing editor's proofs of the cutlines or captions for each photograph as they were to appear in the book; and four maps of Kern County in pencil (two folded), also used as illustrations in the Crites' book.

**Abstract:** Forty-six black-and-white photographic prints used to illustrate *Pioneer days in Kern County*, an autobiographical account by Arthur S. Crites of his family, early education, and life as a young man and miner in Kern County, California.

**Language:** Finding aid is written in English.

**Language of the Material:** Materials are in English.

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact UCLA Library Special Collections for paging information.

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### Scope and Content

The prints were made by Cal Williams Photo Service, using the author's own family photographs, and possibly photos from other sources such as local historical societies and libraries. Family photographs include portraits of the author's parents--his father, Angus McCloud Crites, his mother, Louisa Maria Jewett of Weybridge, Vermont, as well as the author as a young man in uniform during the Spanish-American War in 1898, and his two brothers, Angus, and George. Several photographs show the early homestead on Bear Mountain, near Bakersfield, where the family lived in the late 1880s and 1890s, the Keene School which the author attended as a young boy (1890), and the Kern County High School class of 1893. There is also an early photo of the Kern County Courthouse from 1888. Many of the photos describe the surrounding rugged landscape of the High Sierra, highlighting Upper and Lower Kern Lake, and Golden Trout Creek, and Mt. Whitney. Other early photos of towns nearby include a grain thresher in Weed Patch, Calif., the old school house in Tehachapi, and Main Street in the town of Havilah in the 1880s. After his discharge from the army in 1898, Crites went to work as a bookkeeper on the Bellevue cattle ranch, 8 miles west of Bakersfield, and there are several photos of ranching scenes, and the ranch headquarters. Also included are photographs documenting life of the Indians of Kern County, such as an Indian woman collecting salt grass for basket-weaving, Indian farmers, and Indian petroglyphs found on basaltic rocks near Black Mountain in northeastern Kern County. Several photographs show old Fort Tejon and the guardhouse.

### Indexing Terms

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

**Subjects**

Crites, Arthur S., 1879-1957.  
Crites, Angus McCloud, b. 1837.  
Crites, Louisa Maria Jewett, b. 1833.  
Crites, Angus Jewett, b. 1874.  
Crites, George Solomon, b. 1881.  
Crites family.  
Frontier and pioneer life --California --Kern County --Photographs.  
Indians of North America --California --Photographs.  
Petroglyphs --California --Kern County --Photographs.  
Ranches --California --Kern County --Photographs.  
Schools --California --Kern County --Photographs.  
Adobe houses --California --Kern County --Photographs.  
Threshing machines --California --Weed Patch --Photographs.  
Kern County (Calif.) --Photographs.  
Kern County (Calif.) --Genealogy.  
Weed Patch (Calif.) --Photographs.  
Tehachapi (Calif.) --Photographs.  
Havilah (Calif.) --Photographs.  
Fort Tejon (Calif.) --Photographs.  
Sierra Nevada (Calif. and Nev.) --Photographs.

**Genres and Forms of Material**

Photographic prints.

**Other Index Terms Related to this Collection**

Cal Williams Photo Service.

**Related Material**

Part of the [Photograph Album Collection \(Collection 94\)](#) in UCLA Library Special Collections.

Additional information available in *Pioneer days in Kern County* / by Arthur S. Crites. Los Angeles : The Ward Ritchie Press, 1951; and the [Arthur S. Crites papers \(Collection 689\)](#), Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, University of California, Los Angeles.