
Finding Aid for the Paul Christopher collection of Carl W. Knight photographs 0321

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Abstract: The Paul Christopher collection of Carl W. Knight's photographs consists mainly of photographs, negatives, and slides of portraits and scenic views of Missouri and Southern California. In addition to the images, there are a few textual items that include financial documents, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous ticket stubs and pamphlets that Knight collected. The date span of the collection ranges from 1920 to 1970.

Biographical note

Carl Wells Knight was born on March 24, 1885 in Springfield, Missouri to Emma Lamb Knight and George Wells Knight. He had one sister named Pansy and a brother named Harry. By trade, Carl was a professional photographer and owned a studio in Springfield, Missouri. During World War I Carl served in the military. Ultimately, he moved to California after completing his military service. Knight worked in both Los Angeles and San Diego photographing homes, commercial endeavors, and people's portraits. He operated a studio in San Diego with his partner, Sherman Trease, called the Trease-Knight Studio. He also worked for Stuart Studio in Los Angeles, California around 1936. Carl died on June 15, 1984 in Los Angeles, California.

Scope and Content

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Acquisition

The collection was donated by former USC University Archivist, Paul Christopher.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Los Angeles (Calif.) -- Photographs

San Diego (Calif.) -- Photographs

Springfield (Mo.) -- Photographs

Ephemera

Negatives (photographic)

Photographs

Slides (photographs)

Knight, Carl W. -- Archives

Slides 53487 circa 1960-1964

Arrangement

The slides were kept in original order and for the most part, the original file titles were used in describing the materials.

- Box 1, Folder 1 **Trip 53496 1960**
- Box 1, Folder 2 53497 **1961 August**
- Box 1, Folder 3 **San Fernando Valley 53498 1961 November**
- Box 1, Folder 4-7 **Cats 53495 1961-1964**
- Box 2, Folder 1 53499 **1962 January**
- Box 2, Folder 2 **Clouds 53500 1962 March**
- Box 2, Folder 3 53501 **1962 April**
- Box 2, Folder 4 53502 **1962 April 7**
- Box 2, Folder 5 53503 **1962 May**
- Box 2, Folder 6 **Medals 27 53504 1962 May**
- Box 2, Folder 7 **Rifle Range and Miscellaneous Slides 53505 1964 April**
- Box 2, Folder 8 **Rifle Range 53506 1964 November 8**
- Box 2, Folder 9 **Copy of slides and postcards 53507 undated**
- Box 2, Folder 10 **Black and white old pictures 53508 undated**
- Box 2, Folder 11 **Miscellaneous 53509 undated**

Photographs and Negatives 53486 1916-1993

Arrangement

The photographs and negatives series was kept in original order and for the most part, the original file titles were used in describing the materials. The files are organized alphabetically with two subseries: portraits and rifle matches.

- Box 2, Folder 12 **Anderson Fence Co. 54446 undated**
 Physical Description: 13 photographs and 14 negatives

- Box 2, Folder 13 **Automobile 54493 undated**
 Physical Description: 4 photographs and 6 negatives

- Box 2, Folder 14 **Beach 54479 undated**
 Physical Description: 5 photographs and 4 negatives

- Box 2, Folder 15 **Camping 54486 undated**
 Physical Description: 12 photographs

- Box 2, Folder 16 **Central Meat Markets 54521 1936 April 26**
 Physical Description: 1 photograph and 4 negatives

- Box 2, Folder 17,
Box 10, Folder 4 **Christmas Pictures from Pansy M. Knight 54498 1937-1969**
 Physical Description: 4 photographs and 8 negatives

- Box 2, Folder 18 **Cow and Baby 54522 undated**
 Physical Description: 1 negative

- Box 2, Folder 19 **Couple 54485 undated**
 Physical Description: 3 photographs

- Box 2, Folder 20 **Dennstedt Company Portraits by Carl Knight 54461 1936**
 Physical Description: 37 photographs and 38 negatives

Box 3, Folder 1, Box 3, Folder 2	Documentary Scenes 54436 undated Physical Description: Folder 1: 31 photographs and 25 negatives Folder 2: 16 negatives
Box 3, Folder 3-4	Early Missouri Work 54439 undated Physical Description: Folder 1: 40 photographs Folder 2: 30 photographs
Box 3, Folder 5	Engagement 54489 undated Physical Description: 30 photographs
Box 3, Folder 6	Family Group 54443 undated Physical Description: 18 photographs and 2 negatives
Box 3, Folder 7	Groupings 54504 undated Physical Description: 5 negatives
Box 3, Folder 8	Hillcrest Booster Club 54531 1936 April 9 Physical Description: 1 photograph and 3 negatives
Box 3, Folder 9	Hillcrest Business Association 54532 1936 June 12 Physical Description: 5 negatives
Box 3, Folder 10	Hillcrest Cafe 54533 1936 March 25 Physical Description: 1 photograph and 2 negatives
Box 3, Folder 11	Homes 54447 undated Physical Description: 12 photographs and 2 negatives
Box 3, Folder 12, Box 10, Folder 1 Box 3, Folder 13	Knight, Carl W. 54495 undated Miscellaneous Photographs 54505 undated Physical Description: 2 photographs and 6 negatives
Box 3, Folder 14	Mission San Juan Capistrano 54492 undated Physical Description: 2 negatives
Box 3, Folder 15	Missouri Springs 54499 1916 January 16-17 Physical Description: 2 negatives and 1 photocopy
Box 3, Folder 16	Outdoor Activities 54478 undated Physical Description: 5 photographs
Map-case 5, drawer 3	Oversize Portraits 79728 undated Scope and Content Portraits of men, women, children, a school, a family, 2 men camping, and a train set.
Box 8, Box 9	Photographic Film 54651 undated Physical Description: 27 film sheets
Box 3, Folder 17	Scenery 54477 undated Physical Description: 50 photographs and 3 negatives
Box 3, Folder 18	Signed Work 54437 undated Physical Description: 13 photographs

Box 4, Folder 1	Studio 54500 undated Physical Description: 30 negatives
Box 4, Folder 2	Texas? 54480 undated Physical Description: 44 photographs
Box 4, Folder 3	Training for Races 81242 circa 1930s Physical Description: 7 photographs
Box 4, Folder 4	Unidentified Baby 78067 undated Physical Description: 2 negatives Note on back of the portrait: 18400 Paulson 36 vert bl. 799 6-21
Box 4, Folder 5, Box 10, Folder 12, Box 15	Unidentified Children 54483 undated Physical Description: 22 photographs
Box 4, Folder 6	Unidentified Female 54506 1939 June 19 Physical Description: 2 photographs and 17 negatives
Box 4, Folder 7	Unidentified Girl 54507 undated Physical Description: 2 negatives
Box 4, Folder 8, Box 10, Folder 12, Box 15	Unidentified Men 54482 undated Physical Description: 23 photographs
Box 4, Folder 9, Box 10, Folder 3, Box 15	Unidentified Women 54481 undated Physical Description: 47 photographs
Box 4, Folder 10	Water Activities 54484 undated Physical Description: 20 photographs
Box 4, Folder 11	Wedding negatives 54445 circa 1930's Physical Description: 6 negatives
Box 4, Folder 12	Weddings 54459 undated Physical Description: 8 photographs and 2 negatives
Box 4, Folder 13	Winter Activities 54487 undated Physical Description: 6 photographs
Box 4, Folder 14	Unusual Images 54444 undated Physical Description: 22 photographs
Box 4, Folder 15-17	USC Work 54435 circa 1993 Physical Description: Folder 1: 22 photographs and textual materials Folder 2: 20 photographs and 19 negatives Folder 3: 12 photographs and textual materials
Box 14	[Miscellaneous photographs] Physical Description: Mounted on glass.

Portraits 54603 circa 1930s-1954

Box 5, Folder 1	Allison, Beth 81524 Undated Physical Description: 3 photographs and 4 negatives
Box 5, Folder 2	Anderson, Helen 81525 Undated Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 5, Folder 3	Ardaiz, Jose 81526 Undated Physical Description: 2 photographs and 3 negatives
Box 5, Folder 4	Barker, Edma C. 81527 Undated Physical Description: 5 photographs and 4 negatives
Box 5, Folder 5	Barney 81528 1936 June 28 Physical Description: 4 negatives
Box 5, Folder 6	Beckinam, Evelyn 81529 1939 May Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 5, Folder 7	Birmey, Walter 81530 Undated Physical Description: 4 negatives
Box 5, Folder 8	Black, Mrs. E.C. 81531 1936 May 12 Physical Description: 4 photographs and 6 negatives
Box 5, Folder 9	Bone, Lilla 54501 Undated Physical Description: 10 photographs and 10 negatives
Box 5, Folder 10	Brieglet, Dr. G. A. (1017) 54514 Undated Physical Description: 2 negatives
Box 5, Folder 11	Buckingham, Mrs. S. E. (953) 54515 Undated Physical Description: 3 negatives
Box 5, Folder 12	Callam Family 54518 Undated Physical Description: 12 photographs and 12 negatives
Box 5, Folder 13	Campbell, Effie 54519 Undated Physical Description: 6 photographs, 6 negatives, and 1 letter
Box 5, Folder 14	Cann, Dr. G.A. 54641 Undated Physical Description: 2 negatives
Box 5, Folder 15	Carter, Lloyd W. 54520 Undated Physical Description: 4 negatives
Box 5, Folder 16	Child Portraits 54442 Undated Physical Description: 24 photographs
Box 5, Folder 17	Dennison, Fred 54523 1936 May 23 Physical Description: 2 photographs and 4 negatives

Box 5, Folder 18-19	Female Adult Portraits (2 folders) 54440 Undated Physical Description: Folder 1: 31 photographs Folder 2: 70 photographs
Box 5, Folder 20	Gallington, Mrs. 54524 Undated Physical Description: 4 photographs and 5 negatives
Box 5, Folder 21	Graham, Coretta 54662 Undated Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 5, Folder 22	Greer, Jim 54488 1954 December Physical Description: 2 photographs
Box 5, Folder 23	Griffig, Mrs. John H. 54525 Undated Physical Description: 5 negatives
Box 5, Folder 24	Haffeuhome, Edd? 54526 Undated Physical Description: 7 negatives
Box 5, Folder 25	Hall, James, Mrs. 54527 1936 May 21 Physical Description: 3 photographs and 3 negatives
Box 5, Folder 26	Hanson 54528 Undated Physical Description: 2 photographs and 6 negatives
Box 5, Folder 27	Harms, Edwin M. 54529 Undated Physical Description: 5 photographs and 3 negatives
Box 5, Folder 28	Harner, Ella 54530 1936 June 10 Physical Description: 6 negatives
Box 6, Folder 1	Jones, Catherine 54534 Undated Physical Description: 3 photographs and 2 negatives
Box 6, Folder 2	Kirby, Fama's Sister 54535 Undated Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 6, Folder 3	Knight, Maurice 54536 Undated Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 6, Folder 4	Lewis, Miss C. 54537 Undated Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 6, Folder 5	"Lovelly" 54538 Undated Physical Description: 10 photographs and 13 negatives
Box 6, Folder 6	Male Adult Photographs 54441 Undated Physical Description: 21 photographs
Box 6, Folder 7	Markle, Phyllis 54565 1936 July 22 Physical Description: 1 photograph and 4 negatives
Box 6, Folder 8	Martinez 54566 Undated Physical Description: 3 negatives

Box 6, Folder 9	McCallum, Alice Jean 54661 Undated Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 6, Folder 10	McHarg, Betty 54567 1936 April 11 Physical Description: 4 photographs and 3 negatives
Box 6, Folder 11	Meredith, Jean M. 54659 Undated Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 6, Folder 12	Norris Wedding (?) 54568 1937 May 18 Physical Description: 3 photographs and 4 negatives
Box 6, Folder 13	Olson, Mr. and Mr. C. E. Keefe 54569 1936 May 28 Physical Description: 5 negatives
Box 6, Folder 14	Piteock, V. 54570 1936 May 19 Physical Description: 3 photographs and 6 negatives
Box 6, Folder 15	Pitts, Mrs. A. L. 54571 Undated Physical Description: 1 photograph and 3 negatives
Box 6, Folder 16	Ramsey, Mary 54572 Undated Physical Description: 3 negatives
Box 6, Folder 17	Roberts Family 54573 Undated Physical Description: 16 photographs and 13 negatives
Box 6, Folder 18	Semison, Margaret 54574 Undated Physical Description: 4 photographs and 3 negatives
Box 6, Folder 19	Shaffer, Mr. 54575 Undated Physical Description: 7 negatives
Box 6, Folder 20	Smiley, Georgia 54576 Undated Physical Description: 2 photographs and 5 negatives
Box 6, Folder 21	Smith, Copy of Seal 54577 Undated Physical Description: 2 negatives
Box 6, Folder 22	Smith, Mogel 54578 Undated Physical Description: 5 photographs and 4 negatives
Box 6, Folder 23	Sutton, Mrs. P. 54579 Undated Physical Description: 4 photographs and 6 negatives
Box 6, Folder 24	Thompson, Will 54580 Undated Physical Description: 1 photograph and 3 negatives
Box 6, Folder 25	Von Breton, C.H. 54581 1937 October 16 Physical Description: 6 negatives
Box 6, Folder 26	Walsh, Dorothy 54582 Undated Physical Description: 1 photograph and 1 negative

Box 6, Folder 27	Wells, Mrs. H. E. 54583 1936 May 23 Physical Description: 5 photographs and 4 negatives
Box 6, Folder 28	Whitt 54584 1936 July 20 Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 6, Folder 29	Wright, Ethel 54585 1938 January 1 Physical Description: 4 photographs and 4 negatives
Box 11, Box 12	Unidentified women [on glass] Physical Description: Mounted on glass.
Box 12	Unidentified men [on glass] Physical Description: Mounted on glass.
Box 13, Box 14 Box 14	[Unidentified children] [Unidentified groups] Physical Description: Mounted on glass.

Rifle Matches 54604 1933-1968

Box 6, Folder 30	California State Small Bore Matches 54467 1966 September 24-25 Physical Description: 3 negatives
Box 6, Folder 31	Copy of Panel Group for Betty Duncan 54456 Undated Physical Description: 1 negative
Box 6, Folder 32	Four men- 10 sec at F8 Ilford paper at rifle range 54465 1964 Physical Description: 2 negatives
Box 6, Folder 33	Glendale Rifle Club 54463 Undated Physical Description: 22 negatives
Box 6, Folder 34	Gun Club Team 54457 circa 1963-1964 Physical Description: 7 negatives
Box 6, Folder 35	Los Angeles Rifle Club Westerns Nate Matches 54468 1966 May 7-8 Physical Description: 3 negatives
Box 6, Folder 36	Los Angeles Clubs (L.A. Rifle Club- Discard Negatives) 54455 1967 November 4-5 Physical Description: 5 negatives
Box 6, Folder 37	Mr. Knight and the United States and British Rifle Teams 54450 Undated Physical Description: 4 negatives
Box 6, Folder 38	Rifle Club 54469 1965 November 6-7 Physical Description: 7 negatives
Box 7, Folder 1	Rifle Club Events 54448 Undated Physical Description: 50 photographs, 9 negatives, and textual material
Box 7, Folder 2	Rifle Club Prints and Documents 54449 1946 Physical Description: 34 photographs, 20 negatives, and textual material

- Box 7, Folder 3 **Rifle Range 54451 Undated**
 Physical Description: 2 photographs and 5 negatives
- Box 7, Folder 4 **Rifle Range 54452 circa 1949-1950**
 Physical Description: 5 photographs and 4 negatives
- Box 7, Folder 5 **Rifle Range 54454 1968 May 4-5**
 Physical Description: 3 negatives
- Box 7, Folder 6 **Rifle Range- Pacific Coast Championship 54471 1951-1952**
 Physical Description: 3 negatives and 3 captions
- Box 7, Folder 7 **Rifle Range, Target, Dahlia 54460 1933 July 16**
 Physical Description: 3 photographs and 6 negatives
- Box 7, Folder 8 **Rifle Range Trophy Winners 54464 1963 November 3-4**
 Physical Description: 7 negatives
- Box 7, Folder 9 **Wheel Chair and Shooting Match 54438 1949 February 6**
 Physical Description: 19 photographs, 8 negatives, and 1 clipping
- Box 7, Folder 10,
Box 10, Folder 9 **Financial Documents 54494 1913 - 1932**
 Physical Description: 4 negatives
 Scope and Content
 Includes deeds, contracts, and titles; business records, correspondence, and notes.
- Box 7, Folder 11,
Box 10, Folder 10 **Miscellaneous Items from the life of Carl W. Knight 54502 undated**
 Scope and Content
 Business cards, pamphlets, ticket stubs, and a commencement book from USC's graduation in 1960; a sign advertising the business and stationery.
- Box 7, Folder 12,
Box 10, Folder 7-8 **Newspaper Clippings 54490 1989 - 1955**
 Scope and Content
 Newspaper clippings mentioning Knight's work, cartoon clippings, and an article about Pansy, Knight's sister's fifty year high school reunion; magazines and journals.
- Box 7, Folder 13,
Box 10, Folder 6 **Photostat Corporation prices and photo-copying regulations 54462 circa 1944**
 Physical Description: 5 items
- Box 7, Folder 14 **Receipts 54496 1935-1961**
 Scope and Content
 Receipts from photograph orders.
- Box 10, Folder 11

Paul Christopher notes and correspondence 1987-1988