
Hover Photograph Collection

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Descriptive Summary


Title: Hover Photograph Collection

Dates: 1900-1920

Collection Number: E78 C15 H6 (1999.12)

Creator/Collector: Elsie E. Hover

Extent: 47 photographic prints, 1 digital print, 48 photographic negatives

Online items available 

<http://library.humboldt.edu/humco/holdings/findingaidresults.php?collection=1999.12&term=1999.12.0001-1999.12.0048&termtype=call>

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Abstract: The Hover Collection contains 48 images depicting early 1900s life along the Klamath River in Humboldt and Siskiyou counties, California within the Karuk Indian homeland region. The images present activities of ceremonial significance as well as everyday Native American life, plus portraits, landscapes, and basket collections.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

The photographs were donated to the Humboldt State University Library around 1970, at the same time that a portion of the Hover Basket Collection was loaned to the Library. The Hover Basket Collection is now at the Clarke Historical Museum in Eureka, CA.

Biography/Administrative History

Elsie Starritt Hover (1902-1972) taught in elementary schools in Humboldt County for thirty-two years. Throughout her career she incorporated information about the Indians of northwest California into class programs and presentations. She used her family's basket collection and photographs in these activities. Mrs. Hover is a descendent of Karuk Indian families and of Euro-Americans who came to northwest California as gold miners. As a young woman, Elsie Hover was befriended by Grace Nicholson. Ms. Nicholson financed Elsie's education at Humboldt State University where she graduated in 1925. More information about the Hover and Starritt families can be found in *The Hover Collection of Karuk Baskets*. Eureka, Ca.: Clarke Memorial Museum; 1985. The Hover Basket Collection can be seen at the Clarke Historical Museum (formerly the Clarke Memorial Museum) in Eureka, CA.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Hover Collection contains 48 images, held in one three-ring binder, depicting early 1900s life along the Klamath River in northern California in the Karuk Indian homeland region. The images show activities of ceremonial significance as well as those of everyday life. There are also portraits, landscapes, and images of Indian baskets. It is arranged in one series with all of the available information about each image included in the item level inventory in the Container List.

Indexing Terms

Karok baskets

Karuk Indians
