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DELMAR FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS
1905-c. 1930, 1976, 1991

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HISTORY

John Delmar served as quartermaster for the U. S. Army at Fort Yellowstone in Yellowstone National Park. After he retired from military service, he returned to Yellowstone as a National Park Service ranger in the 1920s. John W. Delmar was born to John and his wife, Jerinda, in 1905 at Fort Yellowstone. John W. later became a National Park Service ranger, also serving in Yellowstone National Park.

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of photograph albums and memorabilia of the Delmar family who lived in Yellowstone National Park in 1905 and again in the 1920s. The albums include numerous photographs of Yellowstone Park as well as the Delmar family and friends. Images of Yellowstone include Fort Yellowstone, Bechler Ranger Station, Dunraven Pass Ranger Station, and Lake Ranger Station. There are images of John Delmar in his soldier's uniform and many photographs of both father John and son John W. Delmar in the National Park Service (NPS) ranger uniform. Others shown include a portrait of Hiram Chittenden, other members of the Delmar family as well as other families residing in the park. The images also show activities such as snowshoeing and soaking in thermal features (colloquially known as "hotpotting;" the activity is now illegal). The collection is particularly notable for the many unusual views of now historic buildings, including interior and rear images, outbuildings, and other less well documented locations. In addition to Yellowstone, there appear to be many images of soldiers, possibly during World War I, and family images in an unknown location.

PROVENANCE

Gift of David and Michelle Crawforth, 2021.

AVAILABILITY

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