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Nathan Finck slides **1960, 1979 (bulk dates: circa 1950s - 1970s)**

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HISTORY

Nathan Finck was a naturalist for the Cleveland Metroparks and the Geauga Park District which are districts in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area. He also worked as an NPS park naturalist during the summers of 1957 and 1958 in Great Smoky Mountains National Park; 1960 at Yosemite National Park; and 1961 and 1962 at Mount Ranier National Park. Mr. Finck documented many park units in the late 1950s and early 1960s while working for the National Park Service. The following are examples but the list is not totally inclusive: Grand Canyon, Mount Ranier, Great Smoky, Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Dinosaur National Monument, Zion, Bryce Canyon, and other park units and locales of the Southwest. According to the date stamps on the slides; it appears he visited Rocky Mountain National Park prior to 1960 and again just prior to 1979. Mr. Finck currently lives in Lyndhurst, Ohio and is in failing health.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Nathan Finck slides
1960, 1979 (bulk dates: circa 1950s - 1970s)

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VOLUME 106.00 EA

DESCRIPTION This collection consists of 106 color 35mm slides depicting Rocky Mountain National Park (ROMO) and the adjacent areas including Estes Park, Co; circa 1950-1970s.

This collection was once part of a larger collection that has been parceled out to the respective park units. Subjects documented here include: visitors, automobiles, park signs, buildings and infrastructures including retaining walls and parking lots, flora and fauna, geologic and hydrologic features such as landforms (Longs, Hallett, and other peaks), lakes, and snow fields. Areas of ROMO include Milner Pass, Specimen Mountain and trail, Glacier Basin, Dream Lake, Lake Haiyaha, Moraine Park and campground, Alpine Visitor Center and Fall River Pass, Poudre Lake, Alberta Falls, Icy Brook, The Loch and trail, Glacier Gorge Junction, Hidden Lake, views from Trail Ridge Road, west entrance, Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, views of Longs Peak from Blue Arrow Campground (currently called Elk Meadows), Bear Lake and views of Longs Peak from Bear Lake, Nymph Lake, and Emerald Lake. Some of the images represent the same location in two different time periods. For instance, the Milner Pass/Continental Divide sign is represented twice showing a decision to change the sign from carved wood to a metal printed sign.

The slides were digitized by GRCA staff and are available from the ROMO Curator.

ORGANIZATION

This collection was received lacking original order and has been physically arranged according to the developer's date stamp and slide number. After comparison of the developer's numbers it seems that four rolls of film are represented. Therefore, four file units make up this collection and are named arbitrarily: File Unit 1, Roll #1; File Unit 2, Roll #2; File Unit 3, Roll #3; File Unit 4, Roll #4. A slide number has been assigned in ascending numerical order for each individual slide.

Each file unit has digital copies (JPGs) of the respective slides attached to the file unit record in ICMS and another copy saved on the ROMO server. The digital copies are named for the collection catalog number and slide number; ROMO 23921.1-ROMO 23921.106.

PROVENANCE

Donated as a gift in 2011 via Grand Canyon National Park museum staff. Please see the accession file for more information.

RESTRICTIONS

NO

*ASSOCIATED
MATERIALS*

This is part of a larger group of slides and the various collections need to be intellectually linked as they become available/processed.

FILE UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

1. Roll 1: slides 1-27, circa 1960

This file unit records what appears to be one partial roll of developed 35mm slide film documenting Nathan Finck's vacation in Rocky Mountain National Park prior to 1960 (the slides were developed in 1960). Twenty-seven slides include the following subjects in ascending slide number order: Never Summer Mountains, Fire damage along Trail Ridge Road, Poudre Lake, Milner Pass, Specimen Mountain - 8 slides (currently known as Specimen Mountain Research Natural Area, accessed possibly via Crater trail), masonry retaining wall, Glacier Basin, Golden-mantled ground squirrel, Dream Lake, Bear Lake, Lake Haiyaha, trail signs, and Moraine Park.

2. Roll 2: slides 28-35, circa 1979

This file unit records what appears to be a partial roll of film documenting Nathan Finck's vacation in Rocky Mountain National Park prior to 1979 (the slides were developed in 1979). Eight slides include the following subjects in ascending slide number order: Alpine Visitor Center, Fall River Pass Store, Fall River Pass sign, trail to Specimen Mountain, Poudre Lake, Milner Pass, and Kawuneeche Valley.

3. Roll 3: slides 36-71, circa 1979

This file unit records what appears to be one 35mm roll of developed slide film documenting Nathan Finck's vacation in Rocky Mountain National Park prior to 1979 (the slides were developed in 1979). Thirty-six slides include the following subjects in ascending slide number order: view from trail to Alberta Falls, trail signs, Icy Brook, snow patch on the trail to the Loch, the Loch, Alberta Falls, glacial polish, sunset, Hidden Lake along Trail Ridge Road, views along Trail Ridge, headquarters park entrance sign, Administration Building (ROMO) (also called Beaver Meadows Visitor Center and Headquarters), sign at headquarters, views from Blue Arrow campground (outside the park), Glacier Creek, Bear Lake Road, Hallett Peak, and Bear Lake parking lot.

4. Roll 4: slides 72-106, circa 1979

This file unit records what appears to be one 35mm roll of developed slide film documenting Nathan Finck's vacation in Rocky Mountain National Park prior to 1979 (the slides were developed in 1979). Thirty-six slides include the following subjects in ascending slide number order: Clark's nutcracker, Steller's jay, Bear Lake number stake with juniper, lichen, Longs Peak, mule deer, Nymph Lake, snow patch on lake trail, Dream Lake, Western Marsh Marigold, Indian Paintbrush, Emerald Lake, sunset taken from east entrance area, Moraine Park campground, Moraine Park, Bear Lake Road, State Highway 36 in Estes Park, aspen grove and trail, Alberta Falls creek, and Alberta Falls.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1 of 1 contains 106 - 35 mm color slides and a CD of the digitized images.