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W. H. BANKS PHOTOGRAPHS 1893

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HISTORY

William Hartland Banks made a trip to America in 1893, from England and visited Yellowstone Park, Yosemite Park, the Grand Canyon, and Walnut Canyon. He was accompanied by his uncle, Ernest Hartland, who appears in a few of Banks's photographs. While at Yellowstone, Banks photographed many of the geographical features of the park.

Banks was born at Ridgebourne, Kington, in 1867, to Richard Banks and Emily Rosa Hartland. Banks received his education at Trinity College in Cambridge from 1886 to 1888, studying natural sciences. In 1894, he married Dorothy Alford, whom he met while at Cambridge and had also studied natural sciences. Together they had three daughters and one son. While a banker by profession, Banks also took an interest in traveling, photography, gardening, and plant collecting, for which he became known. In 1895, Banks and his wife started the Hergest Croft house and gardens, and purchased the Hergest Estate in 1912. He maintained these gardens until his death in 1930. His widow then maintained the property until her death in 1937, passing it onto their family, who continue to keep the gardens open to the public.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

W. H. Banks Photographs
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DESCRIPTION Photographic prints from William Hartland Banks's trip to Yellowstone National Park in 1893.

The collection consists of thirty-one black and white photographs that were contact printed from the original negatives taken by William Hartland Banks in 1893. The contact prints were created by Wally Lloyd in 1995 from the original gelatin glass plate negatives. The original collection also consisted of additional photographs from Yosemite National Park, Grand Canyon, and Walnut Canyon.

The images focus on the natural scenic locations of the different parks, along with a few people. Most people in the photographs are unidentified with the exception of Banks's uncle, Ernest Hartland. From Yellowstone Park there are photos of Yellowstone Lake, Lower Falls, Yellowstone River, Pulpit Terrace, Jupiter Terrace, Cleopatra's Terrace, Haynes Terrace, Minerva Terrace, Mammoth Paint Pots, Paint Pots on Yellowstone Lake, the Inkpot, Yellowstone Canyon, Cathedral Canyon, and Cupid's Cave. Geothermal locations represented include Grotto Geyser, Old Faithful, Lower Geyser Basin, Fountain Geyser Basin, and Giant Geyser.

ORGANIZATION Photographs remain in their original order.

PROVENANCE Gift of Lawrence H. Banks in 1995.

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ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

Separated photographs were transferred to Yosemite National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, and Walnut Canyon National Monument.

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