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CHARLES H. M. BAMBACH PHOTOGRAPHS 1904-1905

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HISTORY

Charles Henry Manual Bambach worked as a clerk and possibly the telegraph operator at the Norris Lunch Station and Hotel in 1904 and 1905.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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DESCRIPTION The collection visually documents work at the Norris Lunch Station and Hotel in Yellowstone National Park by Charles H. M. Bambach, 1904-1905.

The collection consists of 65 sepia-toned photographs, six of which are mounted on cardboard. Three of the mounted images are embossed with the label “ W. A. Matson, Mapleton, North Dakota ”. Most photographs are annotated on the verso, probably by Bambach. A few images have additional notes, probably by more recent family members, that identify Bambach in the images. One photograph is identified as having been taken by a pinhole camera, two images are a small panorama format, and one mounted image is oval.

The collection documents the life of an employee at the Norris Lunch Station and Hotel, Yellowstone National Park, in the years 1904 and 1905. There are numerous images of the staff during leisure hours: hiking, going on a picnic, floating on a raft, climbing the Norris water tower, and dressing up in costumes. There are two images of the women in pants--one for fun and one likely for hiking--and one of the men in dresses. There are also images of work, including polishing candlesticks, peeling apples, hanging laundry on the line (wearing a wrapper or Mother Hubbard), and staffing the office and dining room. Individuals identified in the images include Charles H. M. Bambach, Sophie Hatch, Bill Hatch, Josephene, Annie Smoultbower, chef Gene Tibesar, August Kelting and his brother, and Bill

Matson, who is further identified as Native American.

Additional views include photographs of tourists climbing a trail, a smaller stagecoach, and lowering the American flag. Structures shown include the Norris Lunch Station and Hotel, the Norris water tank, the Norris pump house, and the Roosevelt Arch. Interior views depict the office (possibly also the lobby), the telegraph office, and the dining room of the Hotel. There is also one photograph of Mammoth Hot Springs (misabeled Old Faithful Inn) that shows the Cottage Hotel, the National Hotel, and the Liberty Cap. Landscape images include summer snow, bears feeding at the Norris dump, Fountain Paint Pots, and the Norris Geyser Basin.

ORGANIZATION

The collection is arranged broadly by format and then by subject.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Douglass A. Hieb on behalf of the Bambach family, 2005

CONTAINER LIST

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