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SAGEBRUSHERS IN YELLOWSTONE PHOTOGRAPHS circa 1915

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HISTORY

Sagebrushers was a term used by early concessioner staff to describe travelers who camped on their trip through Yellowstone. Except for one labeled image of Reverend Rice, the names of the participants of this group of campers are unknown. Based upon clothing depicted and the use of wagons for transport, the date of the trip probably just precedes the entry of automobiles in Yellowstone in 1916.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

SAGEBRUSHERS IN YELLOWSTONE PHOTOGRAPHS circa 1915

CATALOG NUMBER	YELL 206872
VOLUME	0.2 LF
DESCRIPTION	Photographs of a trip through Yellowstone National Park by wagon, circa 1915. The collection consists of very small (1.5 x 2.5 inch) black and white photographic prints. A few images include location labels, either by including the interpretive sign or by writing on the verso. Additional potential identifications were added during processing and are denoted by penciled square brackets. The images depict a camping trip through Yellowstone
	National Park, just prior to the admittance of automobiles. While the source of the images is unknown and few are labeled, the collection provides a glimpse of a visit to Yellowstone at a key transitional period.
	The group appear to have arrived by train, probably the Union Pacific, on a train car named foror starting from Keoka, Illinois. The photographs include views of the Union Pacific Railroad depot and businesses along Yellowstone Street in West Yellowstone, Montana. Images with people include one image of a Reverend Rice as well as views of hiking, camping, a picnic, and cooking outdoors. There are also views of the tents, a camp stove, the wagons, and a surrey. Images of a black bear include several photographs depicting members of the party feeding the bear.

	Views of geysers and thermal features include Beehive, Biscuit Basin, Castle, Constant, Excelsior, Fountain, Giant, Giantess, Grotto, Jewel, Lion, Mammoth Paint Pots, Minuteman, Morning Glory, Norris Geyser Basin, Oblong, Old Faithful, Punch Bowl, Riverside, Sapphire Pool, and Sponge. Landscapes include Artist's Point, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone's Lower Falls, Gibbon Falls, Inspiration Point, the Lamar River, and Roaring Mountain. There are also images of the Old Faithful Inn and the bridge at Golden Gate.
ORGANIZATION	The images are generally arranged in order to place like images together.
PROVENANCE	Found by division of interpretation with no associated provenance, 2001.

CONTAINER LIST

File Unit Nbr	Title
01	Photographs, ca. 1915