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RUTH PHILLIPS PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM **circa 1921**

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HISTORY

Ruth Phillips worked as a "savage" or employee for the Yellowstone Park Camps Company, probably at the newly constructed Camp Roosevelt (now Roosevelt Lodge) in 1921 or 1922. As school teacher, she taught in various schools in Montana and Wyoming. She likely taught at Manhattan, Montana, just prior to her summer in Yellowstone National Park. She married in Cheyenne, Wyoming, on December 24, 1922. The Gately's had at least one child, a daughter named Georgia.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

RUTH PHILLIPS PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM circa 1921

CATALOG NUMBER YELL 208019

VOLUME 0.2 LF

DESCRIPTION Photograph album documenting concessioner work in Yellowstone National Park, circa 1921.

The collection consists of a photograph album comprised of a black leather cover and black construction paper pages. Small snapshot photographs are glued to the pages, many with identifications or captions.

The album depicts the summer of 1921 or 1922 when Ruth Phillips worked in Yellowstone National Park for one of the park's concessioners, probably the Yellowstone Park Camps Company. The album shows interior and exterior views of Camp Roosevelt (now Roosevelt Lodge) as well as the surrounding corral, tents or cabins, the old hitching post, and the "Roosevelt Tree". There are numerous images of her fellow employees, most identified by first name. There are also images of employee events including a 4th of July masquerade and horseback riding. The photographs show a number of animals interacting with the staff including several black bear cubs and "Billy" the elk. More scenic views of Yellowstone include images of Giant Geyser, Jupiter Terrace, and the Lamar Valley. At the beginning of the album there are also several images of the 8th grade class of Manhattan, Montana.

The album offers a very early view of Camp Roosevelt and depicts the life of a concessioner employee prior to the merger that formed the Yellowstone Park Company.

ORGANIZATION

The album remains in its original order.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Georgia Dover, 2005.

RESTRICTIONS

NO

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

File Unit Nbr	Title
01	Photograph album