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MARGARET AHERN WERTMAN PAPERS

ca. 1930

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HISTORY

Margaret Ahern Wertman, born. 1908, attended the University of Chicago. She worked for the Yellowstone Park Camps Company (YPCC) as a "Pillow Puncher" or maid at Lake Lodge one summer sometime between 1928-1930. Her husband, Charlie John Wertman, was born in 1910, and died May 7, 1986. He was captain of the University of Nebraska Lincoln Rifle Team and was Wolf Day Company K 2nd Lieutenant. He graduated with the class of 1931. Travel records indicated he traveled by plane from Honolulu to Portland on November 13, 1948. The travel register shows his residence as Minneapolis, Minnesota. Their daughter, Holly Margaret Wertman was born in Minnesota on May 15, 1949. Charlie's last residence was in Seattle, Washington.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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VOLUME .12 LF

DESCRIPTION

One leather bound photograph album. The cover has a hand painted Indian Paintbrush flower and "Yellowstone Park" embossed on it. A cloth lining is sewn to the leather on the interior. The inside cloth cover has a Yellowstone Park sticker. The design of the sticker is an iconic Yellowstone landscape with a 1920s automobile containing passengers in silhouette. The black and white prints, both published and original are glued to black paper and some have penned labels directly on the image.

Original prints include the following subjects: Lake Ranger Station, Lake employee housing "Rat's Nest", "Heavers" or waitresses, "Tent Girls" staff, view of Lake cabins and Yellowstone Lake, Twin Bed section of Lake cabins,

Snooty [Thomas Nutter], Margaret Ahern (Wertman), West Thumb parking lot with automobiles, possibly Kepler Cascades, Wylie Camp (Canyon?), staff in costume, Lake Hotel, Fishing Bridge, and moon over Yellowstone Lake.

Published prints by Haynes Photoshop include: Lake Lodge (interior and exterior), Old Faithful Geyser, Upper Falls, Lower Falls, bears at Roosevelt Lodge, and Sylvan Lake with Top Notch Peak.

Also included is a copy of the Christmas 1930 Edition of 'White Caps', the newsletter of the Savages employed at Lake. Holly Wertman points out in the donor correspondence that her mother is mentioned in the first column. Also, in the second column, it is reported that Snooty Thomas and Jimmy Nutter (a gear jammer or driver for YPCC) were married. Snooty is labeled in one of the album images.

ORGANIZATION

Original order was retained.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Margaret A. Wertman, 1999.

RESTRICTIONS

NO

ASSOCIATED MATERIALS

White Caps: The Crest of the Scandal, Waves from Yellowstone Lake VOL. II, NO. 1, Christmas 1930
 Copy: History-YNP-Employees (White Caps)
 Original: Map Cabinet B1-A
Yellowstone National Park Research Library

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1 of 1

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Title

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Margaret Ahern Wertman Photo Album

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White Caps: "The Crest of the Scandal, Waves from Yellowstone Lake"