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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

C0256

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Unit Date

1904, 1930s

Language

French

Summary

Two photograph albums that document a trip through North America by French speakers in 1904.

Creator

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

Extent

1 Linear Feet 2 boxes

Physical Location

R50, C3, S1

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

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Historical Information

By the early 1900s, photographic technology was becoming significantly more advanced. As the Victoria and Albert Museum's page on photographic processes notes, gelatin-silver prints "by 1895 had generally replaced albumen prints because they were more stable, did not turn yellow, and were simpler to produce." Train travel during the early 1900s provided transportation with ease and efficiency that would have been unimaginable 50 years earlier. Transcontinental journeys that took months by wagon or by ship in 1850 could take only weeks by 1900, encouraging more recreational travel.

Scope and Content

This collection contains approximately 500 photographic prints in two bound volumes that document a trip to the United States, Mexico, and Canada by a French-speaking person or group sailing from Le Havre in Normandy, France. On the first page is handwritten "Voyage en Amerique, Avril-Mai 1904." The photographs include multiple views of U.S. cities including New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Minneapolis, New Orleans, San Antonio, San Francisco, and Seattle. The images of Mexico include people, landscapes, and churches, including the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The images of Canada are largely rural and include Niagara Falls. The photographs also show multiple views from the railroad coach since that was the main mode of transportation used to travel across the country. There are also four unmounted prints that show Midtown Manhattan and New Orleans. They appear to be from the 1930s and unrelated to the rest of the photographs, although they have descriptions written in French on the back.

Keywords

Photographic prints

Railroad travel -- United States

Bibliography

Arrangement

Photographs are contained in two volumes, labeled "Amerique I" and "Amerique 2," and are arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Amerique I

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/99702

Unit Date April-May 1904

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Amerique II

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/99703

Unit Date April-May 1904

Mixed Materials 2 (box)