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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

WLU.Coll.0567

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1877-circa 1917

Language

English

Creator

Shirkey, Alan R.

Extent

0.02 Linear Feet 2 folders

Repository

Washington and Lee University, University Library Special Collections and Archives

Administrative Information

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Purchased at auction from the estate of Alan R. Shirkey in 2021.

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Biographical Note

Alan Ray Shirkey was born on February 19, 1949 in Lexington, Va to Carl and Marguerite Shirkey. He graduated from Harrisonburg High School in 1967 and taught at the Fishburne Military School from 1972 until he retired in 2008.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains historic photographs collected by Alan R. Shirkey. Subjects include Natural Bridge, Jordan/Rockbridge Alum Springs, Lexington, and Buena Vista. The photographers were local and included Michael Miley.

Keywords

Buena Vista (Va.)
Lexington (Va.)
Virginia -- Natural Bridge
Miley, Michael, 1841-1918

Description of Subordinate Components

Mounted photograph of Mary and Jen Crigler

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Unit Date circa 1900-1917

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Additional Information

The women are both holding open umbrellas and were photographed standing next to "Virginia Mourning Her Dead" monument at VMI

Cabinet card of Homer Parker, Lewis Dickinson, John Dickinson, and Ben Roberts

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Unit Date circa 1895-1915

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Additional Information

The men were photographed with trees behind them. They are wearing suits and three of them are holding a hat. The fourth has a hat propped next to him while he is gripping the handle of an umbrella.

Stereoview of a group of people at Rockbridge Alum Springs, Va.

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Unit Date 1877 August

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Additional Information

Miss Nellie Taylor of Baltimore, Miss Molly Bach of Buffalo, NY, Dr. B. Whitelen[?] of Baltimore, James S. [?] of Baltimore and Thomas Phangdin[?] of Baltimore. The three men and two women were photographed by Michael Miley picnicking. The women are sitting and the men are laying down. There is a gazebo behind them.

Cabinet card photograph of Alex Moore and William Brown

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Unit Date circa 1895-1910

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Additional Information

Miller's Studio, Buena Vista, Va. photographer. Moore and Brown are seated in a horse-drawn carriage on a road in Buena Vista. There are a few buildings visible behind them including S. R. Duvall & Co.

Cabinet card of an unidentified group of people

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Unit Date circa 1900-1915

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Additional Information

Miller's Studio, Buena Vista, Va. photographer. The image is of a group of people posed in front of a tree with a wooden structure in the background. A tent is partially visible on the left side of the image. The group includes men, women, and children. Several of the individuals are holding plates. Given how the group is dressed, this image could have captured attendees at a wedding.

Stereoview of Jordan Alum Springs

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Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

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Additional Information

Michael Miley photographer, Col. John W. Cameron proprietor, a horse and carriage are visible

Stereoview of Jordan Alum Springs

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Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

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Additional Information

Michael Miley photographer, the resort is viewed from a distance

Stereoview of Jordan Alum Springs

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Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

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Additional Information

Michael Miley photographer, Col. John W. Cameron proprietor, image is of an unidentified individual sitting on the ground off of a dirt pathway

Stereoview of an unidentified resort

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Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

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Additional Information

Possibly either Rockbridge Alum Springs Grand Hotel or Rockbridge Baths Hotel

Engraving on card stock of Hotel Buena Vista

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Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

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Container 4 (folder)

Additional Information

The South Publishing Company, Fine Engravers and Printers, New York

Photographic print view of Buena Vista

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Unit Date 1919 July 4

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Cabinet card of downtown Lexington

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Unit Date circa 1890s

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Additional Information

Corner of Main and Washington Streets looking south on Main

Carte de visite of Natural Bridge

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/35636

Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

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Container 5 (folder)

Additional Information

Reverse side of image is an advertisement for the site and includes information such as the feature's size, its location, how to access it, and the existence of the Natural Bridge Hotel. Edward H. Fisher is listed as superintendent.

Cabinet card of Natural Bridge

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Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

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Container 5 (folder)

Additional Information

Albumen print, mounted, copyright by Jeannette M. Appleton, Natrual Bridge Photo Co., the reverse includes historical information about the site

Stereoview of Natural Bridge, Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/35638

Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

Mixed Materials [35101206266541] Manuscripts Small Collections Box 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Additional Information

Michael Miley photographer, image is of the water that flows under the Natural Bridge. The reverse includes information about the site.

Stereoview of Natural Bridge

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Unit Date circa 1890s-1910

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Additional Information

Michael Miley photographer, the reverse includes information about the site and a list of other available stereoscopic views