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REXFORD SHEILD PAPERS
1910s, 1960

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HISTORY

Rexford M. Sheild worked in Yellowstone National Park as a concession employee for the Yellowstone Park Hotel Company. In 1910, he was a clerk and telegraph operator at the Canyon Hotel. In the winters of 1910 and 1911 he was the secretary to the superintendent of hotels and a winterkeeper at the Canyon Hotel. He then worked as a M-Y guide, first at Norris Basin in 1911, then at Upper Geyser Basin and Old Faithful Inn in 1912. Finally, he was a transportation agent at Mammoth Hot Springs in 1917, the first year automobiles were allowed in the park. He later became an attorney and lived in Salem, South Dakota.

DESCRIPTION

The collection consists of photograph albums, photographic prints, and ephemera of Rexford M. Sheild's time as a concessions employee for the Yellowstone Park Hotel Company in Yellowstone National Park in the 1910s. The albums show the park from a concessions employee viewpoint including geysers, wildlife, and fellow employees. Both albums also contain considerable documentation of the winter season at the Canyon Hotel, including skiing, snowshoeing, and other snow scenes in the Canyon area. There is also some memorabilia, including an M-Y ribbon, business cards, and YPC labels. There is also a photograph and card from an employee reunion in 1960. The collection is notable for its documentation of an early winter season at the no longer extant Canyon Hotel.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Robert C. Sheild, 1996.

AVAILABILITY

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