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JANET & ELLIOTT C. BARNES PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS 1902

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HISTORY

Janet and Elliott C. Barnes, along with their son Elliott, visited Yellowstone National Park in 1902. The Barnes family travelled from Bismark, North Dakota, along with Dr. and Mrs. (Dr.) Eaton and Gracia Jenks. According to a probably later note added to the inside of the first album, the group shipped horses and wagons to Livingston, Montana, (via railroad) and drove the rest of the distance to the Park.

It seems likely that the Mrs. (Dr.) Eaton was Dr. Cora Smith Eaton and Gracia Jenks was Gracia L. Jenks, both prominent members of the suffrage movement. According to the University of North Dakota Women's Center website, Cora Smith was born in 1867. She was a member of the University of North Dakota first graduating class in 1889 and later graduated from the National School of Elocution and Oratory in Philadelphia. Her mother, Sara Barnes Smith, was also a firm believer in women's rights. Beginning in 1887, she was an active worker and speaker for women's suffrage. At one point, she served as chairman of the Congressional Committee of the National Council of Women Voters. She graduated from Boston University School of Medicine with an M.D. in 1892 and returned (as Dr. Cora Smith Eaton) to Grand Forks, North Dakota. Licensed in October 1892, she was the first woman licensed in the state of North Dakota to practice medicine. Eventually, she was licensed to practice in almost half a dozen states. Dr. Eaton later moved to King County, Washington, where she remained active in the suffrage movement, was the first woman to ascend the East Peak of Mount Olympus, and was a member of the suffragist group that climbed Mt. Rainier during the Alaska-Yukon Exposition in 1909 and placed a "Votes for Women" banner at the summit.

It seems likely, given Dr. Eaton's mother's maiden name, that there was a familial relationship with Elliot C. Barnes, although this has not been confirmed. In 1900, the census lists the Barnes family as living in Manning Township, Burleigh County, North Dakota. On the census, the wife's name is listed as Jennie M. Elliott C. was born in New York in 1866, while Janet/Jennie hailed from North Dakota and was born in 1876. Their son, also known as "Chickadee", was born in 1897. Elliott, Sr., is listed as working as a stock raiser in 1900 and later appears to have worked as a supervisor in the maintenance division at the North Dakota State Penitentiary. According to Alberta Place Names, the family may have moved to Canada about 1905 to homestead on Little Jumpingpound Creek in Alberta. An Elliott C. Barnes of Banff, Alberta, is listed as a charter member of the Seattle Mountaineers Club, of which Dr. Eaton was an officer. It appears Elliott Sr. died in 1938 in Calgary.

Elliott, Jr., married Elizabeth Brayne of Calgary, Canada, and worked variously as a taxi driver and dispatcher for United Cabs, raised and trained thoroughbred race horses and riding horses, manager at Maytag Appliances, co-owner of Barnes Transfer (a trucking company) and an import/export business, and owner of Calgary's Horsemen's Supplies. The couple had two children, Betty and Marilyn, and lived in the Belvedere Subdivision (CalgaryMemories.com).

Gracia L. Jenks lived in Stillwater, Minnesota, and was a member of the same suffrage organization to which Dr. Eaton belonged while living in Minneapolis. In 1901, both served on the local organizing committee for the National American Convention which was held that year in Minneapolis.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

JANET & ELLIOTT C. BARNES PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS 1902

CATALOG NUMBER YELL 192400

VOLUME 0.2 LF

DESCRIPTION Three photograph albums of a trip through Yellowstone National Park in July and August of 1902 by Janet and Elliot C. Barnes, Drs. Robert A. and Cora Smith Eaton, and Gracia L. Jenks.

The collection consists of three Hogarth Drawing Tablets containing what appear to be albumen photographs affixed to the paper pages with corner slots.

The photographs depict a private camping trip through Paradise Valley, Montana, and Yellowstone National Park. Members of the group include Janet and Elliot C. Barnes, their son Elliot or "chickadee," who turns five during the journey, Drs. Robert A. and Cora Smith Eaton, and Gracia L. Jenks. The campers, also known as "sagebrushers", travel by horse and wagon and camp in canvas tents.

The photographs largely depict scenic and geothermal views including the Absaroka and Red Mountains as well as Emigrant, Bunsen, and Electric Peaks and Mounts Sheridan and Washburn, Eagle Craig, and the Hoodoos. There are also views of the Yellowstone, Gardner, Boiling, and Firehole Rivers, including the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone; Upper, Lower, Osprey, Lewis, and Gibbon Falls; Virginia and Kepler Cascades; Obsidian Creek; and Yellowstone, Heart, Shoshone, Riddle, and Lewis Lakes. Geothermal features include Mammoth Terraces (Angel and Jupiter), Liberty Cap, Surprise Pool, Sapphire Pool, Green Dragon Spring, and the Lower, Upper, and Norris Geyser Basins. Specific geysers depicted are: Constant, Hurricane or Mud, Black Growler, Minute Man, Monarch, Fountain, Clepsydra, Jewel, Giantess, Old Faithful, Giant, Sawmill,

Castle, Grotto, Mortar, Riverside, Beehive, Turban, and Lone Star. Other images include a beaver dam, a black bear at Fountain Hotel garbage dump, and a string of fish.

Manmade features include Camp Sheridan, Bunsen Peak Road, Larry's Hotel (2nd Shack Hotel), Upper Geysers Basin soldier station, a bridge over McCune's irrigation canal, the (Northern Pacific) railroad, a variety of tent camps, workmen building a water flume on the Gardner River, a firearm registration sign, and a sign at Continental Divide. Images of people are Yankee Jim (James George), Dr. Cora Smith Eaton, Dr. Robert A. Eaton, Elliot C. Barnes, Elliot "Chickadee" Barnes, and a woman labeled "Billy Miller" who is likely Janet Barnes.

ORGANIZATION

The albums remain in their original order.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Marilyn Jones, 1996.

RESTRICTIONS

NO

CONTAINER LIST**Box 1**

File Unit Nbr	Title
01	Photograph album, 1902
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