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HISTORY

Cecilia Engel is, according to Social Security and Census records, Cecilia F. Engel, born September 1, 1895 in Michigan and deceased February 12, 1989 in Flint MI. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Indiana. The 1930 Census for Kalamazoo, MI records her as a public school teacher and sister to Minnie M. Engel, a grocer clerk, born 1889. They were both single and lived together. According to the 1910 census, Amelia Moeller that traveled with Cecilia to Yellowstone in 1924, may be the same Amelia Moeller that lived in Hillsdale, MI. The census states she too was a public school teacher with parents, Augustus and Louise, born in Germany and became United States citizens in the 1870s. She was born in 1886 and had a brother named Julius born 1883. It is possible the two women knew each other through the public school systems.

A personal article in the scrapbook states the two women left Kalamazoo on August 6, 1924 and traveled to Chicago on the Michigan Central Railroad. After taking a Pullman Company line to St. Paul and spent August 7th there, they left at 11 p.m. on the Northern Pacific to Cody, WY. At some point Lula from Albany, IL and Emily from Washington, D.C. joined them and the four traveled through Yellowstone National Park using the Yellowstone Park Camps Company amenities via the Yellow Buses. They traveled to Lake, Canyon, Mammoth, Old Faithful, and then left from West Yellowstone to continue their trip in Salt Lake City. From Salt Lake City they took the train through the Royal Gorge to Colorado Springs, CO and ascended Pikes Peak on or near August 17, 1924. After arriving in Denver, CO, it appears they visited Rocky Mountain National Park and Estes Park, CO. Then began the return trip home from Denver to St. Louis again on a Pullman Company train and arrived in St. Louis on August 23, 1924. The final leg of the trip mentioned was from St. Louis to Chicago via the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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DESCRIPTION One scrapbook and 10 loose black and white prints. The prints were most likely not part of the album. Cecilia Engel created the scrapbook regarding her trip with friends to the Western United States, August 6-23, 1924. The majority of the scrapbook is about the Yellowstone Park Camps Co. (YPCC) camp facilities in Yellowstone National Park.

Cecilia created a scrapbook of the trip with photographs, descriptions, poems, songs, and collected images and text from various brochures or handouts. She goes into great detail about the camps' employees and their nicknames such as Pack Rat, Savage, and Heavers. The format of the images included is black and white prints, postcards, and published printed material. The images documenting their Yellowstone segment of the trip include: all the women in the party, Corkscrew Bridge, Shoshone River railroad with tunnel and dam, Cody Inn, unlabeled tent camps, Lunch Stop building on the way to Lake, Lake Camp, Lake Lodge, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Grand Canyon Hotel (Canyon Hotel), view of Lower Falls from Uncle Tom's Trail, view from YPCC camp of Lower Falls at Canyon, Mammoth Terraces, Central Building at Mammoth Camp and interior, Mammoth Hotel, buffalo (bison) in Mammoth coral, Jupiter Terrace, Mammoth Camp cabins, a large hiking group near Old Faithful, Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Geyser, Punch Bowl [Spring], [Castle] Geyser, Morning Glory, Fountain, Handkerchief Pool, and Old Faithful Geyser Swimming Pool.

The rest of the images document an open pit mine with railroad (possibly Butte, Montana), the St. Paul Public Library, the Saltair Pavilion (Salt Lake City, Utah), Pikes Peak Auto Highway, Manitou Mineral Springs Bathhouse (Colorado), Garden of the Gods and Cave of the Winds in Manitou, Colorado, Cheyenne Canyon, Denver Gas and Electric Company Building, Estes Park Chalet (Colorado), and Great Lake inRocky Mountain National Park.

She also glued into the scrapbook Yellowstone Park Camps Company meal ticket, baggage ticket, plant specimens, train ticket stubs, Haynes postcards, and cut out images and articles from brochures and informational handouts (including geyser statistics for Upper, Lower and Norris Geyser Basin features).

ORGANIZATION Original order has been retained.

PROVENANCE Gift of Jim Fowler, Cecilia's son, 2008.

RESTRICTIONS NO

CONTAINER LIST

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01	Photographic prints, 1924
02	Scrapbook, 1924