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HOWARD C. KRUEGER PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM 1931

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HISTORY

Howard C. Krueger visited Yellowstone National Park in 1931. In 1997, he donated a photograph album documenting his trip to the Park. Little is known about Krueger or his visit. Based upon name and last known address, it is surmised that Krueger is the Howard C. Krueger who was born June 5, 1907, and passed away September 21, 2005, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. According to the newspaper notice he was preceded in death by his wife Maxine Hecker and was a brother of Roland Krueger. He had served in the Coast Guard during and after World War II and was a Mason.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

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VOLUME 0.2 LF

DESCRIPTION Photograph album and ephemera of a trip to Yellowstone National Park in 1931, via railroad and tour bus.

The collection consists of black and white photographs and ephemera affixed to black construction paper pages. The cover of the album is also black construction paper with the words "Yellowstone, 1931" and "HCKrueger" added in yellow paint in a flowing script.

Krueger travelled via the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company and the album begins with photographs of the rail journey through the North Dakota badlands and eastern Montana plains. There are also ticket stubs, baggage tags, and railroad timetables. In the Park, Krueger seems to have travelled by the Yellowstone Park Company tour bus, a photograph of which is included. He begins his classic Grand Loop tour at Old Faithful Lodge and the images show the Lodge, the dining hall, the interior of the dance hall, and the Old Faithful Inn. There are also views of the Firehole River and the Upper Geyser Basin, including Old Faithful, Castle, and Morning Glory geysers. Krueger then travels by horseback to Mystic Falls before heading to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. He hikes down the Canyon and there are images of the hikers with their box cameras. The next stop is Mount Washburn, including an image of the fire lookout, followed by Tower Falls, and then Yellowstone Lake. There are also views of Mammoth Hot Springs, including one of the tennis court, and the Mammoth Terraces, including Liberty Cap. Krueger then exits the Park via Shoshone Canyon along what is now the Buffalo Bill Scenic Byway. Additional images include views of bears and deer, a photographer

(possibly Krueger) with a camera and tripod, a Ranger Naturalist giving a lecture near Old Faithful, and a ranger's residence with an antler fence. The only individual identified is a young girl named Joan Ann Crawford. Intermixed with the photographs are several Yellowstone Transportation Company brochures highlighting activities at various venues. The album serves as a counterpoint to the many automobile tourist albums available and documents the typical trip experienced by those visiting via rail and touring bus.

ORGANIZATION The album remains in its original order.

PROVENANCE Gift of Howard C. Krueger, 1997.

RESTRICTIONS NO

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

File Unit Nbr	Title
01	Photograph album
02	Ephemera