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Guide to the Mattie C. Avery Photograph Album, 1887-1890

Title

Mattie C. Avery Photograph Album (P 265)

Dates

1887-1890 (inclusive)

Creator

Avery, Mattie C., 1873-1962

Summary

The Mattie C. Avery Photograph Album was assembled by Avery, an 1892 graduate of Oregon Agricultural College. The photographs include images of several college buildings, Celilo Falls and the Columbia River Gorge, a geyser and waterfall (likely at Yellowstone), and a military camp.

Quantity

0.1 cubic foot, including 35 photographs (1 oversize box)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Mattie Avery graduated from Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) in 1892. The granddaughter of Corvallis pioneer, Joseph C. Avery, Mattie was born in Paisley, Oregon, in 1873 and apparently attended St. Mary's Academy in Portland before enrolling at OAC.

Avery married John Fulton in 1897 and lived in Corvallis until her death in 1962 while visiting in California. John Fulton, also an 1892 graduate of OAC, was a professor of chemistry at Oregon State from 1892 until his retirement in 1940. Fulton was an avid photographer and the OSU Archives photographic collections include many images attributed to him. It is not known if he made any of the photographs in this album.

Content Description

The Mattie C. Avery Photograph Album consists of photograph prints assembled by Mattie Avery. The title page is inscribed "Mattie C. Avery, St. Mary's Academy, Portland, Oregon; June 10, 1887". The images represent a wide range of subjects and most are not identified. Subjects depicted in the photographs include views of buildings in Scotland and England; Arlington, Virginia and Mount Vernon; a military camp; a geyser and waterfall (likely at Yellowstone National Park); Celilo Falls and other views of the Columbia River Gorge; and two images of Oregon Agricultural College buildings.

The Oregon Agricultural College photographs include an image of the original Corvallis College building in downtown Corvallis and a view of the original Mechanical Hall on the site of the current campus. This image also includes Alpha Hall in the background and a garden of the college farm in the foreground.

Preferred Citation

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Related Material

Materials pertaining to the Avery family are available in the Memorabilia Collection.

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Organizations

Corvallis College--Buildings.

Oregon Agricultural College--Buildings.

Topics

College buildings--Oregon--Corvallis.

Geographical Names

Celilo Falls (Wash.)

Columbia River Gorge (Or. and Wash.)

Yellowstone National Park.

Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photograph albums.