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Stereoview Photograph Collection

An inventory of the Stereoview Photograph Collection at DC Public Library

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | People's Archive, MLK Library |
| Title: | Stereoview Photograph Collection |
| ID: | P027 |
| Date [inclusive]: | Undated |
| Physical Description: | 1 Boxes |
| Language of the Material: | English |
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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of 45 stereoviews depicting various scenes and persons from the District of Columbia. Stereoviews, also called "stereocards" or "stereotypes," are two nearly identical card-mounted images placed side by side. When viewed through a stereo viewer or stereograph, they give the image a three-dimensional effect. They were very popular from 1854 through the mid-1930s and often illustrate historic and exotic locations.

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Arrangement

Processed without series.

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Administrative Information

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Custodial History

Images transferred from the Washington Historic Image Collection (HIC) in 2006. There is no deed of gift and it is uncertain as to how the library acquired the majority of these photographs. A few images do note the donor on the rear of the image.

Processing Information

Most images were originally housed with the Washington Historic Image Collection (HIC), while others were assembled from various donors. During preservation work on the HIC, it was decided to create one unified collection to decrease the likelihood of further damage to the photographs. Those images from the HIC often had a negative created for each image. A sticker containing the negative number was then affixed to the image. Often the number was affixed to the front of the mounting and repeatedly to the image itself. The stickers will remain attached because their removal might cause irreversible damage to the image. The assembled images were each assigned a number, placed in a protective sleeve and then stored in an archival box. An image list was created and is attached.

Conditions Governing Use

There are no restrictions on viewing the prints from the collection. All photographs are in the public domain, therefore there are no restrictions on reproduction. Reproductions should appear with the proper attribution indicating that the photograph is housed in the Stereoview Photograph Collection and indicate that they appear "courtesy of the DC Public Library, Special Collections."

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Controlled Access Headings

- Photographs
- Buildings
- Neighborhoods
- Parks
- Monuments

Collection Inventory

Series 1

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Man next to boat with Long Bridge in background, undated | Box 1 | Folder 1 |
| Three children near old capitol prison building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 2 |
| Carriage near Chain Bridge, undated | Box 1 | Folder 3 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Negative Number: 7752 | | |
| Pennsylvania Avenue and U.S. Capitol from Treasury Building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 4 |
| Washington Monument, undated | Box 1 | Folder 5 |
| Railroad tracks on Long Bridge, undated | Box 1 | Folder 6 |
| Graves at Arlington National Cemetery, undated | Box 1 | Folder 7 |
| Women of the Food Administration during World War I, undated | Box 1 | Folder 8 |
| Soldiers' Home, undated | Box 1 | Folder 9 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Negative Number: 6406 | | |
| First Presbyterian Church, undated | Box 1 | Folder 10 |
| Arlington House in Arlington National Cemetery, undated | Box 1 | Folder 11 |
| West Front of U.S. Capitol and Botanic Garden, undated | Box 1 | Folder 12 |
| President William McKinley, undated | Box 1 | Folder 13 |
| Policeman near Andrew Jackson statue in Lafayette Park, undated | Box 1 | Folder 14 |
| Carriage outside War Department building, undated | | |

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| | Box 1 | Folder 15 |
| Department of Agriculture building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 16 |
| Interior of Smithsonian Institution, undated | Box 1 | Folder 17 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Negative Number: 8079 | | |
| Botanic Garden with west front of U.S. Capitol in background, undated | Box 1 | Folder 18 |
| Smithsonian Institution, undated | Box 1 | Folder 19 |
| Washington Monument from Tidal Basin (colorized), undated | Box 1 | Folder 20 |
| Cannons on the U.S. Arsenal grounds, undated | Box 1 | Folder 21 |
| U.S. Patent Office building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 22 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Negative Number: 4422 | | |
| Interior of U.S. Patent Office building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 23 |
| U.S. Patent Office building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 24 |
| Treasury Department building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 25 |
| U.S. Post Office building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 26 |
| Interior of White House – East Room, undated | Box 1 | Folder 27 |
| White House – South side, undated | Box 1 | Folder 28 |
| White house – North front, undated | Box 1 | Folder 29 |
| Scope and Contents | | |
| Negative Number: 7319 | | |
| White House – South side, undated | Box 1 | Folder 30 |
| Aerial View of U.S. Capitol looking toward Potomac River, undated | Box 1 | Folder 31 |
| U.S. Capitol – East side, undated | Box 1 | Folder 32 |
| U.S. Capitol and proposed Lincoln monument (never built), undated | Box 1 | Folder 33 |
| Statue of Civilization – East Portico, US Capitol, undated | Box 1 | Folder 34 |
| U.S. Capitol – East side, undated | Box 1 | Folder 35 |
| U.S. Capitol rotunda – Brumidi's Allegorical Painting, undated | Box 1 | Folder 36 |
| U.S. Capitol rotunda – Brumidi's Allegorical Painting, undated | Box 1 | Folder 37 |
| House of Representatives Chamber – U.S. Capitol, undated | | |

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| | Box 1 | Folder 38 |
| House of Representatives Chamber – U.S. Capitol, undated | Box 1 | Folder 39 |
| U.S. Capitol – East side, undated | Box 1 | Folder 40 |
| Embarkation of the Pilgrims – U.S. Capitol rotunda, undated | Box 1 | Folder 41 |
| Senate Chamber – U.S. Capitol, undated | Box 1 | Folder 42 |
| U.S. Capitol and proposed Lincoln monument (never built), undated | Box 1 | Folder 43 |
| U.S. Capitol – East side, undated | Box 1 | Folder 44 |
| East entrance to U.S. Capitol, undated | Box 1 | Folder 45 |
| Pennsylvania Avenue, with U.S. Capitol in background, undated | Box 1 | Folder 46 |

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Negative Number: 7742

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