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Abstract

This collection contains dozens of family photographs from the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century, exhibiting a range of early photographic technology including albumen prints, tintypes and cyanotypes, as well as gelatin silver prints.

Creator

Larkin family

Physical Characteristics

0.5 linear ft. (2 boxes)

Repository

George Mason University. Special Collections Research Center.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions on personal use. Permission to publish material from the Larkin family photograph collection must be obtained from Special Collections Research Center, George Mason University Libraries.

Acquisition Information

Collection donor unknown.

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Related Material

Special Collections Research Center also holds the [John Rapp, Jr. photograph collection](#).

Historical Information

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, photography was moving beyond experts and studios and becoming more widespread among non-specialists. Describing Kodak's invention of Eastman gelatin film in 1886, Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler and Diane Vogt-O'Connor say, "This process, in combination with the dry gelatin emulsion and Kodak's complete developing and printing service, encouraged amateur photography to boom" (45). Earlier popular photographic varieties such as tintypes (images on laquered iron common in the United States in the mid-to-late 1800s) and albumen prints (created using an egg-white emulsion common in the later 1800s) were gradually overtaken by gelatin silver prints as the main photographic medium in use by professionals and amateurs alike (Ritzenthaler and Vogt-O'Connor, 33-48). As the Victoria and Albert Museum's page on photographic processes notes, gelatin-silver prints "by 1895 had generally replaced albumen prints because they were more stable, did not turn yellow, and were simpler to produce" ('Photographic Processes'). The cyanotype, created using the same process used to make blueprints, never quite achieved the popularity of any of these processes (see Ritzenthaler and Vogt-O'Connor, 33-34).

Scope and Content

This collection contains dozens of family photographs from the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, exhibiting a range of early photographic technology including albumen prints, tintypes and cyanotypes, as well as gelatin silver prints. A few of the photographs have been hand-tinted. Several photos contain inscriptions of photo studios--including G. W. Davis and Unique--with addresses indicating that many of them were taken in Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, or Richmond, VA. The photographs range from professional studio portraits to informal group pictures, which appear to have been taken in more rural locales. Several of the photos show Victorian interiors and exteriors as well as horse carriages, row-boats and railroad tracks. Few of the subjects are identified, but photo-envelopes with the collection include the names Ceyton R. Larkin, Charles Rozier Larkin, Paul S. Williams, and Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

Index Terms

Subjects:

Domestic life. Washington (D.C.)

Document Types:

Albumen prints.
Cyanotypes.
Portraits.
Tintypes.

Bibliography

Ritzenthaler, Mary Lynn, and Diane O'Connor, with Helena Zinkham et al. "Photographs: Archival Care and Management." Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2006.

[Victoria and Albert Museum, 'Photographic Processes,' accessed April 13, 2015.](#)

Arrangement

Organized largely by photograph type.

Contents List

[Level 1 Items]

Photograph envelopes and receipts from developers,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of man and boy,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of man with horse and carriage,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of child with bicycle,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of child,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of woman and two children,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of women in a field,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of a child,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Mounted silver gelatin print of child on a horse,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Tintype of three men,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1880s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Tintype of a boy and a baby,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1880s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Tintype of a man and woman,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1880s

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Container 12 (Folder)

Tintype of a man in glasses,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1880s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Two gelatin silver prints of a toddler,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Two gelatin silver prints of children,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Two gelatin silver prints of a girl and toddler,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a girl at a piano,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Three gelatin silver prints - a man on a horse and young men on a stoop,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a man, woman, and girl,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of a young man,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a man in a hat,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print photographs of a woman,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints - a woman and an outdoor structure,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Mounted prints of a young boy, possibly albumen,

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Two silver gelatin prints of three men on a stoop,

Unit Date early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Silver gelatin print of a man with a lawn mower,

Unit Date circa 1910-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Albumen print of three children and article on King George of Greece's jubilee,

Unit Date circa 1888

Container 1 (Box)

Container 27 (Folder)

Silver gelatin print of a man and woman,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 28 (Folder)

Albumen carte-de-visite of three children,

Unit Date circa 1888

Container 1 (Box)

Container 29 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin print of a group of people,

Unit Date circa 1890s-early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 30 (Folder)

Tintype of a young man in a frame,

Unit Date circa 1970s-1980s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 31 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of three women, man and a child,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 32 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of two women,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 33 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print a man and a young child,

Unit Date circa 1910s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 34 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of women with boats,

Unit Date circa early 1900s-1910s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 35 (Folder)

Albumen prints of infants,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 36 (Folder)

Three mounted albumen prints of a boy and girl,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 37 (Folder)

Two gelatin silver prints of a house,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 38 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a man with a horse and carriage,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 39 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a man riding a horse,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 40 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a man sitting,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 41 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of a woman and child,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 42 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a man and woman laughing,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 43 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of a house,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 44 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a woman,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 45 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a home after snowfall,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 46 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a dining room,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 47 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a river, possibly Great Falls of the Potomac,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 48 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of four young women ,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 49 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a man in a suit,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 50 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of railroad tracks,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 51 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a child,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 52 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of women and an infant,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 53 (Folder)

Three gelatin silver prints of a man,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 54 (Folder)

Two gelatin silver prints of three men,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 55 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of a dock with boats,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 56 (Folder)

Cyanotypes of outdoor scenes,

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 57 (Folder)

Cyanotypes of a man and woman,

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 58 (Folder)

Cyanotypes of men, women, and children,

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Container 1 (Box)
Container 59 (Folder)

Cyanotypes of women and children ,

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 60 (Folder)

Cyanotypes of men and a woman,

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 61 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of buildings and a river in the snow,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 62 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of a man in a suit,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 63 (Folder)

Carte de visite of a young man in a uniform,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 64 (Folder)

Carte de visite of a young man in a uniform,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 65 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of a woman and an infant,

Unit Date circa early 1900s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 66 (Folder)

Gelatin silver prints of children and a woman in a wheelchair,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 67 (Folder)

Gelatin silver portrait of a young girl,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 68 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a man in a suit,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s
Container 1 (Box)
Container 69 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of three women,

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 70 (Folder)

Gelatin silver print of a group of people outside,

Unit Date circa early 1900s-1910s

Container 1 (Box)

Container 71 (Folder)

Report card, class photograph, and family photograph (mounted),

Unit Date 1900s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of a child outdoors,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver print of a child on a horse,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Mounted gelatin silver prints of a young child outdoors,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Mounted print of an infant,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Mounted prints of an infant,

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Gelatin silver and albumen prints of men, women, and children,

Unit Date circa 1880s-early 1900s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Albumen print of Francis Norville Larkin, photographic postcards, gelatin silver prints, hand-tinted gelatin silver prints, envelopes from photographic developers in Manassas and Charlottesville, VA,

Unit Date circa 1880s-1918

Container 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Cartes de visite of various Larkin family members and others, other mounted photographs,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Cartes de visite, possibly a photogravure,

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Container 2 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)