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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

Extent

0.5 Linear Feet 2 boxes

Repository

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There are no access restrictions.

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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." 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.

Related Material

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

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Photography -- Printing processes -- Albumen
Portraits
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Domestic life
Photographs
Portrait photographs
Photographic prints
Gelatin silver prints
Cyanotypes
Albumen prints

Bibliography

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

Arrangement

Organized largely by photograph type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Contents list

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113776

Unit Date circa 1870s-1920s

Scope and Contents note

Photograph envelopes and receipts from developers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113777

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a girl at a piano

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113778

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of man and boy

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113779

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of man with horse and carriage

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113780

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of child with bicycle

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113781

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of child

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113782

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of woman and two children

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113783

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of women in a field

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113784

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of a child

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113785

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted silver gelatin print of child on a horse

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113786

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Tintype of three men**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/113787**Unit Date** circa 1870s-1880s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Tintype of a boy and a baby****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/113788**Unit Date** circa 1870s-1880s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Tintype of a man and woman****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/113789**Unit Date** circa 1870s-1880s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Tintype of a man in glasses****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/113790**Unit Date** circa 1870s-1880s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Two gelatin silver prints of a toddler****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/113791**Unit Date** circa early 1900s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Two gelatin silver prints of children****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/113792**Unit Date** circa early 1900s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Scope and Contents note****Two gelatin silver prints of a girl and toddler****Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/113793**Unit Date** circa early 1900s**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Scope and Contents note**

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

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113794

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a man, woman, and girl

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113795

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of a young man

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113796

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a man in a hat

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113797

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print photographs of a woman

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113798

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints - a woman and an outdoor structure

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113799

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted prints of a young boy, possibly albumen

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113800

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Two silver gelatin prints of three men on a stoop

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113801

Unit Date early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Silver gelatin print of a man with a lawn mower

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113802

Unit Date circa 1910-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

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

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113803

Unit Date circa 1888

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Silver gelatin print of a man and woman

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113804

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Albumen carte-de-visite of three children

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113805

Unit Date circa 1888

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin print of a group of people

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113806

Unit Date circa 1890s-early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Tintype of a young man in a frame

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113807

Unit Date circa 1970s-1980s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of three women, man and a child

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113808

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of two women

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113809

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print a man and a young child

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113810

Unit Date circa 1910s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of women with boats

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113811

Unit Date circa early 1900s-1910s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Albumen prints of infants

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113812

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Three mounted albumen prints of a boy and girl

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113813

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Two gelatin silver prints of a house

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113814

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a man with a horse and carriage

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113815

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a man riding a horse

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113816

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a man sitting

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113817

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of a woman and child

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113818

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a man and woman laughing

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113819

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of a house

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113820

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 44 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a woman

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113821

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 45 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a home after snowfall

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113822

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 46 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a dining room

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113823

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 47 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

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

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113824

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 48 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of four young women

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113825

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 49 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a man in a suit

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113826

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 50 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of railroad tracks

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113827

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 51 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a child

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113828

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 52 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of women and an infant

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113829

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 53 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Three gelatin silver prints of a man

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113830

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 54 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Two gelatin silver prints of three men

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113831

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 55 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of a dock with boats

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113832

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 56 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Cyanotypes of outdoor scenes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113833

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 57 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Cyanotypes of a man and woman

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113834

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 58 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Cyanotypes of men, women, and children

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113835

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 59 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Cyanotypes of women and children

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113836

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 60 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Cyanotypes of men and a woman

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113837

Unit Date circa late 1800s-early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 61 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of buildings and a river in the snow

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113838

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 62 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of a man in a suit

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113839

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 63 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Carte de visite of a young man in a uniform

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113840

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 64 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Carte de visite of a young man in a uniform

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113841

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 65 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of a woman and an infant

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113842

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 66 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver prints of children and a woman in a wheelchair

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113843

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 67 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver portrait of a young girl

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113844

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 68 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a man in a suit

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113845

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 69 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of three women

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113846

Unit Date circa 1910s-1920s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 70 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Gelatin silver print of a group of people outside

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113847

Unit Date circa early 1900s-1910s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 71 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

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

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113848

Unit Date 1900s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of a child outdoors

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113849

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver print of a child on a horse

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113850

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted gelatin silver prints of a young child outdoors

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113851

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted print of an infant

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113852

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Mounted prints of an infant

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113853

Unit Date circa early 1900s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

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

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113854

Unit Date circa 1880s-early 1900s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

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 ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113855

Unit Date circa 1880s-1918

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

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

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113856

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Cartes de visite, possibly a photogravure

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/113857

Unit Date circa 1870s-1890s

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents note