

Charles Bloom Slide Collection - Finding Aid

Title

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Contact Information

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Language

English

Collection Creator

Charles Bloom

Dates Covered by Collection

1952-1989, bulk 1960s-1970s

Size of Collection

Approximately 6,900 slides (3 cubic feet)

Abstract

Charles Bloom was a librarian at Humboldt State University from 1952 until 1983 when he retired. The Charles Bloom Slide Collection consists of photographic slides he took while in northwestern California or traveling. His role as Faculty Advisor for the Boot and Blister Club, as well as an interest in conservation and the natural resources, led him to make extensive photo-documentation of his trips.

Access

The collection is open for use by appointment.

Copyright

Copyright has been assigned to the Humboldt State University Library.

Acquisition Information

The collection was gifted to the Library when Bloom died in 1998.

Biographical Information

Charles ("Charlie") Bloom was an avid outdoorsman and an excellent photographer. He enjoyed fly-fishing and gardening. After receiving MA and MLS degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, "Charlie" came to Humboldt State College in 1952 as a reference librarian, providing knowledgeable assistance in English and music. With the growth of the curriculum into the natural resources, he gained expertise in these fields and the other sciences and guided and assisted many of the growing number of students. He retired from the Library in 1983.

Scope and Content

The slide collection documents northwestern California from 1952 to 1989. Slide content reflects Bloom's interest in the natural resources; the majority consists of landscapes and local plant life, particularly flowers. Because of the extent of the time frame, Bloom frequently re-shot areas that he had previously visited. Humboldt State University retained the slide boxes that contain images pertaining to northwestern California. Bloom dated and titled each slide, usually in reference to the geographical location of the image. Bloom labeled the slide boxes according to general content. Slide boxes are housed in 18 3x5 index card boxes and arranged chronologically.

Subjects include:

- Animals

- Beaches

- Boot and Blister trips

- Dedications

- Fishing

- Flowers

- Homes/Ranches

- Humboldt State University (e.g. events, picnics, students/faculty, campus shots)

- Humboldt State University Library (e.g. construction, staff/faculty)

- Lakes/Lagoons (e.g. Big Lagoon)

- Landscapes/Scenic (e.g. mountains, valleys, rivers/streams, forests, sunsets)

- Towns (e.g. Trinidad, Arcata, Eureka, Crescent City)

Container List

Box 1: 1952 – 1957

Box 2: 1957 – 1960

Box 3: 1960 – 1961

Box 4: 1961 – 1963

Box 5: 1963 – 1964

Box 6: 1964 – 1965

Box 7: 1965 – 1967

Box 8: 1967 – 1968

Box 9: 1968 – 1969

Box 10: 1969 – 1970

Box 11: 1970 – 1972

Box 12: 1972 – 1974

Box 13: 1974 – 1976

Box 14: 1976 – 1977

Box 15: 1977 – 1979

Box 16: 1979 – 1981

Box 17: 1982 – 1983

Box 18: 1984 – 1989

Subject Headings

Humboldt State University – History – Pictorial Works

Humboldt County (Calif.) – History – Pictorial Works