

Basic Detail Report

Title Collection of Glass Plate Negatives

Date 1884-1886

Primary Maker Henry Lucius Hotchkiss

Medium Photography; negative emulsion on glass

Description Negatives documenting the family life of the photographer, Henry Lucius Hotchkiss (1842-1930), his wife, Jane Trowbridge Hotchkiss (Jennie), their daughters, Helen Trowbridge Hotchkiss and Elizabeth Trowbridge Hotchkiss (Elsie), their son, Henry Stuart Hotchkiss (Stuart), and other relatives and friends. Included are views of the exterior and interior of the family homes on Hillhouse Avenue and Temple Street, New Haven. Interiors include children's toys, gaslight fixtures, potted plants, ornamental screens, musical instruments such as banjos, and various furniture. Exteriors include views of the porches, lawn, trellis, fences, and trees, notably elm trees. Children are shown with sleds, tennis rackets, and baseball bats. A few negatives were taken at other locations in Connecticut, including Whitney Lake in Whitneyville (Hamden), Roaring Brook in Cheshire, and Litchfield. Other negatives were taken during family vacations at Little Boar's Head and Rye Beach, New Hampshire; Longwood, New Jersey; and in the Adirondacks. Some views include Adirondack-style rustic furniture, canoes, hammocks, horse-drawn vehicles, platform tents, or yachts.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (negative height x width): 8 x 10in. (20.3 x 25.4 cm)