

Rainier, Mount, 1897 Collection

Object ID	VM1993.016
Scope & Content	<p>This collection contains photographs of the Mazamas annual outing to Mount Rainier in July and August of 1897. Most of the photos were taken by Edward S. Curtis of Seattle. The images cover nearly all aspects of the trip except for the official climb from Camp Muir to the summit on Tuesday, July 27. There are three images which stand out. Image one shows a rescue party pulling a victim out of a crevasse. Image two shows three men, including Edward S. Curtis, backpacking using the best equipment of the time. Image three shows a group photo of a party of Mazamas on the summit of Pinnacle Peak. The collection also includes three photographs taken by Charles C. Lewis and one large print by George Weister which is stunning.</p> <p>In reference to the crevasse rescue photo in this collection, in 2007 David Rogers sent the Mazamas a non-archival copy of Edward S. Curtis photo number 163. (See MS2007.013) This photo is similar to but not the same as the photo of the crevasse rescue party in this collection. David said that both photos of the crevasse rescue party were reenactments in that Curtis came back later, after the original event, and staged his photos to recreate what had occurred. Notwithstanding the victim shown in both photos is in fact his father Walter Rogers.</p> <p>In 2008 Bridget Wanderer sent credible information that probably proves that the figure standing on the far left of the crevasse rescue party is her great-grandfather, Mazama member Harvey Forrest Mitchell. (See a series of e-mails in the people files.)</p>
Date	Monday July 19, 1897 to August 3, 1897
People	Curtis, Edward S. McClure, Edgar Mitchell, Harvey Forrest Pitcock, Henry L. Rogers, Walter
Subjects	Outings--Mazamas--1897--Mount Rainier Outings--Mazamas--1896--Crater Lake
Creator	Curtis, Edward S.
Container List	Document case 001 Approach Prints showing the Mazama party on their way to Mt. Rainier. Named locations include Longmire Springs. Document case 002 Basecamp Images of "Camp Mazama," the club's main camp at Paradise Park at timberline. Document case 003 Water Named locations are Narada Falls and Paradise River Document case 004 Cowlitz Valley Document case 005 Tatoosh Range Scenics of the Tatoosh Range from Paradise Park Document case 006 Pinnacle Peak climb Two images of a Mazama party climb of Pinnacle Peak including a group photo taken on the summit. Document case 007 Mt. Rainier scenics Document case 008 Mt. Rainier climb Mazama parties climbing above timberline, but no photos of the actual party climb to the summit Tuesday July 27, 1897. Document case 009 The rocks where Professor McClure was killed Document case 010 Crevasse Rescue This folder contains one photograph mounted on board showing a group of eight men pulling a ninth man out of a crevasse on Mt. Rainier. The photo was staged by the photographer Edward S. Curtis to re-enact the actual event at the actual place is occurred. The rescuer standing on the far left is probably Harvey Forrest Mitchell. Document case 011 Muir cabin at Muir Glacier Over A 012 Prints by Charles C. Lewis and O.C. Hutchinson Over B 013 Seven black and white prints in conservation mattes Over C 014 Climbers above Gibraltar Rock
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