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EDWARD CALVERT PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM
1898-1900

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VOLUME: 0.25 LINEAR FEET

HISTORY

Edward Calvert served in Fort Yellowstone, Yellowstone National Park from about 1898-1900. Originally from Bowling Green, Kentucky, he was a cadet at the United States Military Academy from 1888 to 1890. He then enlisted as a private, rising to 1st sergeant from 1898 to 1900, while serving at Fort Yellowstone. In the summer of 1900, he guided philanthropist Helen Miller Gould (later Shepard) around the park. Newspapers of the day reported that Gould—who had donated a significant amount towards the Spanish-American War in 1898—was impressed enough by his assistance that she recommended him for a commission when a vacancy arose. While this report cannot be confirmed, Calvert was indeed promoted to 2nd lieutenant in July 1900. By 1930, he had risen to the rank of colonel. Edward married Lucinda N. before 1910, and they had a daughter, Martha, about 1913. Calvert died in Leavenworth, Kansas, in March 1957.

DESCRIPTION

Photograph album of soldier Edward Calvert's service at Fort Yellowstone in Yellowstone National Park from 1898 to 1900. The album includes images of Helen Miller Gould (later Shepard) and her party touring the park, including images of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Yellowstone Lake, and wildlife such as elk and bison. There are also images of Fort Yellowstone, soldiers, and military drills, including mounted parade drills. The album is notable not only for its documentation of a VIP visit, but also for its views of the military at work within the Yellowstone National Park.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Louise Calvert Caldwell, 2009.

AVAILABILITY

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