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THOMAS FRANKLIN MATSON CCC PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS
1939-1940

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HISTORY

Thomas Franklin Matson served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Yellowstone National Park from 1939 to 1940. Matson served at Company #544 at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch with a main camp at Glen Creek near Mammoth, Wyoming, and Gardiner, Montana.

DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of a photograph album and scrapbook of Thomas Franklin Matson, who served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Yellowstone National Park, 1939-1940. The images depict life in camp #544 and work at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch and at the main camp at Glen Creek, near Mammoth, Wyoming, and Gardiner, Montana. There are many images of bison and the ranch operation as well as more general images of the park. There are also images of the enrollees, many identified by name. In addition to images, Matson wrote several thematic reminiscences depicting his time in the park, including a story about "Killing a Buffalo". The collection is notable for depicting one of the most unique CCC camps within the program and for documenting bison management operations of the time. The reminiscences also contribute to the potential research use of the materials.

PROVENANCE

Gift of Gary Matson, 2015.

AVAILABILITY

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