

# Ansel Adams:

## An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Adams, Ansel, 1902-1984
<b>Title:</b>	Ansel Adams Photography Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1929-1960, undated (printed later)
<b>Extent:</b>	2 oversize boxes (3 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection consists of thirty photographs by Ansel Adams. Eighteen of the photographs are from Adams' Yosemite Special Edition series, and six are from his Portfolios I and II.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Photography Collection PH-00039
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research.

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### Administrative Information

<b>Acquisition:</b>	Purchase, 1964; internal transfer, 1998; donation, 2015.
<b>Processed by:</b>	Kait Dorsky, 2016
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin</a>

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of thirty photographs by Ansel Adams. The majority of the photographs are of natural wilderness areas, many of which were taken in national parks. Eighteen of the photographs are from Adams' Yosemite Special Edition series, and six are from his Portfolios I and II. Standardized titles and dates for items from Adams' Yosemite Special Edition series were taken from the Center for Creative Photography's comprehensive website.

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## Related Material

Photograph (958:0079:0002) in Mabel Dodge Luhan Literary File Photography Collection.

Adams, Ansel. *Sierra Club Outing 1929*. San Francisco: Sierra Club, 1929.

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## Index Terms

### People

Adams, Ansel, 1902-1984

### Subjects

National parks & reserves -- California -- Photographs

Wilderness areas -- Pictorial works

### Places

Alaska

Death Valley National Park (Calif. and Nev.)

Hawaii

Joshua Tree National Park (Calif.)

Mount Rainier National Park (Wash.)

Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument (Ariz.)

Yosemite National Park (Calif.)

### Document Types

Gelatin silver prints

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**Prints, 1929-1960**

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0001** Dead Tree, Sunset Crater National Monument, Arizona, 1947. Gelatin silver print, 24.2 x 18.9 cm (image); 42 x 34.3 cm (mount). **Location**  
Box 1

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0002** Forest, Early Morning, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington, 1949. Gelatin silver print, 24.1 x 19.1 cm (image); 42.1 x 34.3 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0003** Roots, Foster Gardens, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1948. Gelatin silver print, 18.6 x 15.2 cm (image); 42 x 34.3 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0004** At Zabriskie Point, Death Valley National Monument, California, 1942. Gelatin silver print, 23.3 x 18.4 cm (image); 42 x 34.3 cm (mount). **Location**  
Box 2

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0005** Oak Tree, Snowstorm, Yosemite National Park, 1948. Gelatin silver print, 23.6 x 18.5 cm (image); 42 x 34.3 cm (mount). **Location**  
Box 1

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0006** Grass in Rain, Glacier Bay National Monument, Alaska, 1948. Gelatin silver print, 22.7 x 33.4 cm (image); 35.6 x 45.8 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0007** Rose and Driftwood, San Francisco, circa 1932. Gelatin silver print, 22.8 x 28.7 cm (image); 35.5 x 45.8 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0008** Rocks, Joshua Tree National Monument, California, 1942. Gelatin silver print, 18.8 x 23.9 cm (image); 32.6 x 39.4 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0009** Boards and Thistles, South San Francisco, 1932. Gelatin silver print, 23.1 x 16.7 cm (image); 38.7 x 33.1 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 964:0879:0010** Pine Cone and Eucalyptus Leaves, San Francisco, California, 1932. Gelatin silver print, 25.3 x 32.4 cm (image); 35.7 x 45.9 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 980:0166:0001** William Edward Colby and two unidentified men, 1929. Gelatin silver print, 15.1 x 20.1 cm (image); 25.1 x 30.3 cm (sheet).

**Accession Number: 998:0045:0001** Robert Balzer at the Vow Rock, 1960. Diffusion transfer print, 10.4 x 8.4 cm.

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0001** Yosemite Valley, circa 1933. Gelatin silver print, 19 x 24.7 cm (image); 32.8 x 40.4 cm (mount). **Location**  
Box 2

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0002** Bridalveil Fall, circa 1927. Gelatin silver print, 24.7 x 19.6 cm (image); 40.5 x 32.8 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0003** El Capitan, 1952. Gelatin silver print, 24.2 x 18.1 cm (image); 40.4 x 32.4 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0004** Yosemite Falls, undated. Gelatin silver print, 24.1 x 18.4 cm (image); 40.5 x 32.8 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0005** Half Dome, Merced River, Winter, circa 1938. Gelatin silver print, 19.5 x 24.2 cm (image); 32.8 x 40.4 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0006** Mirror Lake, 1935. Gelatin silver print, 19.4 x 24.3 cm (image); 32.4 x 40.4 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0007** Jeffrey Pine, 1945. Gelatin silver print, 17.9 x 23 cm (image); 32.8 x 40.3 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0008** Lake Tenaya, circa 1946. Gelatin silver print, 19.3 x 23.9 cm (image); 32.8 x 40.4 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0009** Morning, Merced River Canyon, circa 1950. Gelatin silver print, 19.1 x 24.4 cm (image); 32.8 x 40.4 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0010** Forest Detail, Winter, circa 1949. Gelatin silver print, 24.7 x 19.5 cm (image); 40.4 x 32.8 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0011** Oak Tree, Snow Storm, 1948. Gelatin silver print, 24.6 x 19.9 cm (image); 40.4 x 32.8 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0012** Moon and Half Dome, 1960. Gelatin silver print, 25 x 19 cm (image); 40.5 x 32.8 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0013** Upper Yosemite Falls, Spring, circa 1960. Gelatin silver print, 24.3 x 18.6 cm (image); 40.5 x 32.8 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0014** Ferns, 1948. Gelatin silver print, 23.9 x 18.4 cm (image); 40.4 x 32.9 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0015** Mt. Lyell and Mt. McClure, circa 1936. Gelatin silver print, 19.7 x 24.7 cm (image); 32.9 x 40.4 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0016** Young Oaks, Winter, 1950. Gelatin silver print, 19.3 x 24.7 cm (image); 32.9 x 40.5 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0017** El Capitan, Winter, circa 1952. Gelatin silver print, 24.3 x 18.9 cm (image); 40.2 x 32.9 cm (mount).

**Accession Number: 2015:0036:0018** Moonrise from Glacier Point, 1948. Gelatin silver print, 18.8 x 24 cm (image); 32.9 x 40.4 cm (mount).

