

Newport Historical Society

Guide to the Havemeyer Photographic Collection, 1894

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Descriptive Summary

Collection Identifier MS.113

Title Havemeyer Photographic Collection

Creator Havemeyer, Henry O.

Date 1894 (bulk 1935)

Extent Fourteen (14) photograph albums, 1897-1923; Nine (9) boxes of slides.

Abstract Henry Osborne Havemeyer (1847-1907), was a prominent American

industrialist and dominant figure in the sugar-refining business in the late 19th century. The photographs in this collection were taken in Newport and reflect 50 years of the photographer's life. Havemeyer, nephew of the sugar magnate Henry Havemeyer, Sr., was an amateur photographer and gentleman sportsman who lived the lifestyle of the idle rich during the heart of the Gilded Age. While developing his interest in photography, Havemeyer captured rare candid images of high society at play. Unusual views captured by Havemeyer include the Vanderbilts in bathing suits, the

children of "The 400" on an afternoon picnic, and a flirtatious Tilly

Oehlrichs exiting her Bailey's Beach cabana.

Scope and Content

The Havemeyer photographic collection comprises fourteen (14) photograph albums, dated 1897-1923, nine (9) boxes of slides, several oversized prints, and one box of copy prints. Several of the albums have been deconstructed for conservation purposes, and are now contained within six archival boxes.

Organization

The Havemeyer Photographic Collection is organized into three series:

Series 1. Photographic albums (MS.113.001) series

Series 2. Oversized prints (MS.113.002) series

Series 3. Photographic prints (MS.113.003) series

Subject Access

People Havemeyer, Henry O.

Access and Use

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Citation

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Administrative Information

Descriptive Rules Finding aid based on Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)

Processing Note The slides have not been located- if/when they are, a series should be

created as part of this collection.- KB 2021

The photographic album series (ms.113.001) was created in anticipation of boxes1-5 of the albums being digitized by Digital Ark in March 2021. Once the images have been uploaded to CA, the object records may be made

accessible to public.

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Inventory