Finding aid for the
Walter Chappell Collection
AG 118

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Creator

Chappell, Walter (1925-2000)

Abstract

This collection contains information found by Walter Chappell (1925-2000), photographer, during his research. Included are study prints, biographical information, and selected negative lists.

The collection is active.

Quantity/ Extent

Fraction of a linear foot.

Language of Materials

English

Biographical Note

Walter Chappell was born in Portland, Oregon in 1925. After his time in the service in World War II, he moved to San Francisco and became involved with Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, and Edward Weston. Upon a move to Rochester, New York he studied with Minor White at the George Eastman House where he was the curator of prints and exhibitions from 1957-1961. He was later affiliated with Aperture. Chappell died in 2000 in New Mexico.

(NYT Obituary)

Scope and Content Note

The Walter Chappell Collection contains biographical information, study prints, and a selected negative inventory pertaining to the work of Ray Jerome Baker (1880-1972), photographer. Material gathered by Chappell in Hawaii while doing research on Baker. The study prints were made by Chappell from original negatives housed at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Folder one contains original, handwritten inventory of select Baker’s negatives. Folder 2 has a biography of Baker’s life and bibliography of materials written by Baker. Folders three through five contain a total of sixteen study prints printed by Chappell from
Baker’s original negatives. The final folder houses a large envelope once used to mail photographs from the Bishop Museum to Chappell.

**Arrangement**

Series 1: Research materials (Box 1)

**Names and Subject Terms**

Chappell, Walter, 1925-2000  
Photography  
Baker, Ray Jerome, 1880-1972

**Restrictions**

**Conditions Governing Access**

Access to this collection requires an appointment with the Volkerding Study Center.

**Conditions Governing Use**

Some restrictions may apply. See the Archivist for information.

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**Provenance**

Collection given by Walter Chappell.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Processing Information**

The materials in Subgroup 1 were withdrawn from MISCELLANEOUS SMALL COLLECTIONS (AG 8, Subgroup 27) by Kristi Bradford, May 1990.

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**Container List**

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