Guide to the George Platt Lynes Scrapbooks

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 139

CREATOR: Lynes, George Platt, 1907-1955

TITLE: George Platt Lynes scrapbooks

DATES: circa 1900-1955

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.78 linear feet (6 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Two scrapbooks, with loose pages and items, containing clippings, original photographic prints (by Lynes and others, including PAJAMA and Brassai), postcards, and reproductions of artworks. These volumes document Lynes’s focus on photographic design elements and his developing aesthetic in his early years. Among the subjects represented are: Royal families; athletes; popular musical and film performers (with numerous images of Johnny Weismuller and Marlene Dietrich); nude models; Pavel Tchelitchew paintings and set designs; high fashion models; and humorous photographs from magazines. Ten of the loose pages feature contact prints of Lynes and his friends and family, including: Paul Cadmus; Katharine Anne Porter; Barbara and Lloyd Wescott; Adelaide Sparkman Lynes; Somerset Maugham; Jared French; Monroe Wheeler; and Glenway Wescott. Another loose page contains 26 prints of individuals posed as part of Max Ewing’s “Carnival in Venice” series.

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Processing Information
The scrapbook were received in fragile condition. Prior to cataloging, the volumes were treated at the NorthEast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Mass. The scrapbooks were first microfilmed in original condition. Pages were detached from original bindings, photographs and colored printed items were removed from pages, which were then deacidified and encapsulated in mylar. Locations of all removed items were recorded.

Existence and Location of Copies
Microfilm available

Associated Materials
Additional George Platt Lynes material can be found in the Glenway Wescott Papers [YCAL MSS 134], the Monroe Wheeler Papers [YCAL MSS 136], and George Platt Lynes Diaries and Memorabilia [YCAL MSS 147]. Max Ewing’s “Carnival in Venice” photo albums are classified under the call number: Za EW55 +G1 5

GEORGE PLATT LYNES (1907-1955)
George Platt Lynes was born on April 15, 1907 to Joseph Russell and Adelaide Sparkman Lynes in East Orange, New Jersey. He attended the Berkshire School, where Lincoln Kirstein was among his classmates. Considered inadequately prepared for college, George was sent to Paris, in the care of family cousins, Kate and Walter Hardy, with the goal of improving his basic preparatory subjects. In the heady milieu of literary Paris, he made the acquaintance of Réne Crevel and Gertrude Stein, with whom he began a decade-long correspondence. (see: YCAL MSS 76, Box 115, folder 2406 and YCAL MSS 77, Box 10, folder 136a).
Lynes eventually entered Yale University in the Fall of 1926, though he attended for only a single semester. A move to New York allowed Lynes to further his contact with the literary world he had been introduced to in Paris. In January, 1927, he met the publisher Monroe Wheeler and his partner, the writer, Glenway Wescott. Over the next fifteen years, Lynes’ emotional life centered around Wheeler and Wescott, with whom he maintained a succession of households in France and the United States. His search for a métier saw him explore writing and bookselling before he eventually found his aesthetic through the facility of the camera. His first informal portraits were done in the late 1920s, but soon he found himself an official society photographer, contributing to significant museum shows, magazines, and having his own one-man exhibitions. He became well-known for his fashion photography and eventually was made the head of Vogue magazine’s West Coast studio in Los Angeles in 1946, where he moved following several years of emotional upheaval in his personal life, which included his break from Wescott and Wheeler.

Lynes returned to New York in 1948, but found he was no longer in demand for his commercial fashion work. Instead, he focused on his private interests, male nudes, and documenting productions of the New York City Ballet. His change of fortune, which included a bankruptcy filing in the early 1950s, ended with a diagnosis of lung cancer. He died in New York City on December 6, 1955.

Scope and Contents

The George Platt Lynes Scrapbooks consist of two volumes along with several loose leaves. Though they have been largely dismantled for preservation and storage reasons, the materials have been cataloged to reflect their original organization. The scrapbooks are stored in three oversize boxes which contain the original leaves and two standard archival boxes, which hold items that were removed. The material, though mostly undated, spans the years 1900-1955, and is arranged into two series, I. Scrapbooks, and II. Separated Items: Photographs and Colored Images.

The scrapbooks present a view of images that influenced Lynes as a photographer, coupled with examples of his own work, culled mostly from fashion magazines. They also include along with articles and images documenting the work of his friends, such as Pavel Tchelitchew and Cecil Beaton. As well, many items were pasted in the scrapbooks for their humorous and cultural appeal. High fashion models appear side-by-side with monkeys, elephants, and decapitated heads. European royalty coexist with movie stars such as Marlene Dietrich, Greta Garbo, and Johnny Weismuller. Other recurring subjects include examples of extravagant interior decoration, postcards featuring scenes of native peoples of North Africa, and photographs of famous writers, musicians and singers.

Lynes’ interest in the nude is quite evident in these volumes. Along with a number of clippings of nude men and women in various demuere poses are a group of photographic prints of young men and girls, and sheets with multiple shots of muscular men and women striking artistic attitudes. These include one sheet featuring the Ritter brothers.

Several of the postcards removed from the scrapbook pages revealed messages on the reverse sides, including cards from Tonio Selwart and Max Ewing. Other photographic images include: dancers of the Folies Bergères; Johnny Weismuller posing as Tarzan; a group of shots of men playing water polo; a large group of set and costume illustrations most likely by Pavel Tchelitchew; a portrait of Ambrose Vollard by Brassai; a portrait of a woman wearing a costume made of sealife, possibly after Dali; and one print that is annotated as being by Lynes.

The loose scrapbook leaves contain ten leaves of contact prints made by Lynes and/or PAJAMA (the name given to the collective of Paul Cadmus, Jared French and Margaret French). Most of these pages are labeled and seem to have been taken during the summer of 1941. They feature: Mrs. Lawrence Lowman and Lynes; Paul Cadmus, Lynes and Margaret French on Fire Island; Katharine Anne Porter in Saratoga Springs; Barbara and Lloyd Wescott; Jared French and Monroe Wheeler; Glenway Wescott; Adelaide Sparkman Lynes (Lynes’ mother); and Somerset Maugham. The remaining loose pages feature a hodge-podge of images similar to the first two volumes. However, one other page was covered with photographic prints. This group has been identified as friends of Max Ewing posing in his apartment in front of his backdrop of Venice. [This “Carnival of Venice” motif is apparent in Ewing’s own photograph albums which are also
Among the noted names in this group are: Muriel Draper, Paul Robeson, and Lincoln Kirstein.

*Series I, Scrapbooks*, contains original leaves. *Series II, Separated Items*, contains items removed from deteriorating leaves for treatment and deacidification. The listing contains information, following the description, which records the original placement of each item in the volumes. SI indicates Scrapbook Volume I; SII - Scrapbook Volume II; SIII - Scrapbook Volume III. For example, the designation ”SII-13” means the item originally was attached to page 13 of Scrapbook Volume II. In cases where multiple items were removed from the same page, they have been further annotated with letters to indicate their placement on the original page (e.g. 13a, 13b, 13c, etc.)

Pagination in all three volumes was recorded using different methods due to inconsistent practice on the part of conservators, which was not discovered until all leaves had been deacidified and encapsulated. Volume I is numbered with a single number for each scrapbook leaf - the two sides referred to as ”r” for recto and ”v” for verso. Volume II is numbered with a single number for each discrete page, as in a printed book. The loose scrapbook leaves were not numbered at all, so page numbers were assigned by the archivist. Pages that were completely blank (with no evidence of having been used) were discarded, though they were counted in the original enumeration of the pages.
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Series I: Scrapbooks, ca. 1900-55

4.94 linear feet (4 boxes)

VOLUME I

b. 1, f. 1

Pages 1-14

1r: Charles and Ray Eames; Peggy Joyce; fashion
1v: GPL with Glenway Wescott, Jean Cocteau, and Cecil Beaton; fashion; men
2r: [Removed item: Colored clipping - monkey artist, Viki, with paintings]
2v: blank
3-6: blank, discarded
7r: B. Altman advertisement; [royal family?]
7v: blank
8-9: blank, discarded
10r: late 19th century fashion
10v: blank
12 loose: Greta Garbo
12: blank, discarded
13r: Madame Calve; [removed item: Photograph - Painting of two young boys reading, marked “Metropolitan Museum of Art”]
13v: Cecile Sorel as Madame du Barry
14r: Jimmie Pendleton and Mary Denise
14r: blank
15-16: blank, discarded

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Pages 17-21

17r: [Removed item: Colored clipping - African boy in red costume]
17v: blank
18r: execution of Vichy militia men by Germans
18v: blank
19r: unidentified actress in stage costumes
19v: men climbing wooden poles
20r: explosion near waterfront
20v: Miss Haidee Wright as Stephanus in “The Sign of the Cross”
21r: Miss “Dickie” Gordon and Duke della Verdura at the charity ball of the Princess San Faustino; [removed item: Colored clippings - Painting by Pavel Tchelitchew]; lightning in the desert
21v: blank
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<td>28v: Interior of apartment (of GPL?); fashion</td>
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<td>29r: kitten with snake; Pauline Potter (de Rothschild)</td>
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<td>29v: [Removed item: Photograph - Ambroise Vollard by Brassai]; unidentified woman</td>
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b. 1, f. 5-7  Loose items before page 36
36loose: Group of loose items
including: page from “The Sketch”
(1904 Jun 8); actresses in poses;
drawings by Pavel Tchelitchew;
photographs by GPL from magazines -
portraits, fashion, ballet, theater
casts; news photograph of Maud Gonne
36-38: blank, discarded

b. 1, f. 8  Page 39
39 r: Children of the Prince and
Princess of Wales
39 v: blank
40-43: blank, discarded

b. 1, f. 9-10  Loose items before page 44
44loose: Group of loose items
including: candid shots of men and
women; Furuhashi; building and
monuments; cityscapes; fashion;
paintings by Pavel Tchelitchew;
painting by Florine Stettheimer;
pages from The Sketch (1903-1904),
Theatre Magazine 1926), and View.

VOLUME II

b. 2, f. 11  Remnants of pages 11-12, 71-74

b. 2, f. 12  Pages 1-10
1: Photographs by Octavius Hill;
Alexandra, Princess of Wales; Norman,
Chief of MacLeod; [removed items:
Photographs - Boys playing baseball in
urban lot and Unidentified man]

2: [removed items: Photograph - Rear
view of woman wearing open
undergarments; Photograph - Melka from
the Folies Bergères; Colored
postcard - Nuestra Senora de
Covadonga, addressed to GPL from Max
[Ewing?], 1933 Dec 16; Colored
postcard - “Scénes et types -
jeune mauresque”; Colored postcard -
“Casablanca - jeune mauresque rêvant”;,
Colored postcard - “Scénes et types -
jeune Bédouine”;]; Greek
soldier; Natalie Paley; Paul Poiret

3: Steichen photograph; [Salvador Dali
and Gala?], painting by Firmin-Girard;
[removed item: Photograph - cabinet
card, Offenbach by Carjat]

4: Statue by Gaston Lachaise; “Mae
West” installation by Dali; cartoon of
Picasso and Strawinsky; Allen Porter
and John McAndrew; Jean Cocteau; [removed item: Colored clipping: Photograph of Max Baer by Breuhl-Bourges, Vanity Fair, 1934 Sep]; Pavel Tchelitchew; Lyda Roberti

5: Garden; mythic scene; painting after David Roberts; Coco Chanel; Gertrude Lawrence

6: Paul Cadmus with self-portrait; interior of hall with deer horns; Rex Ingram; Baron de Meyer, unidentified woman

7: Photographs by: Beaton, Hoyningen-Huene; advertisement by Schiaparelli, horse-drawn carriage in Paris; [Anna May Wong?], fashion, Edward VII

8: Jean Cocteau; Olympic athletes; [removed item: Photograph - Group of young men in bathhouse or grotto]

9: Parade in Hyde Park; fashion; Andre Gide

10: “La Mort de L’Amour” (elephants)

Pages 11-20

11: [Removed items: Photographs - Two different prints of Oriental men in military or ceremonial costumes; Photograph - Nude woman posed in front of theatrical backdrop holding dagger; Photograph - Bearded man in workshop]

12: [Removed items: Photographs - Three sheets with multiple poses of nude young men and a nude woman with a child; Photographs - Four sheets with multiple poses of semi-nude muscular men (the Ritter brothers)]

13: [removed items: Photographic postcard - Offenbach by Nadar; Photographic postcard - Gertrude Stein and Alice Toklas with Ford truck in Rivesaltes, France in front of birthplace of Marshall Joffre (1917 Apr); Photographic postcard - Corot by Nadar, addressed to Miss F. M. Cottenet; Photographic postcard - Margarete Preuse-Matzenauer addressed to GPL by Tonio [Selwart?], [1932 Apr 19?]; Postcard - Lois Moran, addressed to GPL by Max [Ewing?], 1933 Aug 2; Postcard - Tinted image of young man holding flowers; Photographic postcard: Feral Bengal,
Folies Bergères; Postcard - “Maroc Scènes et types - Marocain préparant le thé”; Photographic postcard - Feral Bengal, Folies Bergère]

14: Isadora Duncan with Essenine and Irma; [removed items: Photograph - Unidentified woman in fur hat and coat; Photograph - Unidentified man in fur hat and coat; Photograph - Nude young man posing under tropical plant]; Queen Alexandria and Edward VII; Edward Weston

15: Louis Armstrong; [removed item: Photograph - George Sand]; Gloria Swanson; International Assemblage of Monarchs in 1903

16: Baudelaire by Nadar; Fritz Kreisler; Le Duc de Morny by Nadar
16loose: Painting by Tchelitchew; Scene from a play; clipping of photograph by Rudolph Burckhardt

17: Sinclair Lewis; Anna Held; Otto H. Kahn; fashion; [removed items: Photographs: Two different shots of women in traditional Chinese costumes]

18: Composite photograph of Marlene Dietrich and Greta Garbo; fashion

19: Pablo Picasso; [Ala Nazimova?]; fashion; Diana Vreeland

20: Comte Boni de Castellane; “Thatched Peasants”; [remnants of previously removed item]

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21: “La Pudeur en Australie”; Jimmy Savo

22: Mahatma Gandhi; fashion; Princess Karam of Kapurthala; man with baby

23: Bill Robinson; Jeanne Engels; Reuben Sassoon, Hiram Sherman; [removed items: Photographic postcard - Two dance pupils in the Zurich Theater, addressed to GPL from [Lenjoy?]; Colored clipping: Jimmy Daniels with dancers]

24: Cecil Beaton; English royal children in 1912; Mongolian fighters; King Alfons XIII and Queen Victoria Eugenia; [Jean Muir?]

25: Sir James and Lady Frazier; fashion; Cecile Sorel; [removed item:}
Photograph - Two oriental men posing in simple clothing]

26: Imogene Coca; [removed item: Photograph - Woman posing with bracelets and shawl]; woman in shower stall

27: Fashion; visitors to Dali show at Julian Levy Gallery; [removed item: Photograph - Nude female with fan]; painting of Constance Askew by Pavel Tchelitchew; Mr. and Mrs. Allan A. Ryan, Jr.

28: Trompe-l’œil interior; Trixie Fraganza; Zasu Pitts by Horst; aboriginal male; fashion

29: Unidentified men; wheelbarrow race; Christian Berard by Beaton; Josephine Baker; Mary Taylor;

30: Animals wrapped in cellophane; decapitated head and lynched bodies; Eleanor Parker

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31: Spanish dancers; Empress Charlotte of Mexico; Alexandre Dumas with Adah Isaacs Menken; men jumping into water; [removed item: Photographic postcard - Head of a burro]; Scene inside Queen Victoria’s Carriage…

32: Johnny Weismuller; fashion, [removed items: Photographs - Johnny Weismuller in four poses: one as Tarzan and three aboard a sailboat]

33: [Removed items: Photographs - Two poses of man and woman in fur hats and coats]; Emile Zola; Colette; Baronin Helene Nostiz; Barbette; group of young men

34: Gary Cooper; unidentified men; Carmel Snow; group of ballet dancers; men skiing in the nude

35: Fashion shots by Beaton and Hoyningen-Huene; nude men and nude woman; Aubrey Beardsley

36: [Remnants of previously removed items]

37: [Remnants of previously removed item]; “A ballroom in the depths of a salt mine”; painting of “Jane Austen’s England”; Robert Shaw; man on examining table; Oscar Wilde and
Alfred Douglas

38: Fashion; [removed item: Photograph - Nude young girl posing with tambourine painted with portrait of a young man]

39: Unidentified man at typewriter; Rodin with wife; Edward Steichen self-portrait; Constantin Brancusi; Coco Chanel by Berenice Abbott; Jean Muir by Steichen

40: Painting by Paul Cadmus, “Two Heads”; Katharine Cornell; unidentified man; men getting dressed; Mary Taylor

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41: Madame Jean Lareviere by Horst; group of women in field; Mistinguett; Royal family; Juno’s Barge; Queen Mary

42: Elephant; Alexandra, Princess of Wales and Edward, Prince of Wales; two men; group of acrobats; Anna Sten

43: Natalie Paley; Thomas Mann; Gregor Piatigorsky; women in the Bois de Boulogne

44: Dancers; Henri Desire Landru; Pablo Picasso; [removed item: Photograph - Sheet with multiple shots of young women in various poses, by Nadar]

45: Print of group of army men; group of men showering;

46: Advertisement for Burdock Blood Bitters; Mrs. W. Desmond Humphreys, “Rita”; [remnants of previously removed items]; Antoine

47: Ruth Gordon; Peter Lorre

48: Marlene Dietrich [removed items: Photographs: Two different face shots of Marlene Dietrich]

49: John Hay and Liz Whitney; Jeanne Eagles; Baobab tree; [removed items: Photographic postcard - Two male athletes: “Partnerubung: Waage” by Siegfried Dietrich; Photographic postcard, colored: nude woman on chairs by window; Postcard - Mary Pickford in “Tess of the Storm Country”, addressed to GPL by Max [Ewing?], 1933 Sep 5; Postcard - “Scènes et types: Fatma dans sa
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items: Photographs - Three separate portraits of unidentified man]

65 loose: Photographic postcards: Two views of matadors in action, one identified as “Armillita”

65: Baron Nicolas de Gunzburg by Horst; [removed items: Photographic postcards - Three views of matadors, two identified as “Serna” and “Ortega”]; group of Yale crew members; group of people conducting a seance; Grand Duchess Marie of Russia

66: Elinor Glyn; Gloria Swanson; tightrope walker

67: Men in Basque costumes; Carrie Daumery; man in native dress [North African?] group of lifeguards; skiers; statue of Rupert Brooke; fashion

68: “CCC Boy” by Victor Palma; pair of male divers

69: Man in athletic poses; Cleo de Merode; [removed item: Colored clipping - Fashion illustration by Vertes]

70-71: [Removed items: Photographs - Set illustrations by Pavel Tchelitchew]

72-74: [Removed items: Photographs - Costume illustrations by Pavel Tchelitchew]

75: Woman with oxen; boy with camera; boy cadets

76: [Removed item: Colored clipping - Nude girl carrying camera, with separate decorative pasted over as border]
GPL with Glenway Wescott, Jean Cocteau, and Cecil Beaton

81: Sinking of the Vestris; *Life* magazine article on party given by Cecil Beaton [loose fragments stored with Separated Items]

82: Helena Rubenstein with Pavel Tchelitchew portrait

83: Fulco di Verdura; man standing on airplane propeller; [removed items: Photograph - Corot by Carjat; Photograph - Unidentified man; Photograph: Unidentified man]

84: [Removed item: Photograph - Two nude young girls on bed]

85: Image from Duke of Newcastle’s “Méthode … nouvelle de dresser les Chevaux”; Greta Garbo; High Eagle, Blackfoot Indian chief; [removed item: Photograph - Two semi-nude men in wrestling pose]

86: Sarah Bernhardt; Réjane; Cléo de Mérode; Hélène Petit; Cécile Sorel; Marie Tempest; Anne Morgan; sons of Susuhunan of Surakurta; Henri Gaudier-Brzeska; Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank

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87: Beatrice Lillie; statue of man

88: Alexandre Dumas, père; George Sand; Victor Hugo; Gustave Doré; fashion; Phil Scott; Madge Titheradge; [removed items: Photograph - Man examining airplane propeller engine, stamped: “Courtesy of Pan American Airways”; Photograph - Group of ballet dancers (one male, two female) in rehearsal studio]

89: [Removed item: Photograph - Group of topless women sunbathing]; octagonal buildings; fashion

90: [Removed item: Colored clipping - Self-portrait by Frida Kahlo]

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- Paul Robison;
- Max Ewing;
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