

Historical photos of Tahoe donated to Calif. Archives



Pictures of the South Shore are now part of the state archives. Photo/California State Archives

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William and Grace McCarthy made a life of traveling across the sunny and sometimes snowy state of California.

William, an armament expert for the U.S. War Department, and his wife lived in San Francisco but traveled frequently to the corners of the state, taking in Yosemite vistas, the lush forests of Tahoe and Shasta, and the waterside views at Tenaya and Tioga lakes.

Photographing the natural beauty of the state seems to have been a favored hobby for the couple in the early 1900s, as over 3,000 photos in newly digitized albums collected by the office of California's Secretary of State Alex Padilla reveal. The photos were donated to the California State Archives in 1996 by the couple's great-niece, Audrey Fullerton-Samora of Sacramento.

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