

Ralph M. Aderman Slide Inventory

Key

Sample of inventory page lines:

Slide number	Regional Code	Country, State	Locale	Scene	Year
ader2105	45a	Australia		Seaview Lodge sunrise view	1988
ader2108	45a 5	Australia, New South Wales	Cape Byron	Easternmost point in Australia	1988
ader1183c	26c	Croatia	Istria		1966
ader1183d	26c	Croatia	Istria		1966
ader0798	21a 5	Germany, Berlin	East Berlin	German Opera House	1980
ader0804	21a 5	Germany, Berlin	West Berlin	Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church	1980

The Aderman slide collection is currently housed in the American Geographical Society Library's slide storage room. Access to the slides is by appointment only.

Slide number:

Because multiple slide collections are housed in the same storage unit, collections are differentiated by a series of letters associated with the collector's name. All Aderman slides begin with the four letters "ader." A small number of slides have a letter following the four digits. These slides are also stored in numerical sequence, then alphabetically. For example, lines three and four of the sample inventory above show two images from Croatia. The slide numbers are ader1183c and ader1183d. These are stored in that sequence, after ader1183 and ader1183b.

Regional Code:

The Aderman Collection is stored in order of the AGS Photo Regional Classification system. This is a distinct organization method from the AGS Map Regional Classification system. Therefore, using the six lines in the example above the Germany images would be stored before all other images, with Australia, New South Wales at the end of the collection.

Country, State:

The slide inventory is arranged alphabetically by country first, then by the next governmental subdivision (state being used as a generic term). When a state is unknown, this column will merely read the country name (as in line 1 in the example above). In the case of Monaco there is no state, only locales.

Locale:

Following country and state, the slide inventory is ordered alphabetically by locale name. In some situations the locale is not known, but a general region. This is the case in the sample above in lines 3 and 4. In lines 5 and 6 the locale was further broken down into its historical name. These images were taken before the unification of Germany and Berlin, and were differentiated as such because the historical locale was known.

Scene:

For all images in this collection, the scene or description is taken from notes on the slide mounting and its accompanying paperwork. Where no scene is listed, there is no provenance for the image.

Year:

For all slides in the Aderman collection, the year is known and listed in this column.