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Collection Summary
Collection Title: Riverside and Los Angeles area views
Date (inclusive): circa 1880-1889
Collection Number: BANC PIC 1905.06211--PIC
Photographer: Isaiah West Taber and others
Extent: 1 album (52 photographic prints) ; albumen ; 18 x 28 cm.52 digital objects
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Abstract: Photographs include views of Pasadena, missions, ostrich farms, agriculture, orange groves, landscapes, a multiplate panorama of Los Angeles, and numerous booths decorated with flowers, each representing a Southern California city in an exposition or fair.
Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English
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Taber, I. W. (Isaiah West), 1830-1912
Agriculture--California--Los Angeles County--Photographs
Exhibitions--California, Southern--Photographs
Orange industry--California--Photographs
Spanish mission buildings--California--Photographs
California, Southern--Pictorial works
Los Angeles County (Calif.)--Pictorial works
Riverside (Calif.)--Pictorial works

Biography
Isaiah West Taber was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on August 17, 1830. Taber went to sea at the age of fifteen and spent several years working on whaling ships in the North Pacific. He came to California in 1850, where he spent four years working first as a miner, then a farmer. Taber returned to New Bedford in 1854 where he studied dentistry and began a dental practice. An interest in amateur photography eventually became his life-work. He settled in Syracuse, New York, where he opened his first studio. In 1864 he returned to California at the inducement of the photographers Bradley and Rulofson, whom he worked for until 1871. Taber established the "Taber Gallery" at No. 12 Montgomery Street in 1871. His highly successful business was well-known for portraiture and a vast stock of California and Western views -many of which were the unacknowledged works of other photographers. Taber's success and stature in California and abroad are evident in his being awarded the photographic concession of the Midwinter Fair of 1893-94 in San Francisco, his being sent to London in 1897 to photograph the pageant of the Queen Victoria Jubilee, and his commission to photograph King Edward VII. Taber's career ended in 1906 when his entire collection of glass plates, view negatives and portraits on glass were destroyed in the San Francisco earthquake and fire. He died February 22, 1912.


Scope and Content
This collection consists of an album of 52 albumen prints, photographed in part by Isaiah West Taber, circa 1880-1889. Included are photographs of Pasadena, missions, ostrich farms, agriculture, orange groves, landscapes, a multi-plate panorama of Los Angeles, and various structures entirely decorated with flowers, each representing a Southern California city in an exposition or fair. Captions are handwritten or typed on the photographs; some are supplied for the container list.

Near Monrovia-- Santa Anieta [sic] Canon, no. 197 [Santa Anita Canyon]
BANC PIC 1905.06211:01--PIC
57 year old palm, L.A. no. 130 BANC PIC 1905.06211:02--PIC ark:/13030/tf2489n9r1
[Flowers in an orchard] BANC PIC 1905.06211:03--PIC ark:/13030/tf1h4nb20b
[Oak tree] BANC PIC 1905.06211:04--PIC ark:/13030/tf8j49p3r2
no. 165-- Magnolia Ave. Riverside, Cal. BANC PIC 1905.06211:05--PIC ark:/13030/tf6v19n9hc
Santa Anita Lake, no. 166 [Lucky Baldwin's house] BANC PIC 1905.06211:06--PIC ark:/13030/tf3v19p0t2
[Structure covered in orange branches: booth for an agricultural exhibition?] BANC PIC 1905.06211:07--PIC ark:/13030/tf6c6008km
no. 138-- L.A. from Crocker Hill BANC PIC 1905.06211:08--PIC ark:/13030/tf967nb7s5
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L.A. from Crocker Hill, no. 131 BANC PIC 1905.06211:10--PIC  ark:/13030/tf5d5nb4ss
no. 192-- Orange packing, Gladstone BANC PIC 1905.06211:11--PIC  ark:/13030/tf8w1010qj
[Rocky cove and cliffs] BANC PIC 1905.06211:12--PIC  ark:/13030/tf587007zv
On the ostrich farm, no. 283 BANC PIC 1905.06211:13--PIC  ark:/13030/tfj49n8ms
Los Angeles, S. E. from Nadeau Hotel BANC PIC 1905.06211:14--PIC  ark:/13030/tf867nb6tw
[California Bank Building and view of street] BANC PIC 1905.06211:15--PIC  ark:/13030/tf0b69n8cj
Pala Mission, Indian Confence, [sic] June 28, 1887, no. 101 BANC PIC 1905.06211:16--PIC  ark:/13030/tf1g2nb2zn
[Flower-covered tower-like structure : booth for an agricultural exhibition?] BANC PIC 1905.06211:17--PIC  ark:/13030/tf529007ht
B2011, Wolfskill Orange Grove, Los Angeles, Cal. Taber Photo, San Francisco.
BANC PIC 1905.06211:18--PIC  ark:/13030/tf5870080v
[Flower-covered archway: for an exhibition, also pictured in no. 39] BANC PIC 1905.06211:19--PIC  ark:/13030/tf3p30070c
Fan palm, no. 118 BANC PIC 1905.06211:20--PIC  ark:/13030/tf000004fp
[Row of archways at Mission San Juan Capistrano] BANC PIC 1905.06211:22--PIC  ark:/13030/tf1c6005qp
Saw Pit Canon, Monrovia, no. 157 BANC PIC 1905.06211:23--PIC  ark:/13030/tf3s2007zh
[Flower tower and house] BANC PIC 1905.06211:24--PIC  ark:/13030/tf4489p1cj
[Room of flower-covered structures for an exhibition, one labeled "Long Beach"] BANC PIC 1905.06211:25--PIC  ark:/13030/tf159n9dh
[Mission, possibly San Juan Capistrano, looking out toward hill] BANC PIC 1905.06211:26--PIC  ark:/13030/tf0j49n90n
[Arad garden and house] BANC PIC 1905.06211:27--PIC  ark:/13030/tf35800787
no. 243-- View near Shatto Catalenai [i.e. Santa Catalina Island? Girls wading near cliff] BANC PIC 1905.06211:28--PIC  ark:/13030/tfz6006fb
no. 149-- Cucae Reveleta in bloom, Chiloz Place[?] [Palm or fern] BANC PIC 1905.06211:29--PIC  ark:/13030/tf2v19p0mn
no. 113--Second St. 1886 BANC PIC 1905.06211:30--PIC  ark:/13030/tf5s20085q
Young Banna [i.e. Banana] Grove, no. 162 BANC PIC 1905.06211:31--PIC  ark:/13030/tf4b69p0jz
B2028, Riverside, Cal. Taber Photo, San Francisco. BANC PIC 1905.06211:32--PIC  ark:/13030/tf6489p2oz
[Flower-covered exhibition booth labeled "Long Beach"] BANC PIC 1905.06211:33--PIC  ark:/13030/tf4z09p1b8
San Juan by the sea BANC PIC 1905.06211:34--PIC  ark:/13030/tf0z09n8g1
[Flower-covered exhibition booth with San Fernando ribbon] BANC PIC 1905.06211:35--PIC  ark:/13030/tf3s20080h
B1958, The Raymond, Pasadena, Cal. Taber Photo, San Francisco BANC PIC 1905.06211:36--PIC  ark:/13030/tf458007bk
[Room decorated for a banquet, with plants, garlands, tables, and chairs] BANC PIC 1905.06211:37--PIC  ark:/13030/tf596nb56t
[Victorian house and garden with palms and yucca or cactus] BANC PIC 1905.06211:38--PIC  ark:/13030/tf8g2nb7bd
[Flower-covered exhibition booth, also pictured in no. 19] BANC PIC 1905.06211:39--PIC  ark:/13030/tf9n39p49s
[Mission San Juan Capistrano, with row of archways] BANC PIC 1905.06211:40--PIC  ark:/13030/tf3n39p090
[Flower-covered exhibition booth with bar set up] BANC PIC 1905.06211:41--PIC  ark:/13030/tf087005d2
B2190, Ostriches at Washington Gardens, Los Angeles Co., Cal. Taber Photo, San Francisco BANC PIC 1905.06211:42--PIC  ark:/13030/tf5199p1c6
[Flower arrangement for exhibition? With Cala Illies.] BANC PIC 1905.06211:43--PIC  ark:/13030/tf8c6010cq
no. 125-- Pepper Tree Park, Figero St. [Pampas grass and century plant]  
BANC PIC 1905.06211:44--PIC  ark:/13030/tf5870081c

Flower-covered exhibition booth with Inglewood ribbon] BANC PIC 1905.06211:45--PIC  ark:/13030/tf4x0nb4qg

B2970, Mission San Luis Rey, Cal.-- founded 1798-- general view. Taber Photo, San Francisco  
BANC PIC 1905.06211:46--PIC  ark:/13030/tf4h4nb4cx

Flower-covered exhibition booth, also pictured in no. 19 and 39]  
BANC PIC 1905.06211:47--PIC  ark:/13030/tf1779n8wz

Longstreet Place, no. 146 [Gardens and home of Charles Silent]  
BANC PIC 1905.06211:48--PIC  ark:/13030/tf4w1008vd

Home of Madam Modjeska [Actress Helena Modjeska], Santiago Peak  
BANC PIC 1905.06211:49--PIC  ark:/13030/tf967nb7tp

Longstreet BANC PIC 1905.06211:50--PIC  ark:/13030/tf6b69p24b

Mission San Juan Capistrano, built 100 years ago  
BANC PIC 1905.06211:51--PIC  ark:/13030/tf796nb68z

View nr. Fullerton [house and garden]  
BANC PIC 1905.06211:52--PIC  ark:/13030/tf8q2nb7cx