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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Logging Operations in Little River, California

Date (inclusive): circa 1870

Collection Number: BANC PIC 1905.11998-12002--CDV

Photographer: Hazeltine, M. M. (Martin Mason)

Extent: 5 digital objects5 photographs on cartes de visite mounts, 7 x 10 cm.

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Related Collections

Photographs of Oregon, California, Idaho, and Other Western Scenes, by M. M. and G. I. Hazeltine, 1857-ca. 1890? BANC PIC 1905.13652-.13974--STER

Stereoviews of Yosemite : From the American Scenery Series of C. L. Pond. (Photographed by M. M. Hazeltine). BANC PIC 1980.076--STER

Views Along the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railway Lines, by M. M. Hazeltine, ca. 1870-ca. 1889? BANC PIC 1905.17142--ALB

William F. Johns Mining Records, 1870-ca. 1910? (Photographed in part by M. M. Hazeltine). BANC PIC 1993.037--B

Mendocino County Photographs, ca. 1867-1869, by M. M. Hazeltine BANC PIC 1905.13608-.13651--PIC

Acquisition Information

The Logging Operations in Little River, California photographs were received as a gift from Cecil Mallory in 1957 via Eugene Compton.

Biography

Martin Mason Hazeltine was born on July 31, 1827, in Vermont. He and his brother George I. Hazeltine studied photography in St. Charles, Illinois, and then in New York City. In December of 1853 the two brothers moved to San Francisco where they operated a daguerreotype studio. Largely independently of George, M. M. Hazeltine continued in photography for decades, producing pictures of Yosemite and other scenic areas California, Oregon, and Idaho. In the mid-1860s (ca. 1866-1867), M. M. Hazeltine moved to Mendocino; his many photographs taken there and elsewhere were later published by such firms as J. P. Soule and Lawrence & Houseworth. He entered a partnership with J. J. Reilly in the 1870s based in Stockton and Yosemite Valley, but returned to Mendocino on and off until the 1880s. In the later part of his life, he lived in Idaho and Oregon. He died in 1903. (Source: Treadwell, T. K., and William C. Darrah. *Stereographers of the World. Volume II -United States. [Byran, Texas] : National Stereoscopic Association, 1994.* and Palmquist, Peter E., and Kailbourn, Thomas R. *Pioneer Photographers of the Far West.* Stanford, Stanford University Press, 2000.)

Scope and Content

The Logging Operations in Little River, California collection contains 5 cartes de visite photographs that have been attributed to photographer Martin M. Hazeltine. The collection features early views of the vicinity of the lumber mill town of Little River, in Mendocino County, California, which until 1864 was known as Bell's Harbor and Kent's Landing. Two of the views feature the mill area, showing the various mill structures, the log landing, and other surrounding buildings; two views are of the first wharf built in the harbor; and one view pictures loggers in a logging camp.


These photographs were previously attributed, by Eugene Compton, to Carleton E. Watkins. Watkins biographer and historian of photography Peter E. Palmquist revised this attribution to M.M. Hazeltine.


Little River Mill, 1863-1873 (Combs & Stickney [i.e. Coombs & Stickney mill]). View to S.E. from Road M of Mill pond. In mouth of Simi Small Gulch. Bldg. at top of smoke, right center = bunk house. Log Landing is in upper left center. BANC PIC 1905.11998--CDV

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Little River from log landing. View to N.E. Mill roof at left center edge. First house at right center edge (1852). [Cook?] house at right center, below store. White bldg. is Mahlmann Hotel. BANC PIC 1905.11999--CDV  <ark:/13030/k63b60wq>

First wharf at Little River built 1860's. BANC PIC 1905.12000--CDV  <ark:/13030/tf0489p025>

First wharf at Little River built 1860's. [Incorrect caption in later hand, on verso, for No. 12002.] BANC PIC 1905.12001--CDV  <ark:/13030/tf0g50088r>

Camp at Forks of Little River. [Incorrect caption in later hand, on verso, for No. 12001.] BANC PIC 1905.12002--CDV  <ark:/13030/tf4v19p3f4>