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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog

Bakewell & Brown, Architects (San Francisco, Calif.)

Acquisition Information

The New City Hall, San Francisco, California album was purchased in 1957.

Scope and Content

The New City Hall, San Francisco, California album contains 62 photographic prints taken in 1915 by John Channing. The album features the newly-constructed San Francisco City Hall, built to replace the previous structure which was destroyed in the earthquake and fire of 1906. Designed by architects John Bakewell, Jr. and Arthur Brown, Jr. (of Bakewell and Brown), and begun in 1913, the nearly complete City Hall as shown in the album was fully occupied by city officials in 1916. The album affords a comprehensive survey of both exterior and interior features of the building. Views include the west and east facades, several doorways, the dome, the rotunda, the grand staircase, officials' chambers, galleries, windows, and various sculptural and other architectural details. Also pictured in several views is the Civic Center Plaza, situated to the east of City Hall. One print (No. 10) includes what is likely a portion of the Exposition Auditorium, also then under construction as part of the greater Civic Center.

The album prints are stamped and embossed with the name and logo of Channing, and are bound in the album by a cloth backing. The front cover of the album bears the title, "The New City Hall, San Francisco, California."
[City Hall and Civic Center Plaza, from northeast.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:22--ALB

[Interior, Board of Supervisors' chambers.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:23--ALB

[Entrance to Board of Supervisors' chambers.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:24--ALB

[Gallery, with sculpted arch.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:25--ALB

[East facade and Civic Center Plaza.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:26--ALB

[Vestibule colonnade, inside west entrance.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:27--ALB

[Colonnade, South facade?] BANC PIC 1905.12274:28--ALB

[East facade and Civic Center Plaza.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:29--ALB

[Railing and lower steps, grand staircase, rotunda.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:30--ALB

[Arched windows and gallery.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:31--ALB

[Pediment and colonnade. East facade?] BANC PIC 1905.12274:32--ALB

[Rotunda, showing grand staircase and arches.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:33--ALB

[Gallery arch.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:34--ALB

[Rotunda, showing clock and sculptural decoration. Entrance to Mayor's office in distance.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:35--ALB

[East facade and Civic Center Plaza.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:36--ALB

[East facade and Civic Center Plaza.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:37--ALB

[Rotunda, showing grand staircase and arches.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:38--ALB

[Gallery, with columns and light standard.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:39--ALB

[West facade.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:40--ALB

[East facade.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:41--ALB

[Gallery.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:42--ALB

[Rotunda, showing upper landing of grand staircase and sculptural figures. Entrance to Board of Supervisors' chambers in distance.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:43--ALB

[Pediment, west facade.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:44--ALB

[Gallery, with arched window.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:45--ALB

[Gallery, with light standard. Looking into vestibule to Board of Supervisors' chambers.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:46--ALB

[East face and Civic Center Plaza.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:47--ALB

[Pendentive medallion, rotunda.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:48--ALB

[Colonnade. East facade?] BANC PIC 1905.12274:49--ALB

[Colonnade, east facade.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:50--ALB

[Vestibule colonnade, outside office of Recorder.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:51--ALB

[East facade and Civic Center Plaza.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:52--ALB

[Sculpture above entrance to Board of Supervisors' chambers.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:53--ALB

[Rotunda, showing clock and sculptural decoration.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:54--ALB

[City Hall from southeast.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:55--ALB

[East facade and Civic Center Plaza.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:56--ALB

[Doorway with sculptural figures, west facade.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:57--ALB

[Skytlight and gallery.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:58--ALB

[Sculptural figures, rotunda.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:59--ALB
[Dome.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:60--ALB  ark:/13030/tf338nb53b
[Gallery, with arches.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:61--ALB  ark:/13030/tf409nb56j
[Doorway, east facade.] BANC PIC 1905.12274:62--ALB  ark:/13030/tf0h4nb2hs