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Photographer: Taber, I.W.
Extent: 39 photographic prints mounted on 20 boards; mounts 19 x 26 cm. 39 digital objects (39 images)
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Related Collections
The Bancroft Library has extensive holdings of I. W. Taber photographs. See the on-line catalog for other collections.

Acquisition Information
Gift of Francis P. Farquhar

Biography
Isaiah West Taber was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts 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 of Taber photographs was presumably collected by Francis P. Farquhar who donated them in 1962. It consists of 39 photographs mounted back-to-back on 19 x 26 cm. mounts. Included are views of hotels, mansions, missions, buildings and general city views taken in various California locations. Photographs 1-21 are primarily of Southern California locales including the Hotel del Coronado (San Diego), the Englewood Hotel (Riverside), Santa Barbara Mission, and the Raymond Hotel (Pasadena). Locations in Los Angeles and San Gabriel are also included in this portion of the collection. Photographs 22-37 consist of San Francisco scenes, including Golden Gate Park, Sutro Heights, the Palace Court Hotel, the Cliff House, and Chinatown. Photographs of the mansions of Leland Stanford, J. C. Flood, David Colton, Charles C. Crocker, and Mrs. Mark Hopkins, all located in San Francisco, are also in this section. Photograph no. 38 is a view of San Diego from the bay. Photograph no. 39 is of the Lion and Bee Hive house in Salt Lake City, Utah. This photograph is by C. R. Savage.
Hotel del Coronado - Court - Coronado, San Diego County, California
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Additional Note
B 4293

The Englewood Hotel, Riverside, California
BANC PIC 1962.005:05--PIC  ark:/13030/tf5r29p3kv
Additional Note
B 2020

Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, California
BANC PIC 1962.005:06--PIC  ark:/13030/tf5z09p44x
Additional Note
B 1960

Santa Barbara Mission. Founded in 1786
BANC PIC 1962.005:07--PIC  ark:/13030/tf8d5nb9df
Additional Note
B 1313

Santa Barbara, Main Street
BANC PIC 1962.005:08--PIC  ark:/13030/tf696nb7wf
Additional Note
B 1440

Ross' Vineyard and Winery, San Gabriel
BANC PIC 1962.005:09--PIC  ark:/13030/tf538nb6t9
Additional Note
B 575

Sierra Madre Villa
BANC PIC 1962.005:10--PIC  ark:/13030/tf538nb6vt
Additional Note
B 569

Raymond Hotel - South Pasadena, California
BANC PIC 1962.005:11--PIC  ark:/13030/tf3c60096g
Additional Note
B 3156

Spanish Bayonet (cactus) in bloom - height 18 feet - South California
BANC PIC 1962.005:12--PIC  ark:/13030/tf267nb5hw
Additional Note
B 3793

San Anita Ranch, San Gabriel, California
BANC PIC 1962.005:13--PIC  ark:/13030/tf4k4010gb
Additional Note
B 1968

Los Angeles, 2nd Street from the hill [about 1894]
BANC PIC 1962.005:14--PIC  ark:/13030/tf7c6011s3
Additional Note
B 2746
Los Angeles, California. Main Street  BANC PIC 1962.005:15--PIC  ark:/13030/tf609nb701
  Additional Note
  B 2042

Church of our Lady Angels, the oldest building in Los Angeles. Built in 1821  
BANC PIC 1962.005:16--PIC  ark:/13030/tf3q2nb6fx
  Additional Note
  B 1967

"Only a few rods off stood the little chapel; in front of it swung on a cross bar from two
slanting posts, an old bronze bell which had once belonged to the San Diego Mission.
When Ramona read the date "1790" on its side - Ramona, Chapter XIX  
BANC PIC 1962.005:17--PIC  ark:/13030/tf1z09p1dc
  Additional Note
  B 4243

San Anita Ranch, San Gabriel, California  BANC PIC 1962.005:18--PIC  ark:/13030/tf4199p26s
  Additional Note
  B 1968

Old Adobe building at Monterey, occupied by General Fremont's soldiers during the
Mexican War  BANC PIC 1962.005:19--PIC  ark:/13030/tf938nc0bv
  Additional Note
  B 308

Cypress tree near Monterey  BANC PIC 1962.005:20--PIC  ark:/13030/tf5m3nb757
  Additional Note
  B 2290

Old Mission San Gabriel  BANC PIC 1962.005:21--PIC  ark:/13030/tf229008bs
  Additional Note
  B 572

The Golden Gate, and Black Point, San Francisco, California  BANC PIC 1962.005:22--PIC  ark:/13030/tf9v19p6zw
  Additional Note
  B 1166

Conservatory, Golden Gate Park, S.F. [San Francisco]  BANC PIC 1962.005:23--PIC  ark:/13030/tf538nb6wb
  Additional Note
  B 199

Golden Gate Park from Music Stand, S.F. [San Francisco] California  BANC PIC 1962.005:24--PIC  ark:/13030/tf7t1nb9bo
  Additional Note
  B 3612

Sutro Heights, San Francisco, California, 1886. Stairway carved in rock  
BANC PIC 1962.005:25--PIC  ark:/13030/tf7x40121h
  Additional Note
  No. 17
California Street from Sansome Street, San Francisco, 1 BANC PIC 1962.005:26--PIC

Additional Note
B 517

Upper Corridor, Palace Hotel, S. F. [San Francisco], Cal[ifornia] BANC PIC 1962.005:27--PIC

Additional Note
B 26

Palace Hotel Court BANC PIC 1962.005:28--PIC

Additional Note
B 2194

Cliff House BANC PIC 1962.005:29--PIC

Additional Note
B 1701

Stanford’s Residence, California St[reet], S. F. [San Francisco] BANC PIC 1962.005:30--PIC

Additional Note
B 3620

[Garden statuary, Stanford residence ?] BANC PIC 1962.005:31--PIC

Additional Note
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J. C. Flood’s Residence, California Street, San Francisco BANC PIC 1962.005:32--PIC

Additional Note
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Additional Note
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Mrs. Colton residence, San Francisco, Cal[ifornia] BANC PIC 1962.005:34--PIC

Mrs. Mark Hopkins’ residence, S. F. [San Francisco], Cal[ifornia] BANC PIC 1962.005:35--PIC

Additional Note
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J. C. Flood’s residence, Menlo Park, Cal[ifornia] BANC PIC 1962.005:36--PIC

Additional Note
B 1077
Street scene, Chinatown, S. F. [San Francisco], Califoria] BANC PIC 1962.005:37--PIC
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Additional Note
B 3666

San Diego, Califoria] - from the bay BANC PIC 1962.005:38--PIC
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Additional Note
B 4170

Lion and Bee Hive House, Salt Lake [C. R. Savage, photographer] BANC PIC 1962.005:39--PIC
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